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Report to the Commissioners 05/06/13

Emergency Response Activity

	April		2013	
	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	3	3.41%	9	2.39%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Rescue & EMS	61	69.32%	267	71.01%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	6.82%	21	5.59%
Service Call	5	5.68%	20	5.32%
Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)	5	5.68%	40	10.64%
False Alarm/False Call	3	3.41%	12	3.19%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	5	5.68%	7	1.8860%
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Incidents	88		376	

In 54.9% of EMS Incidents, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital EMS.

During the month of April, CWIFR experienced four instances in which multiple calls for service were received concurrently (total of nine incidents). As in most months, a majority of the concurrent incidents involved medical calls. However, three instances involved severe weather related calls.

Recruitment/Training

April was an extremely busy month for training with the start of a six-week training block focused on apparatus operator skills, the CWIFR Apparatus Operator Academy, and ongoing participation in the Island County Recruit Academy.

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

- Preconnected hoseline deployment
- Handline hydraulics
- Handline operations
- Master stream hydraulics and operations

CWIFR staff also delivered the following instruction for the Island County Recruit Academy

- Fire behavior classroom instruction (Chief Hartin)
- Fire behavior demonstrations (AIC CAPT Helm)
- Hose handling and nozzle techniques (AIC CAPT Helm, AIC LT Majestic)
- Live fire training in fire control methods (AIC CAPT Helm, AIC LT Majestic)

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

- Altered Mental Status
- EMS Ongoing Training and Evaluation

Officer Development: Fire Instructor II class scheduled for delivery by Chief Hartin on A Shift, LT Porter, FF Rogers, and AIC CAPT Helm will be participants in this training program.

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, began work on draft documents for support services volunteers, continued work on bid specifications for the new engine, and assisted in emergency repairs on Engines 53 & 54.

Community Risk Reduction/Community Engagement

Deputy Chief Michael has been working with members of the Penn Cove Water Festival to ensure fire and EMS safety during the festival. In addition to providing fire and EMS safety during the event, CWIFR will also be providing public education. CWIFR has been invited to have an exhibitor's booth at the festival, and will be delivering information on "Hands Only" CPR, home safety surveys, volunteer recruitment, and general information about CWIFR.

Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 10 hours in-service training completed. Training included master stream operations and hydraulics
- Completed 6 hours of physical training
- 1 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (1 hour of inspection activity)
- 27 hydrant flow tests completed
- FF Huff assisted with emergency repairs on Engine 53 & 54

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 14 hours in-service training completed. Training focused light apparatus operator training, EMS on-line, master stream operations, and multi-company operations. AIC LT Majestic continued service as an instructor with the Island County Recruit Academy.
- Conducted a community CPR class
- Completed 6 hours of physical training

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 11 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on cardiac arrest management & high performance CPR, SCBA donning, preconnect hoseline deployment, master stream hydraulics and fire behavior demonstrations
- Completed 3 hours of physical training
- 1 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (1 hours of inspection activity)
- Hosted a birthday party and provided a station tour at Station 54
- Coordinated installation of keypad access to training room (exterior door) and rekeyed doors to improve security at Station 53
- FF James Meek has been tasked with development and coordination of the Districts wellness/fitness program inclusive of the upcoming Peer Fitness Trainer course.

Maintenance

Apparatus Maintenance: During the month of April. The District experienced a variety of different apparatus repair issues. During Tuesday evening training on 4/23/2013, a discharge valve was unable to be closed. Fire Service Repair was contacted and made the necessary repair the following day.

Additionally, during the month of April, it was observed that both Engine 53 and Engine 54 were making strange noises when in pump. It was previously reported that Engine 53 was unable to hold pressure during morning apparatus checks, but the problem was unable to be replicated when it was further investigated. After receiving the reports of the strange noise while in pump, the issue was further investigated. Fire Service Repairs discovered that the tank-to-pump check valve in both engines had broken off and was moving around freely inside of the pump. Both engines were promptly taken out of service on Thursday, April 25th. The morning of Friday, April 26th, the pumps on both engines were taken apart to retrieve the tank-to-pump check valve, and to examine the pumps for significant damage. Fire Service Repairs examined Engine 54's pump for significant out of service damage, replaced the tank-to-pump check valve, and pump tested the engine before placing it back in service. The same items were addressed on Engine 53 on Monday, April 29th. It is believed that the pins which hold the tank-to-pump check valves in place corroded over time, allowed the check valve to detach after breaking off. Out of precaution, Engine 51's check valve was examined, and it is still in good working order. This is an item that will be watched during future NFPA 1911 inspections.

Facilities Maintenance: In late April, a new alarm notification system was installed in the sleeping quarters at Station 53. A pager had previously been installed, and was attached to a few overhead speakers. It was recently reported that the system had been unreliable as a source of notification on a couple of incidents. The new system includes overhead speakers in each room of the building and an amplifier. Multiple tests were conducted after the system was installed, and the system appears to

work without any problems. The system is also removable, and could be transferred to another facility in the future.

During Tuesday evening training on 4/23/2013, the outside wiring on the large, exterior water tanks at Station 53 shorted out. It is suspected that the wiring was chaffed during installation, and broken through to bare wiring over time. Once bare wiring was exposed, the wiring came in contact with moisture and shorted out. Arrangements are in progress to replace to complete repairs to the system. The replacement wiring that is scheduled to be used has a rubber exterior jacket which is better suited to hold up to what we will be using it for. Until repairs can be completed, the system can be manually filled.

Administration

Work is underway to complete the regularly scheduled performance feedback sessions with Full-Time and Part-Time employees. Supervisors are in the process of writing the performance reviews, and the performance feedback discussions are scheduled to take place at the end of May.

Chief Hartin and Deputy Chief Michael concluded negotiations with Local 4299 International Association of Firefighters with tentative agreement on the 2013-2015 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

External Activity

Chief Hartin presented a workshop on Wind Influenced Fires at the 2013 Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis, IN. This workshop was designed around CWIFR's Structural Firefighting Under Wind Conditions SOG. The workshop was well received and we have received numerous requests for copies of the presentation and standard operating guidelines.

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