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Report to the Commissioners 10/10/13

Emergency Response Activity

	September		2013	
	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	0	0.00%	19	2.17
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	0	0.00
Rescue & EMS	65	65.00%	595	67.84
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	2.00%	39	4.54
Service Call	7	7.00%	56	6.39
Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)	17	17.00%	106	12.09
False Alarm/False Call	9	9.00%	55	6.27
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0.00%	7	6.27
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00
Total Incidents	100		877	

In 54.09% of EMS Incidents, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital EMS. During the month of September, CWIFR experienced eight instances in which multiple calls for emergency medical service were received concurrently (total of 16 incidents).

Personnel Actions

Chris Riggs started with the District as a Part-Time Firefighter and Mike Matros began work as the District's Firefighter/Mechanic effective October 1, 2013.

Recruitment/Training

Recruitment: In September, applications were distributed to three potential volunteers, an interview was conducted with one volunteer applicant and two interviews were scheduled for October. At present we potentially have five new volunteers who will be joining us in 2014 (two who would attend EMT training and three who would attend the fire academy).

Fire & Rescue Training: Throughout the month of September, 46 hours of training were delivered on a variety of topics including:

- Apparatus Operator
- First Due Questions-Tactics
- Supply Hose Lays
- Drafting
- Tactical Ventilation

EMS Training: Throughout the month of September, 25 hours of training were delivered on a variety of topics including:

- EMS online
- Infection Control
- Sick/Not Sick (Patient Assessment)
- Soft Tissue injuries
- Cardiac Arrest Management
- CPR

Wellness/Fitness Training: During the week of September 30-October 4, 2013, the District hosted a Certified Fitness Coordinator (CFC) course as a critical element of developing a comprehensive wellness/fitness program for our members, FFs James Meek, Tyson Diffie, and Brad Sherman successfully completed the course and examination to achieve CFC certification. FF Meek will serve as the CWIFR's Wellness/Fitness Program Manager and is in the process of developing a plan of action to implement this program for our District.

Community Risk Reduction

LT Jen Porter attended a North Region Falls Prevention Symposium and met with Alan Abe from King County EMS regarding development of a falls prevention program for CWIFR (addressing one of our most significant community risks).

Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 19.5.5 hours of in-service training completed. Training included soft tissue injuries, forward and reverse lays, drafting, relay and dual pumping.
- Completed 6 hours of physical training
- 6 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (2.0 hour of inspection activity)
- Car seat safety check
- FF Rogers continued work on the Hazard Communication SOG
- Pre-incident walk through of the County Complex

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 18 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on apparatus operator training, strategies and tactics, and EMS on-line.
- Completed 2 hours of physical training
- 6 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (2 hours of inspection activity)
- Conducted 14 hours of CPR Heartsaver training for Skagit Valley College

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 11.25 hours in-service training completed. Training included Training focused on apparatus operator training, strategies and tactics, cardiac arrest management, and EMS on-line.
- 4 Fire & Life Safety Inspections and one home safety visit to replace a smoke detector.
- Completed 6 hours of physical training
- Additional duties included testing of hose on Engines 53 and Brush 53.

Maintenance

Apparatus Maintenance: During the month of September, CWIFR had a few apparatus items that needed to be addressed including new brakes on Engine 53, and an intake manifold gasket that needed to be replaced.

The Annual NFPA Inspection process continues with the District's fleet. All apparatus with the exception of the mechanic truck have been completed at Station 53. Fire Service Repair will begin work on Station 51 apparatus during the month of October. Firefighter/Mechanic Michael Matros will begin shadowing Fire Service Repair Master Emergency Vehicle Technicians Steve Towers and Peter Hereth while they complete the Annual NFPA inspection process on the District's fleet.

Administration

Open Burning: On Friday, September 20th Deputy Chief Michael attended a meeting facilitated by Andy Griffin and the Island County Building Department. The focus of the training was on the procedures for issuing burn permits for those fires that require them. Meeting attendees included Island County Sheriff Mark Brown, Island County Health Department Director Keith Higman, Island County Building Official Andy Griffin, and several employees from both the Island County Building Department and Island County Health Department.

July 1st of this year, Island County Public Health Director Keith Higman became the Island County Fire Warden in place of former Island County Fire Warden, Fred Weifer. The Island County Public Health Department will be the agency responsible for determining whether or not burns require permits, enforcement issues related to burns that are not in compliance with requirements, and will also be the main agency the community will be directed to for any questions related to burning in Island County. The Island County Building Department will be the agency responsible for inspecting burns that require permits, and putting stipulations in place before the permit is approved. The Island County Health Department will only be available to respond immediately to burn issues Monday through Thursday, from 08:00 to 16:00. Deputy Chief Michael made the recommendation at the meeting that the Island

County Sheriff, the Island County Health Director, and the Island County Fire Chiefs should get together to discuss how all of the agencies can most effectively work together.

Records Management System/District Performance Dashboard: Deputy Chief Michael and Lieutenant Vrable participated in a webinar with Image Trend Software Development. CWIFR has budgeted funds to transition from Zoll RMS to Image Trend in 2014. The change will have several operational benefits including capability with the system that Whidbey General EMS is using. Additionally, South Whidbey Fire/EMS will also be making the transition to Image Trend in 2014.

Chief Michael and Lieutenant Vrable specifically evaluated Image Trend's scheduling module, and the software's ability to produce custom reports. Lieutenant Vrable will make a recommendation at the end of October on whether or not the Image Trend scheduling module is the best fit for CWIFR. CWIFR can purchase the modules that best fit the department.

Chief Michael additionally participated in a web conference with Vinelight Fire Intelligence. CWIFR has budgeted funds in 2014 to purchase Vinelight Fire Intelligence in order to capture critical data the department wants to measure. Vinelight Fire Intelligence will potentially play a critical role in helping the department become a more data driven organization. Deputy Chief Michael is in the process of working with Image Trend to see if the necessary data can be provided to Vinelight Fire Intelligence in order to create a dash board that will be used to measure the data CWIFR is interested in monitoring. Several questions still remain on whether or not the two organizations will be able to work together.

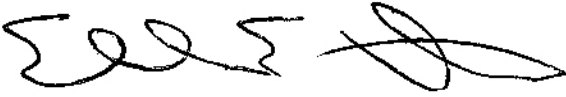
New Response Plans: New response plans were scheduled to be in place on Friday, October However, ICOM has experienced some difficulty in the installation of new dispatch consoles which has delayed implementation of the new plans. The District has begun the process of educating District members on the changes that will be associated with the new response plans. Simultaneously with this, the District is also having pagers and radios re-programmed. With the new response plans in place, the emergency apparatus dispatched on incidents will more appropriately match the incidents CWIFR is called to deal with. The District will also be able to begin the process of more effectively measuring response times, effective response force, etc.

External Activity

Chief Hartin was in Santiago, Chile presenting at an international fire and emergency services conference. While in Chile, Chief Hartin stayed with Company 1 in Colina along with three fire officers from Perez, Argentina. The four international visitors worked alongside the members of Company 1, responding to a variety of vehicle accidents and a residential fire involving two houses with extension to a third.

Chief Hartin will be on leave presenting Fire Behavior for the 21st Century at the Illinois Fire Chiefs and Fire Instructors Conference on October 16th (off the island from the 15th to mid-day on the 17th In addition, Chief Hartin will be on leave to assist members of Company 1, Valdivia Fire Department in delivering a regional Fire Behavior course in Valdivia Chile on November 15th through 3rd (off the island from the 30th of October through the 4th of November) and will be on leave presenting seminars on Practical Fire Dynamics and Reading the Fire at an IAFF Professional Development Seminar in Springfield, Ohio on the 8th and 9th of November (off the island from the 7th through the 10th).

Submitted by:

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

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