



# Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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To: Board of Fire Commissioners  
From: Chief Ed Hartin  
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Subject: Chief's Report

## COVID-19

During the month of October, COVID-19 was a factor in 18 incidents (18.95% of the total number of incidents for the month). This is an increase from September in which COVID-19 was a factor in 16 incidents (12.31% of the total number of incidents for the month). This data is reported by CWIFR members based on patient symptoms or presence of others who are symptomatic and is not based on confirmation that the patient or others involved in the incident were confirmed to have COVID-19. CWIFR continues to be alert to the prevalence of this disease in the community and continues work practices to minimize risk to our members and the community.

## Operational Activity

During the month of October, the district received 95 calls for service as illustrated below. The district experienced 8 instances in which calls were received concurrently for a total of 19 incidents affected, two instances involved three or more concurrent calls.

Incident type	September
1 - Fire	1
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	59
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	0
5 - Service Call	15
6 - Good Intent Call	12
7 - False Alarm & False Call	8
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	95

## Administrative Activity

**2021 Budget Development:** District staff submitted the proposed district budget to the board of fire commissioners on October 8, 2020 and conducted a public budget hearing on October 29, 2020. The public

budget hearing was broadcast on Facebook live. The recorded public budget hearing on Facebook live has had 175 views since October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB):** The district completed an on-site meeting with WSRB staff for re-rating on October 5, 2020 and work continues to complete a punch list of additional information requested related to fire inspections and water systems.

**New District Website:** Work continues with the web designers at First Arriving for development of the new website. Areas of emphasis with this new website are improved transparency and ease of use. Pages completed to this point look great with a clean design and simple user interface.

## Operations

**Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Evaluation:** Assessment of self-contained breathing apparatus focused on Scott and Mine Safety Appliances (MSA) equipment determined that Scott MODEL, SCBA most closely met the needs of the district based on interoperability with other fire agencies on Whidbey Island and minimizing training requirements due to similarity with existing equipment. A recommendation for purchase from SeaWestern fire equipment through the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) joint purchase agreement and purchase order will be recommended to the board of fire commissioners for approval at their regular November meeting.

**Extrication Equipment Evaluation:** LT Meek completed assessment of hydraulic extrication equipment and has recommended purchase of Holmatro equipment. As this purchase is below the threshold dollar value requiring a sealed bid process has obtained three quotations from vendors and a purchase order to West Coast Fire and Rescue (low price) will be submitted to the board of fire commissioner for approval at their regular November meeting.

**Personal Protective Equipment:** Prior assessment of personal protective clothing on the basis of fit and durability determined that structural firefighting clothing manufactured by Globe best met the needs of the district. As LN Curtis is the only authorized Globe dealer in the region, Firefighter Lloyd has completed documentation for a sole source procurement and purchase order request for this purchase. As the purchase exceeds \$10,000 this purchase order will be submitted to the board of fire commissioners at their regular November meeting for approval.

**Lucas Chest Compression System:** The district had a demonstration of the Lucas chest compression system on November 5<sup>th</sup>. This device provides mechanical chest compressions during cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) reducing the workload on rescuers and allowing continuous chest compressions during patient movement and transport. Use of this device on a COVID patient in cardiac arrest reduces exposure by limiting the number of personnel necessary to perform CPR. In addition, this device reduces staffing required for compressions when CPR is performed for an extended period of time and reduces risk resulting from manual CPR during transport. District staff will be discussing the possibility of conducting a pilot project with Dr. Krystal Baciak.



### Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

**Fire & Life Safety Inspections:** 34 self-inspection forms were returned in October bringing completion rate to 77.94%. Physical inspections of higher hazard occupancies have resumed with a total of eight inspections and two re-inspections completed in October (A Shift-three inspections and one re-inspection, B Shift-five inspections and one re-inspection, and C Shift-zero). The number of inspections conducted this month were reduced due to hydrant flow testing workload.

**Home Safety Surveys/Smoke Alarm:** Two home safety surveys were completed with three smoke alarms and one carbon monoxide alarm installed. Two hardwired smoke alarms (purchased by the home owner) installed.

**Other CRR Activity:** One car seat safety inspection was completed and CWIFR members assisted WhidbeyHealth EMS in delivering three Say Active and Independent (SAIL) fall prevention programs.

### Training

**In-Service Training:** Training during the month of October included horizontal standpipe evolutions (handline and portable master stream) rope rescue, apparatus operator training, cardiac arrest management and primary search.

**Blue Card:** Firefighter Kolton Kellison completed 50 hours of on-line training as part of the process of certifying as a Blue Card Incident Commander. Firefighter Kellison will be scheduled to complete the three day simulation lab in the near future.

**Island County Recruit Academy:** CWIFR has five students in the upcoming recruit academy.

**EMT Class:** Captain Helm assisted South Whidbey Fire/EMS Deputy Chief Wendy Moffatt with delivery of the Whidbey Island EMT Academy via the Zoom videoconferencing platform.

**Part-Time Firefighter Recruitment:** Captain Helm began the process of recruitment to fill the vacant part-time firefighter position. Several candidates are currently completing applications and background documentation and the assessment process will be completed the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

### Facilities

**Station 53 Construction:** The district is still awaiting issuance of a conditional use permit from Island County.

**Preventative Maintenance:** Fall preventative maintenance and apparatus room overhead door preventative maintenance completed at all stations.

### Fleet Maintenance

**Preventative Maintenance and Repair:** During the month of October FF/Mechanic Matros performed multiple repairs to the fleet. Along with normal preventive maintenance he is keeping pace with administrative, parts, and working on Blue Card CE. Unit 1401 (E-53) received its 1911 annual service along with multiple needed repairs including a priming pump and priming switch, hose bed cover solenoids, multiple valve rebuilds, and ladder rack repair and adjustment. During the PM a leaking injector harness was found and a Cummins Tech was called in for repair in which he oversaw and helped. Ongoing diagnosis with TFT for the automatic deck gun continues. Unit 0701 (T-54) and 9402 (R-51) received there 1911 annual along with some minor repair work.

**Type Five/Six Engines:** Firefighter/Mechanic Matros has been coordinating the sale of the surplus type six engines and the warranty repair of the new type five engines with Mallory Fire.