



# Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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## Report to the Commissioners 02/07/13

### Emergency Response Activity

	January		2013	
	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	2	2.13%	2	2.13%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Rescue & EMS	72	76.60%	72	76.60%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	1.06%	1	1.06%
Service Call	5	5.32%	5	5.32%
Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)	10	10.64%	10	10.64%
False Alarm/False Call	3	3.19%	3	3.19%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	1.06%	1	1.06%
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>94</b>		<b>94</b>	

During the month of January, CWIFR experienced nine instances in which multiple calls for service were received concurrently (total of 18 incidents). As in most months, a majority of the concurrent incidents involved medical calls. However, we had two simultaneous structure fires on January 4; one involving a single family dwelling in Greenbank and a second involving a shed in Coupeville. Fortunately, South Whidbey Fire/EMS Engine 31 was moved up to Station 53 and responded to the second incident along with Tender 51 and C 501 who had cleared from the earlier house fire.

In 60% of EMS Incidents, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital EMS.

### Recruitment/Retention

Deputy Chief Michael completed an exit interview with Firefighter Mathew Pradon. Firefighter Pradon received military orders to relocate to the State of Florida.

### Training

AIC Captain Jerry Helm was assigned as the District's Recruitment and Training Officer and has been hard at work developing in his new role. Ongoing project work included improvement of the District's training roster form, EMS training tracking system, and beginning work on an annual training schedule and three year strategic training plan. Curriculum development has focused on in-service and in-station training for the first quarter.

**Fire & Rescue Training:** Throughout the month of January, CWIFR members participated in a wide range of fire and rescue training sessions, including:

- Strategy and Tactics
- Confined Space Awareness training conducted by Firefighter Todd Bassett, Naval Region Northwest Fire & Emergency Services

**EMS Training:** In emergency medical training CWIFR members participated in the following training activities:

- Airway workshop conducted by Paramedic Nick Runyons
- CPR Refresher

**Part-Time Orientation:** AIC CAPT Helm conducted 40 hours of orientation training for our new Part-Time Firefighter/EMTs

**Officer Development:** Work has also been in progress to arrange for out of the area Travel for Lieutenant Jennifer Porter. Lieutenant Porter will be traveling to Oregon in late February to spend time attending the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Recruit Academy, and participate in a ride along. Additionally, Lieutenant Porter will be traveling to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland in March to attend training focused on Community Risk Reduction. Lieutenant Porter will be working with Chief Michael on identifying the most critical risk reduction programs that CWIFR should be focusing time and resources on.

### Community Risk Reduction/Community Engagement

In November of 2012, Leslie Bakker from the Sno-Isle Library reached out to Deputy Chief Michael to see if CWIFR would be interested in participating in an early release event. Every month the Sno-Isle Library partners with the Boys and Girls club to provide an event on early release day. Mrs. Bakker inquired if CWIFR would like to join in the partnership between the Sno-Isle Library and the Boys and Girls club. On Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, CWIFR participated in a brief presentation, a book reading, and apparatus show and tell to 43 kids ranging in age from three to ten years of age. Lieutenant Jen Porter, Firefighter Greg Behan, and EMT Matt Lowder were instrumental in making this event a huge success.

### Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 18 hours in-service training completed. Training included apparatus operator, confined space awareness, neurological emergencies, endocrine emergencies, SCBA confidence course and firefighting tactics.
- Completed 5 hours of physical training
- 2 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (4 hours of inspection activity)
- 5 Hydrant flow tested and labeled, 6 hydrants inspected
- Hands-Only CPR with Whidbey Conservation District (2 classes/3 hours)

- Lunch with the fire safety poster contest winners
- After school program, book reading and fire drill
- Completed billing and year end status report for fire prevention inspections in the Town of Coupeville

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 13.5 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on pre-academy training for new volunteers, risk management, cardiac arrest management, and light apparatus operator
- Completed 3.5 hours of physical training
- Job shadow for high school student
- Conducted a community CPR class in conjunction with Whidbey General Hospital EMS (6 Hours)
- Oil change for A503, repaired and electrical problem in C500, repaired a PPV fan, replaced the auto eject on Engine 512, and cleaned, inspected, and replaced heat sensors on E53 ladders
- Cleaned the medical supply storage area

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 11 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on cardiac arrest management, airway, spinal immobilization, death and dying, infectious diseases, neurological emergencies, upper body trauma, CPR refresher, gurney operations, light apparatus operator, hose evolutions and NIMS 200
- Completed 6 hours of physical training
- 2 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (1.5 hours of inspection activity)
- CPR class for the staff at Island County Service Alternatives (4 hours)
- Replaced the mobile radio on R51
- Coordinated repair of a leaking toilet at Station 53 with Harbor Plumbing
- Cleaned bay floors at Station 53

## Maintenance

**Apparatus Maintenance:** During the month of January, Fire Service Repair completed a few minor repairs on several District apparatus. Repairs consisted of a non-functioning booster reel rewind on Rescue 53, an excessive pump leak on Rescue 53, a non-functioning Foam Pro system on Rescue 53, and an emergency flasher out on Engine 53. All repairs are considered minor, and did not take any District apparatus out of service. All repairs have been completed with the exception of the Foam Pro system. Fire Service Repair needed to order parts for the Foam Pro system, and repairs to the system will be completed once the parts are received.

Fire Service Repair billed us in January for a significant amount of work done at the end of last year (\$7098.72). They erroneously thought that this work had been billed previously. While we contracted for

this work, the late billing will impact on current year expenses for apparatus maintenance. No action is required at this time, but this line will likely require adjustment later in the year.

**Facilities Maintenance:** Work for the renovation of the Station 53 meeting room has begun. Deputy Chief Michael held a pre-construction meeting with contractor Ralph Mundell to discuss the project time line, and to gather critical project paperwork. Contractor Ralph Mundell feels confident that the project can be completed by the end of February and flooring can be installed in the first week of March. Contractor Ralph Mundell shared that the only potential hold ups that would prevent meeting the identified project completion date would be the electrical inspection, and the door order. To date, all of the framing has been completed, and the majority of the electrical work has been completed. The electrical inspection is scheduled for Friday, and work on insulation and sheet rock should begin next week.

Simultaneous with the construction work being done, Deputy Chief Michael has been collecting bids for the new flooring. Deputy Chief Michael located four separate companies on the Municipal Services and Research Center of Washington website, and invited four separate companies to provide bids for the work. All of the companies were in to conduct research for the bid process on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. All bids should be in by the end of the week, and the lowest responsive bidder will be selected to complete the work. Flooring is scheduled to be installed the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Administration

Chiefs Hartin and Michael commenced negotiations with Local 4299 International Association of Firefighters in advance of the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement in May.

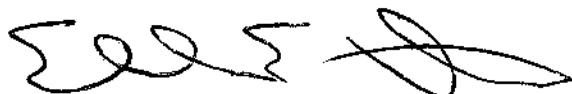
Chief Hartin and Office Manager Kim Harpe continued work on the District's Fiscal Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs).

Chief Hartin met with Chief Mike Ganz, AC Craig Hegland, and CAPT Jason Allen of the Camano Fire District to discuss an exchange of services in which Chief Hartin will deliver fire behavior instructor training for Camano Fire. In exchange, AC Hegland will draft a white paper outlining CWIFR's current radio infrastructure, communications issues, and recommended improvements and CAPT Allen will assist AIC CAPT Helm with classroom technology improvements at Station 53.

### External Activity

Chief Hartin is attending an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) attic fires technical advisory panel meeting in Northbrook, IL. Participation in this project is funded by UL through a Department of Homeland Security/United States Fire Administration grant.

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