



# Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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## Report to the Commissioners 07/11/13

### Emergency Response Activity

|  | June       |        | 2013       |        |
|--|------------|--------|------------|--------|
|  | Total      | %      | Total      | %      |
| Fire   | 2          | 1.92%  | 10         | 2.33%  |
| Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire | 0          | 0.00%  | 0          | 0.00%  |
| Rescue & EMS                                       | 61         | 58.65% | 382        | 68.34% |
| Hazardous Condition (No Fire)                      | 6          | 5.77%  | 33         | 5.90%  |
| Service Call                                       | 8          | 7.69%  | 33         | 5.90%  |
| Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)    | 19         | 18.27% | 66         | 11.81% |
| False Alarm/False Call                             | 8          | 7.69%  | 25         | 4.47%  |
| Severe Weather & Natural Disaster                  | 0          | 0.00%  | 7          | 1.25%  |
| Special Incident Type                              | 0          | 0.00%  | 0          | 0.00%  |
| <b>Total Incidents</b>                             | <b>104</b> |        | <b>514</b> |        |

In 46.55% of EMS Incidents, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital EMS.

During the month of June, CWIFR experienced six instances in which multiple calls for emergency medical service were received concurrently (total of 16 incidents). In one of these instances, CWIFR responded to three simultaneous 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
- Live Fire Training/Door Entry & Control/Fire Attack

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

- Pharmacology Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program (OTEP)
- Cardiac Arrest Management

**Officer Development:** AIC Captain Helm, LT Porter, and FF Rogers have been participating in a pilot delivery of Instructor II. This course is using a team based project to develop the participants skills in curriculum planning and development as well as instructional supervision as required for certification at this level. The class project is development of a six week training block focused on Firefighter Survival Skills which was started on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Training and Recruitment Project Work:** AIC CAPT Helm completed specifications for the new engine and assisted in the bid process for the engine and tender refurbishment projects.

### Community Risk Reduction/Community Engagement

As part of the Standard of Risks project, CWIFR has been evaluating and discussing a variety of non-fire risks that exist within the boundaries the Fire District provides services to. One of several risks that have been discussed is the potential to have fuel spills in the Penn Cove area. Recognizing that there us proactive work that could be completed to minimize the impact of a spill in Penn Cove, CWIFR has set up meetings with two separate private companies to begin exploration of a public/private partnership.

In late June, Deputy Chief Michael set up a meeting with Ian Jefferds, the CEO of Penn Cove Shellfish. Deputy Chief Michael inquired about the impact of the Deep Sea fire to Penn Cove Shellfish operations. Additionally, Deputy Chief Michael shared that CWIR is interested in setting up strategies to minimize the impact of spills in the Penn Cove area. Mr. Jefferds was very interested in the concept, and placed calls to NRC Environmental Services Inc. (a private contractor that deals with cleanup of spills), and the Department of Ecology. Mr. Jefferds asked representatives from both agencies what resources might be available to our area. NRC Environmental Services Inc. shared that they have a spill containment boom trailer with one thousand feet of boom on it that could be located in the Central Whidbey region.

On July, 9, 2013, CWIFR met with NRC Environmental Services Inc. to further discuss the feasibility of a public/private partnership between Penn Cove Shellfish, CWIFR, and NRC Environmental Services Inc. to reduce the risk of environmental and economic harm in the event of an oil spill. The meeting was very productive, and NRC Environmental Services Inc. will be working on putting together an agreement that can be evaluated by CWIFR.

### Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 19 hours in-service training completed. Training included participation in the Apparatus Operator Academy, Instructor II class, apparatus operator training, strategy & tactics, cardiac arrest management, and fire behavior lab exercises with small scale props.
- Completed 3 hours of physical training
- 1 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (1 hour of inspection activity)
- Fire prevention inspection at Camp Casey

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 10 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on apparatus operation, live fire training, nozzle techniques and pharmacology.
- Completed 6 hours of physical training
- 4 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (2 hour of inspection activity)
- Car seat safety checks
- Conducted a community CPR class
- FF Huff completed an oil change in C500 and swapped out equipment in preparation for the electrical refurbishment of this vehicle. Oil change in 591. Retrieved the damaged tank suction check valve from E51. Installed aluminum plates for equipment mounting inside the rear doors on C501.

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 9.5 hours in-service training completed. Training included size-up, airway management, nozzle selection, apparatus operation, spinal immobilization, and preconnected hoseline deployment and hose handling.
- Completed 7 hours of physical training
- 15 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (7 hours of inspection activity)
- Coupeville Elementary School Field Day
- Detailing and repair of locking mechanism on SCBA brackets on Engine 53

## Maintenance

**Apparatus Maintenance:** During the month of June, CIWFR had several apparatus repairs completed. Apparatus repairs completed included;

- Replacement of Engine 51's tank to pump check valve (two times)
- Replacement of a front wheel rotor on Engine 53.

When the tank to pump check valves failed on Engines 53 and 54, CWIFR had Fire Service Repairs evaluate the condition of the tank to pump check valve on Engine 51 to see if it needed to be replaced as well. Fire Service Repairs related that at that time the pump to tank check valve appeared to be in good condition. Due to the location of the tank-to-pump check valve, it is entirely possible that the pin which seats the tank to pump check valve could have had minor damage that went unnoticed, and the tank to pump check valve became unseated after the inspection was completed. The tank to pump check valve was replaced, but seated incorrectly when it was replaced. Fire Service Repairs completed the work involved with reseating the tank to pump check valve at no cost to the District.

The front wheel rotor on Engine 53 needed to be replaced due to a crack in the rotor. Fire Service Repairs related that they have not come across a problem like this with such a new rotor in work they have completed with other fire agencies. It is believed that the rotor was defective. Fire Service repairs is looking into the possibility of having the cost of the rotor covered due to the fact that it was likely defective.

Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, annual NFPA inspection work will begin on District apparatus. Work is scheduled to begin at Station 54 and move north up the island after all apparatus have been inspected at Station 54. Inspection work is scheduled to take place every other work with a target date of late October for completion. Any repair work required will be completed immediately after it is identified.

### Administration

In mid-June, Chief Michael met with Whidbey Community Physicians to explore the possibility of having entry NFPA 1582 physicals and annual physicals completed at Whidbey Community Physicians. The District currently uses US Health Works at Paine Field for all entry NFPA 1582 physicals. Establishing an agreement with Whidbey Community Physicians would minimize the travel and time required for new members to complete a physical. Due to the fact that cardiac related problems are the leading cause of death in the Fire Service, CWIFR takes entry physicals very serious.

For some time, the District has had an interest in creating the opportunity for CWIFR members to get annual physicals. Annual physicals would play a significant role in the District's strategic planning goal of promoting member health and wellness. Deputy Chief Michael discussed the concept of annual Physicals with Whidbey Community Physicians to see if they had the capability to conduct the physicals at their facility and what the annual cost would be.

Whidbey Community Physicians expressed interest in both during the meeting with Deputy Chief Michael, will be sharing cost proposals with CWIFR for the District to examine.

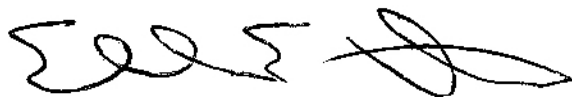
Deputy Chief Michael has been working with each shift to ensure that 2014 division and program budget requests are submitted by the assigned deadline.

### External Activity

On Tuesday, June 25, 2013, Chief Hartin and Chief Michael participated in a mass casualty virtual tabletop exercise put on by the Emergency Management Institute. The exercise focused on a school bus collision near the Deception Pass Bridge. Exercise participants included Naval Station Whidbey, the Island County Sheriff Department, the Oak Harbor Police Department, the Oak Harbor Fire Department, the Island County Health Department, North Whidbey Fire & Rescue, and Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue.

Chief Hartin has been asked to participate in an Underwriters Laboratories planning meeting with representatives from the fire service across the United States to plan a multi-year research agenda. The meeting will be held in Jackson, WY on August 19-21. Participation in this event is funded through the Underwriters Laboratories Firefighter Safety Research Institute.

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