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a mutual aid agreement with Gibson County fire and other city fire departments for those big fires or emergencies when more equipment and manpower are needed.

Something new firefighters have had to deal with this past year are calls where someone may be COVID positive. No matter if a person is or is not positive, the fire department still handles the call. Of course extra precautions are taken when dealing with the

follows CDC guidelines.

COVID has hit hard in Humboldt, Gibson County, Tennessee and all across the United States. Chief Owens has personally been touched by the results of COVID with lost friends and family

public. Owens said the department members. He knows the risks involved and makes sure all his men are prepared and take every precaution to stay safe.

> Owens urges people to get the vaccine and follow guidelines—wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, wash your hands frequently, social distance. Owens noted there have been some to experience side effects from the vaccine but the side effects are better than the alternative death, he said.

> The people of Humboldt can take comfort in knowing the Humboldt Fire Department is there when needed. The department has a blend of experienced staff, some with decades of experience, while other may have less than three years under their belts. This combination of experienced, seasoned firefighters paired with younger firefighters with agility and stamina and all in between, make the Humboldt Fire Department a valuable asset to the city of Humboldt. They have the capability to fight any fire, big or small, and the knowledge and training to save property and lives.



Humboldt Fire Department doing joint training with Gibson County EMS and Vanderbilt LifeFlight.



