



# Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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To: Board of Fire Commissioners  
From: Chief Ed Hartin  
Date: October 10, 2019  
Subject: Chief's Report

## **Operational Activity**

The District had 112 calls for service in September with 1112 calls year to date. The District experienced 10 instances in which calls were received concurrently for a total of 23 incidents affected.

## **Administrative Activity**

As reported last month, the Station 53 project continues slow progress with Carletti Architects completing Island County's required Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit process. Carletti is working to get the Conditional Use Permit application submitted and anticipate that this will be done this week.

Chief Hartin attended the UL FSRI Advisory Board meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> with expenses paid by UL FSRI. Chief Hartin attended Coordinated Fire Attack Experiments (Strip Mall Buildings) in Fairborn, Ohio on September 14 through 17, 2019 and Blue Card Incident Command Instructor Continuing Education in Phoenix, AZ on September 18 through 20, 2019 with all expenses paid by the Chief. Chief Hartin also participated in the Northwest Accreditation and Credentialing Consortium meeting in Bozeman, MT on September 20 through October 1, 2019. Chief Hartin is presenting on Initial Incident Commander Competence and Effective Exterior Streams at Firehouse Expo in Nashville, TN this week with all expenses paid by Firehouse Magazine.

Chief Hartin will be participating in a presentation panel discussion on Bond Measures and Bond Ratings along with Mr. Jim Nelson of D.A. Davidson at the 2019 Washington Fire Commissioners Association in October.

Chief Hartin and Deputy Chief Smith have been working with BK2 consultants to improve the quality of data generated in the district's ImageTrend records management system. The first priority is cleaning data and generating the information required to complete the district's community risk assessment. Second priority is cleaning data for locations and occupancies needed to implement electronic documentation for fire inspections. Third priority will be to clean and generate data to support completion of the district's standard of coverage. Our experience with this consultant has been extremely positive to date with considerable progress being made on these projects.

### Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

**Fire & Life Safety Inspections:** Considerable progress has been made in reducing the inspection backlog on each shift, but continued work will be needed to ensure completion of annual inspections by the end of 2019.

Shift	Inspections Complete (Past Month)	Inspection Backlog (Prior Months)
A	3 of 3	5
B	4 of 4	5
C	7 of 7	33

LT Jen Porter is working with the Town of Coupeville Building Official to bring the Oystercatcher, Cambey, and Tye hood systems into compliance.

**Hydrant Inspections and Flow Testing:** 24 hydrant inspections were completed in September. Efforts continue to schedule inspections for all other water systems in the District that have hydrants (total of 17 systems). The manager of the Admirals Cove and Lagoon Point Water Districts systems has indicated that he does not want us to flow test hydrants on their systems. Chief Hartin will be reached out to the Water District's Boards of Water Commissioners to discuss the operational and fire insurance rating implications of failing to inspect and flow test hydrants on a regular basis

**Community Outreach:** Volunteers and career staff participated in the Cider Festival and LTs Raavel and Moore delivered a CERT Class during the month of September.

**Public Education:** LT Porter organized small safety week presence at elementary school for October's upcoming Fire Safety Week (October 7-11). The theme is "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape."

### Training

Training during the month of September included multiple attack lines, vehicle and machinery rescue, collapse rescue, water supply, cardiac arrest management, heavy lift training, and master stream operations.

Captain Helm has continued the recruitment process to develop a pool of qualified candidates for Full-Time and Part-Time Firefighter positions.

### Facilities

Load testing was completed on the generator at Station 51. Water testing was conducted to meet the requirements for the conditional use permit for Station 53 construction. Pest control inspections were completed at all stations.

### Fleet Maintenance

During the month of August, Firefighter/ Mechanic Mike Matros continued a major effort into catching up with completion of annual National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1911 inspections and preventative maintenance.

Firefighter/Mechanic Matros participated in an in-progress construction meeting on the district's new type 5 engines at Mallory in Longview, WA and was impressed with the Dodge chassis and work completed to this point..

Firefighter/Mechanic Matros attended the Washington Fire Mechanics Conference in Yakima, WA September 9 through 20, 2019.