



Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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Report to the Commissioners 03/14/13

Emergency Response Activity

	February		2013	
	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	2	2.27%	4	2.17%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Rescue & EMS	65	73.86%	137	75.00%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	9	10.23%	10	5.43%
Service Call	5	5.68%	10	5.43%
Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)	5	5.68%	16	8.70%
False Alarm/False Call	2	2.27%	5	2.72%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0.00%	1	0.54%
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Incidents	88		182	

During the month of February, CWIFR experienced two instances in which multiple calls for service were received concurrently (total of five incidents). As in most months, a majority of the concurrent incidents involved medical calls. However, one instance involved multiple calls for wires down as well as a medical response.

In 50% of EMS Incidents, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital EMS.

Training/Recruitment

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

- Personal Protective Equipment & SCBA Turnout Time
- SCBA Confidence Course
- Stretch Hosebed Load and Deployment
- “Engineer Crossfit” (the apparatus operator as the standby firefighter with reported occupants at a structure fire)

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

- Abdominal Injuries Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program (OTEP)
- Spinal Immobilization

Officer Development: Lieutenant Jen Porter traveled to Oregon in late February to spend time attending the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Recruit Academy and riding along with the crews from Station 67.

Training and Recruitment Project Work: AIC CAPT Helm participated in the Island County Training Officers meeting, assisted with the Island County Recruit Academy, assisted with preparations for the upcoming CWIFR Apparatus Operator Academy, met with the Captains regarding a shift of volunteer fire training to Tuesday night, tracking of EMT recertification requirements, and began work on conceptual design of a recruitment poster.

Community Risk Reduction/Community Engagement

Deputy Chief Michael has been involved in multiple planning sessions in an effort to coordinate a joint agency command center for the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival.

Chief Hartin and Paramedic Robert May (WGH EMS) attended a meeting at with the North Region Trauma Council regarding senior fall and injury prevention and are working to build support for expansion of efforts to reduce this risk in our community.

Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 20 hours in-service training completed. Training included apparatus operator, stretch bed hose deployment, EMS on-line, King Airway, SCBA confidence course, and firefighter survival..
- Completed 2 hours of physical training
- 8 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (5 hours of inspection activity)
- Completed billing for fire inspections in the Town of Coupeville
- Firefighter Rogers completed inventory of all hazardous chemicals in district facilities and obtained Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for each chemical. He will be completing a written hazard communication program to meet regulatory requirements prior to the end of March.

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 10 hours in-service training completed. Training focused light apparatus operator training and EMS on-line. AIC LT Majestic continued service as an instructor with the Island County Recruit Academy.
- Completed 4 hours of physical training
- Completed procurement of LifePak 1000 AEDs

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 12 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on light and heavy apparatus operator, stretch hosebed deployment, emergency communications and firefighter survival skills.
- Completed 8.25 hours of physical training
- 6 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (2.5 hours of inspection activity)
- Monthly CPR and First Aid class
- Electrical repair on Marine 5
- Prep and paint for the classroom and office at Station 53 (total of 56 hours).

Maintenance

Apparatus Maintenance: District apparatus required very little maintenance over the month of February. Fire Service Repair received the parts necessary to complete the repairs on Rescue 53's foam system. Additionally, Fire Service Repairs made a minor adjustment to the pump packing on Rescue 53. Engine 53 has a front flasher out, and the part required for that repair has been ordered.

It is anticipated that Fire Service Repair will start pump testing and ladder testing the week of May 20th. May 23rd has been set as the tentative date for testing both the pumps and the ladders.

Facilities Maintenance: the work on Station 53's training room renovation is near completion. Island County completed the final inspection on Monday, March 11th.

The company that received the bid for flooring miscalculated the amount of Marmoleum required for the job, and brought the incorrect color of cove base to the job site. Both errors set the job completion date back a few days. Doors have been hung on and the cove base should be installed on Saturday.

We would like to express a sincere thank you to Jerry Helm, Jim Huff, Alex Majestic, James Meek, Dillon Rogers, Derik, Vrable, Diane Paul, Greg Behan, Andrew Carroll, Landen Miller, Jeffrey Rhodes, and Robbert Sadesky for their work on the Station 53 renovation project. Each of these members dedicated a significant amount of staff time to room prep, painting, and removal of furniture for flooring. Their hard work on this project is greatly appreciated.

Procurement

Two significant procurement actions were completed in February.

The District completed upgrade of our automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) with purchase of three Lifepak 1000 AEDs. We now have identical AEDs on each of our licensed aid vehicles and are fully compatible with Whidbey General Hospital EMS manual defibrillators (simplifying resupply and reducing the District's cost for defibrillator pads).

The District initiated purchase of 2800' of 5" hose from the Gladstone, Oregon Fire Department. This nearly new hose was being replaced due to tactical changes in this agency and was purchased at a savings of over \$20,000 in comparison to new hose. This will provide a tremendous tactical improvement for our District when it is placed in service later in the month.

Administration

Chief Hartin and Deputy Chief Michael continued negotiations with Local 4299 International Association of Firefighters.

Office Manager Kim Harpe attended the BIAS Finance and Accounting Software Conference in Spokane and attended the Northwest Leadership Seminar along with Board Chair Messner and Commissioners Engle and Smith.

The District Safety Committee met at Station 51 to conduct the first quarter safety meeting. Members conducted a walk through at Station 51, and discussed recent injuries to members. The group made several recommendations, and work to implement some of the recommendations is already underway.

Deputy Chief Michael has started work on a Standard of Cover for the District. It is anticipated that this will be a yearlong project. The Standard of Cover will help address a number of critical elements including: significant hazards the District faces, number of members needed to handle various types of incidents, and total customer interval times.

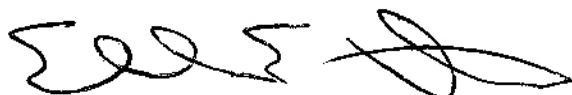
Chief Hartin and Board Chair Messner attended Fire Service Legislative Day in Olympia.

External Activity

Deputy Chief Michael participated as an evaluator for the Camano Island Fire Captain that took place in early February. Chief Hartin and Deputy Chief Michael and also assisted with the NAS Whidbey Battalion Chief promotional process that occurred in mid-February.

Chief Hartin attended 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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