

# CWIFR

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Whidbey Island



## News and Information for the Residents of Central Whidbey Island

### Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives

Across the United States, 91 people have lost their lives in residential fires since January 1, 2014 where smoke detectors were not present or were not working. Since most fatal fires occur at night, it's essential that every home has working smoke alarms to provide an early warning. Working smoke alarms substantially increase the chance of surviving a fire in your home.

#### *Installation & Maintenance*

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, in the hallways leading to the bedrooms, and on each level of your home, including the basement. Smoke alarms should be mounted on the ceiling 4" from the wall; wall mounts should be 4-12" from the ceiling.

Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to be effective for ten years. For smoke detectors with any other type of battery, replace the battery every year (when you change your clock in to standard time in the fall is an excellent time to do this). Test your smoke alarm monthly by depressing the test button. Vacuum your alarm once a year to remove dust and cobwebs. Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years.

#### *When the Alarm Sounds*

Heat and smoke can create un-survivable conditions in a matter of minutes. Develop a home escape plan and identify a family meeting place. In the event of a fire in your home, crawl low under the smoke and exit immediately and then call 911.

#### *We Can Help!*

If you don't have a working smoke detector, need help with installation, or would like a free home safety survey, please contact us at (360) 678-3602 or submit a request on our web site ([www.cwfire.org](http://www.cwfire.org)).

### New and Refurbished Apparatus

Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue has taken delivery of a new fire engine and is refurbishing two of our existing water tenders (one has been completed). These new and refurbished apparatus help us maintain effective firefighting resources and improves the District's effectiveness in serving the community.

The new engine replaces two older engines and provides improved capability for response to fire and rescue incidents. The refurbished tender has a larger water tank and pump, substantially improving water supply.



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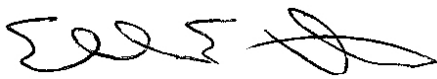
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## Transparency & Fiscal Responsibility

The District budget document serves two purposes. The first is to provide a clear picture of the services provided, the cost of those services, and the policy decisions underlying financial decisions. The second purpose of the budget document is to serve as a financial and operating plan that complies with regulatory requirements and exemplifies best practices in budgeting and financial reporting. The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented a *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* to Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and we will be submitting the 2015 budget for GFOA review following adoption by the Board.

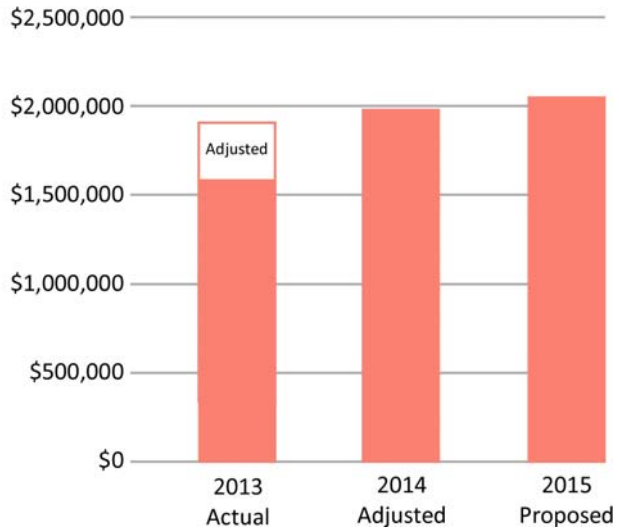
This issue of the District newsletter provides an overview of the proposed district budget presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners on October 9, 2014. The Board will hold a budget hearing on October 30, 2014 at 7:00 pm at CWIFR's headquarters fire station on Race Road. District staff will present an overview of the budget and the Board will receive public comment. Community members are encouraged to learn more about the District, its services, and budget and to participate in this hearing.

An overview of the Districts budget for all funds is provided on Page 3. The detailed Proposed 2015 District Budget is available for download from our web site ([www.cwfire.org](http://www.cwfire.org)). If you have any questions regarding the 2015 Proposed Budget, please contact Chief Ed Hartin or District Finance Officer Kim Harpe at (360) 678-3602.

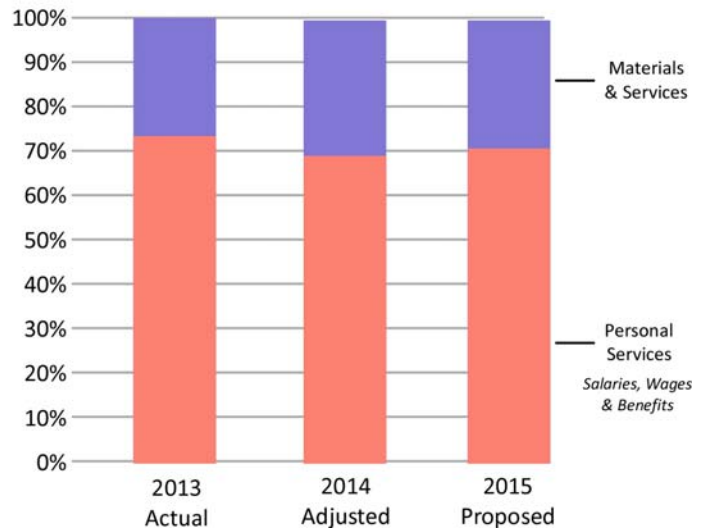


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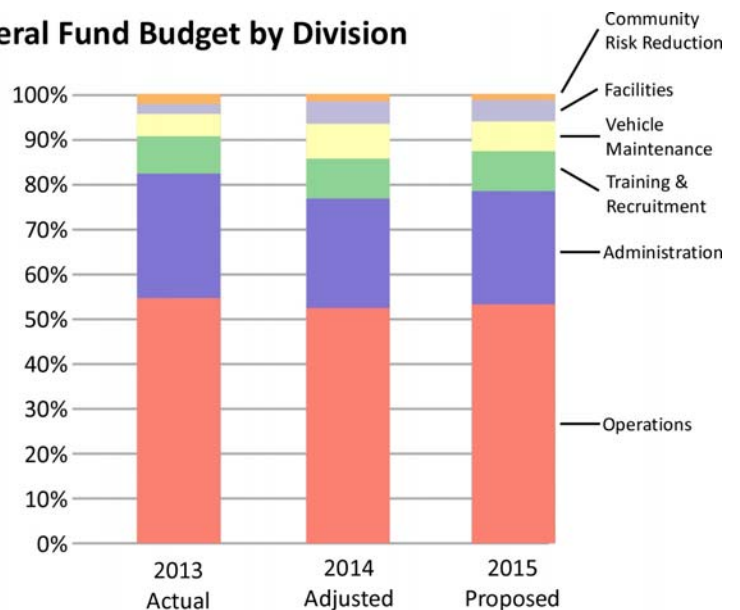
### General Fund Budget



### General Fund Budget by Expense Category



### General Fund Budget by Division



General Fund	Actual	Adjusted	Proposed
	2013	2014	2015
<b>Beginning General Fund Balance</b>	\$1,302,782	\$1,810,117	\$1,531,102
<b>Contingency</b>			
10% Contingency (Administrative) Fund	\$166,875	\$180,184	\$205,172
<b>Revenue</b>			
Investment Interest	\$5,190	\$2,500	\$2,500
Property Taxes (Includes New Construction)	\$2,118,231	\$2,144,078	\$2,165,519
Other Taxes/State Assessed Property	\$934	\$2,280	\$2,280
WGH Contract	\$199,519	\$201,495	\$201,495
Other Deposits	\$47,725	\$43,920	\$43,920
Voided Warrants & Vendor Credits	\$315	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$2,371,914</b>	<b>\$2,394,273</b>	<b>\$2,415,714</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Vouchers (M&O General Fund)	\$1,615,364	\$1,999,513	\$2,051,719
Investment Fee	\$297	\$310	\$310
Tax Adjustment	\$0	\$200	\$200
Correction & Vendor Credits	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,615,661</b>	<b>\$2,000,023</b>	<b>\$2,052,229</b>
<b>Interfund Transfers</b>			
To Compensated Absences Trust Fund	\$1,918	\$13,265	\$984
To General Capital Projects Fund	\$247,000	\$660,000	\$365,000
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>\$248,918</b>	<b>\$673,265</b>	<b>\$365,984</b>
<b>Ending General Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$1,810,117</b>	<b>\$1,531,102</b>	<b>\$1,528,602</b>
General Capital Projects Fund	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
	2013	2014	2015
<b>Beginning Capital Projects Fund Balance</b>	\$1,357,808	\$1,041,537	\$933,671
<b>Interfund Transfers</b>			
From General Fund	\$247,000	\$660,000	\$365,000
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Vouchers (Capital Projects Fund)	\$563,271	\$767,866	\$209,320
<b>Ending Capital Projects Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$1,041,537</b>	<b>\$933,671</b>	<b>\$1,089,351</b>
Compensated Absences Trust Fund	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
	2013	2014	2015
<b>Beginning Compensated Absences Balance</b>	\$12,005	\$13,923	\$17,672
<b>Interfund Transfers</b>			
From General Fund	\$1,918	\$13,265	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Vouchers (Compensated Absences)	\$0	\$9,516	\$0
<b>Ending Compensated Absences Balance</b>	<b>\$13,923</b>	<b>\$17,672</b>	<b>\$17,672</b>
All Funds	Actual	Budgeted	Proposed
	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total Ending Balance (All Funds)</b>	<b>\$2,865,577</b>	<b>\$2,482,445</b>	<b>\$2,635,625</b>



## Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs are essential to our ability to serve the community. CWIFR has implemented an on-line application for individuals interested in serving as a volunteer! Visit [www.cwfire.org](http://www.cwfire.org) and click on the **Join CWIFR Today** button. You can also call Acting Captain Jerry Helm (360) 678-3602 or e-mail [jhelm@cwfire.org](mailto:jhelm@cwfire.org) for recruitment information. Volunteers may also apply at Station 53 on Race Road. CWIFR will be pilot testing a new program to recruit and train water tender operators in 2015. If you have experience driving heavy trucks and would like to find out more, call Acting Captain Jerry Helm! (360) 678-3602 or e-mail [jhelm@cwfire.org](mailto:jhelm@cwfire.org) for more information about this new program.

## Calendar of Events

**October 9, 2014 Commissioners Meeting**  
5:00 pm at Station 53

**October 25 CPR/First Aid**  
9:00 am at Station 53

**October 30, 2014 Budget Hearing**  
7:00 pm at Station 53

**November 13, 2014 Commissioners Meeting**  
5:00 pm at Station 53

**November 22 CPR/First Aid**  
9:00 am at Station 53

*Station 53 is located at 1164 Race Road in Coupeville, just east of the intersection of State Routes 20 and 525.*

### ***Learn Hands Only CPR Today!***

*Join the Team! Free training for individuals or groups. Call today (360) 678-3602 or visit our web site ([www.cwfire.org](http://www.cwfire.org)) to schedule a 10-minute training session at your convenience.*

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