



Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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Report to the Commissioners 06/13/13

Emergency Response Activity

	May		2013	
	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	2	2.53%	11	2.93%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Rescue & EMS	54	68.35%	321	85.37%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	7.59%	27	7.18%
Service Call	5	6.33%	25	6.65%
Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)	7	8.86%	47	12.50%
False Alarm/False Call	5	6.33%	17	4.52%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0.00%	7	1.86%
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Incidents	79		455	

In 62.00% of EMS Incidents, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital EMS.

During the month of May, 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.

On Saturday June 8, 2013 CWIFR was dispatched to the Keystone Ferry Landing for a male in cardiac arrest. When Engine 53 arrived (crew of 3) Washington State Ferry employees assisted by a ferry passenger were performing CPR on a man who was unconscious and absent both pulse and respirations. The crew of Engine 53, Chief Hartin, provided Basic Life Support (BLS) care while the crew of Whidbey 5 initiated Advanced Life Support (ALS) care. No other CWIFR members responded to this call, which necessitated that the crew of Engine 53 and Chief Hartin assist with ongoing resuscitative efforts during transport to Whidbey General Hospital (WGH).

While the crew of Engine 53 and Chief Hartin were en-route to WGH in Whidbey 5, CWIFR was dispatched to another medical response on Race Road. As no volunteers or off-duty members responded on the cardiac arrest, Chief Hartin requested response from South Whidbey Fire/EMS; but Aid 31 was unstaffed and no mutual aid was received. Fortunately Firefighter/EMT Holly Slothower responded in Rescue 53 providing assistance to the Whidbey Unit in care of the patient. After arrival at WGH, CWIFR was dispatched on a marine rescue for a kayaker in trouble in Penn Cove. Two members

from E53 (which was still at the Ferry Landing) responded in Engine 51, and Chief Hartin requested response from North Whidbey Fire Rescue. However, ICOM quickly reported that the individual was being assisted to the boat launch by a civilian watercraft. Engine 51 met with the kayaker and determined that they were uninjured and had no medical need. While returning to Station 53, CWIFR was dispatched on another medical response in Coupeville.

This series of incidents reflects our ongoing challenge in maintaining adequate response capability when faced with multiple incidents. The flexibility of our on-duty crew and commitment of Firefighter/EMT Holly Slothower was critical in ensuring response to these incidents.

Recruitment/Training

May was an extremely busy month for training with 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 May, CWIFR members participated in a wide range of fire and rescue training sessions, including:

- Handline Operations
- Master Stream Hydraulics
- Relay Pumping Operations
- Ventilation/Fire Attack – NIST/UL/FDNY Presentation

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

- Pediatric Emergencies
- Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program (OTEP)

Officer Development: AIC CAPT Helm has been working with Chief Hartin as a Field Incident Technician during his regular work week to develop an understanding of the role and responsibility of the Command Duty Officer. In addition, AIC CAPT Helm has been putting the finishing touches on specifications for the new engine which will hopefully go out to bid in the next several weeks.

Training and Recruitment Project Work: AIC CAPT Helm assisted in testing for Hazmat First Responder (Island County Recruit Academy, North Battalion), participated in Instructor II training along with LT Porter and FF Rogers.

External EMS Training: Six members from Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue participated in an intensive trauma training class that was delivered the evening of Friday, June 7th, and all day Saturday, June 8th. CWIFR members along with members from South Whidbey Fire & EMS, North Whidbey Fire, and Whidbey General received classroom instruction on trauma from Whidbey Island Physicians and Paramedics. Class attendees also engaged in practical skills scenarios that allowed them the opportunity to practice the skills presented in classroom presentations. One of the most prevalent comments received from students in the course evaluation was that more multi-agency training and collaboration should be conducted.

Community Risk Reduction/Community Engagement

CWIFR has served as the lead agency for emergency incident preparation related to the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival. For the past two months, representatives from the Coupeville Marshall's Office, Whidbey General EMS, Island County Department of Emergency Management, and South Whidbey Fire/EMS (two members from South Whidbey Fire/EMS are on loan from their agency to assist with emergency incident planning for the festival), and the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival have engaged in discussions on emergency incident planning during special events. Operational periods have been created for the event, discussions on designated resources and agency points of contact have taken place, and the group has engaged in some table top exercises simulating potential emergency incidents that could occur during the festival. It is anticipated that one or two additional planning meetings will take place prior to the festival.

CWIFR received an invitation to attend the Ledgewood Beach Property Owner Association Annual Barbeque. The Ledgewood Beach Property Owner's Association also invited the Island County Department of Emergency Management, the American Red Cross, Island County Commissioner Helen Price-Johnson, and a variety of different volunteers that were involved with the landslide incident that took place in March. During the barbeque, Deputy Chief Michael was asked to help unveil the community partner award that was presented to Ledgewood Beach Property Owner Association President Jan Wright during CWIFR's annual award event. Chief Michael had the opportunity to thank the Ledgewood Beach community for their support during the incident, and express appreciation to the other partnering agencies that were involved with the incident.

Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 23 hours in-service training completed. Training included water supply, relay operations, marine rescue, apparatus operator task book assessment, and completion of EMS On-Line training.
- Completed 2 hours of physical training
- 6 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (4 hour of inspection activity)
- Assisted with a car seat awareness class for parents
- Participated in the annual Coupeville Memorial Day Parade
- LT Porter participated in the pilot delivery of the CWIFR Instructor II training program

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 10.5 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on apparatus operation, cardiac arrest management, relay pumping, EMS on-line and pediatric emergencies.
- Completed 1 hour of physical training
- Washed newly purchased 5" hose
- FF Huff replaced a compartment fan on E53, remove the tank and pump from the mechanics truck (formerly R54), rebuilt E54 intake relief valve and assisted Fire Service Repair with annual pump and ladder testing.

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 9.5 hours in-service training completed. Training included master streams, pediatric emergencies, .
- Completed 7 hours of physical training
- 8 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (2.5 hour of inspection activity)
- Coupeville Water Festival/Hands-Only CPR
- Ebey Academy Fire Station Tour

Maintenance

Apparatus Maintenance: During the month of May, a wide range of apparatus repairs were completed on District apparatus. Some of the repairs completed include:

- Engine 512's pump shift lever was rebuilt
- Engine 53 had a transmission leak that was repaired (warranty work)
- Engine 53's deck gun ball valve was replaced
- Engine 54 had an oil leak that was fixed
- Engine 54's intake relief valve was rebuilt

In addition to the repair work completed, annual pump tests were completed on Engine 51, Tender 51, and Engine 512. Pump tests were completed on Engine 53 and Engine 54 following the emergency repair work that took place in April. Neither Tender 53 nor Tender 54 were pump tested, as both units are scheduled to be refurbished later this year. All apparatus successfully passed the pump test process. Extra work had to be done on several of the units to get them to pass the dry vacuum test that is now required as an element of the annual pump testing process.

While pump testing was being completed, all CWIFR ladders were tested. Needed repair work was identified for a few of the ladders, and work will be scheduled to complete the repairs during the annual NFPA apparatus inspections.

Administration

Annual performance feedback sessions have taken place with two career Lieutenants, and the Acting Lieutenant will receive his performance feedback this Friday. One key area that was emphasized during this performance feedback session was professional development. Information and ideas were provided to each individual in order to help them continue their professional development process.

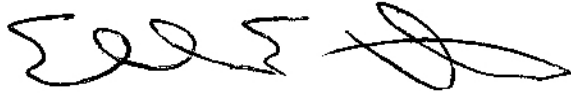
The majority of performance feedback sessions have already taken place with career and part-time members over the course of the past couple of weeks. It is anticipated that performance feedback sessions for career and part-time members will be completed by the end of this month.

Deputy Chief Michael held a risk assessment meeting the evening of Thursday, May 30th. Individuals invited to the meeting included Captain Andy Griffin, Lieutenant Jen Porter, Pete Seybert, and Part-Time Firefighter Robert Sadesky (unable to attend this meeting). Chief Michael handed out a copy of the Standard of Cover that has been completed to this point for the group to review. Chief Michael also asked the group to engage in a discussion on risks in our community. Captain Griffin has since provided information on the earth quake faults that run across Whidbey Island. It is anticipated that this group will meet several additional times over the course of the Standard of Cover project.

External Activity

Chief Hartin and Commissioners Messner, Smith, and Engle attended the Washington Fire Commissioners Association Saturday Seminar in Chelan. The sessions on Social Media and the impact of the Affordable Care Act on EMS were both excellent and provided much food for thought.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Hartin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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