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Report to the Commissioners 11/14/13

Emergency Response Activity

	October		2013	
	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	2	2.11%	21	1.84%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Rescue & EMS	64	66.32%	659	67.60%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	4	4.21%	43	4.64%
Service Call	7	7.37%	63	6.59%
Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)	12	12.63%	118	12.20%
False Alarm/False Call	7	7.37%	62	6.48%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0.00%	7	0.65%
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Incidents	96		973	

In 61.29% of EMS Incidents, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital EMS.

During the month of October, CWIFR experienced ten instances in which multiple calls for emergency service were received concurrently (total of 10 incidents). Half of these incidents were calls for emergency medical services and the other were a variety of other incident types.

Recruitment/Training

Recruitment: In October, applications were distributed to two potential volunteers, interviews were conducted with two volunteer applicants, and four candidates are currently involved in the testing process. At present we potentially have six new volunteers (one more than last month) who will be joining us in 2014 (two who would attend EMT training and four who would attend the fire academy).

Fire & Rescue Training: Throughout the month of October, 36 hours of training were delivered on a variety of topics including:

- Apparatus Operator
- First Due Questions-Tactics
- Supply Hose Lays
- Fire Behavior

EMS Training: Throughout the month of October, 42 hours of training were delivered on a variety of topics including:

- EMS online
- EMS OTEP Practical Skills
- CPR

Community Risk Reduction

CRR Coalition: Throughout the month of October, Deputy Chief Michael has been working to develop support for a Whidbey Island Community Risk Reduction (CRR) coalition with potential CRR partners. Chief Michael has reached out to a number of agencies including: Whidbey General EMS, Whidbey General Hospital, the Island County Public Health Department, and South Whidbey Fire/EMS. CWIFR has identified falls as one of the most significant problems that our organization needs to address. Each of the potential partner agencies has an interest in reducing the number of falls that occur each year as well.

Chief Michael has started discussions with Vision 20/20 Project Manager Jim Crawford to develop a work agreement for facilitating the development of a Whidbey Island CRR. Although the first program the group will focus on is falls, it is the intent that the coalition will be created in such a manner that the group would be able to focus on other risk reduction programs in the future if data demonstrates that there are significant problems that need to be addressed with a proactive preventative program.

Emergency Disaster Plan: Careage of Whidbey Administrator Kevin Jorgensen reached out to CWIFR in October to review the Emergency Disaster Plan for his facility. The Washington State Fire Marshall's Office mandates that Emergency Disaster Plans be in place for residential care facilities. Upon receiving a copy of the disaster plan, Chief Michael used the elements identified in the Washington State Fire Marshall's written plan requirements as a template for providing feedback. The plan spoke to policies that were in place for many of the potential disasters that could occur. However, the plan lacked clarity in two critical areas which included transportation and long-term alternate emergency evacuation sites. Chief Michael drafted a memo to Administrator Jorgenson, and spent time going over CWIFR's recommendations for the plan.

Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 15 hours of in-service training completed. Training included apparatus operator skills, EMS OTEP, hose handling, FDQ strategy and tactics, and fire scenario simulations.
- Completed 4 hours of physical training
- 4 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (2.0 hour of inspection activity)
- Fire safety week presentations at the Coupeville Schools
- Boy Scout Merit Badge presentation
- FF Lytle completed Heavy Apparatus Operator qualification (All A Shift Personnel now qualified as Heavy Apparatus Operators)

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 18 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on FDQ strategy and tactics, apparatus operator training, hose handling and door control, hose evolutions.
- Completed 4 hours of physical training
- 4 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (2 hours of inspection activity)
- Conducted 14 hours of CPR Heartsaver training for Skagit Valley College
- CPR Training for Coupeville High School Athletic Department
- Fire Safety week presentations at Coupeville Schools

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 10 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on apparatus operator training, FDQ strategies and tactics, hose evolutions and hose handling, fire behavior, EMS on-line, and EMS OTEP.
- 2 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (1.0 hour of inspection activity).
- Completed 9 hours of physical training
- Fire Safety week presentations at Coupeville Schools

Maintenance

Apparatus Maintenance: Through the month of October we have successfully completed our annual NFPA 1911 inspections in coalition with Fire Service Repair on E-51, E-512, and T-51. FF/MECH Matros will be completing the inspections on R-51 and on S-593 in November. All preventive maintenance services on the staff vehicles have been completed and are up to date.

Procurements from Snap On, Mac Tools, and Grainger are complete. Orders from Northern Tool and Craftsmen are in the process of completion. FF/MECH Matros attended a webinar with Amy Holmes from Image Trend on their Maintenance and Inventory Module. From the information that I was presented through this webinar it does not appear that the module is comprehensive enough to keep the accurate records needed for our fleet. I have contacted Ron Turley and Associates which is another Fleet Maintenance Software Company and received a quote from them on their product. Their software is used nationally as a comprehensive fleet maintenance program to track the costs of maintaining equipment.

Apparatus Repairs: The following apparatus repairs were completed during the month of October:

- T-53 received a new air eject due to it failing to allow shop air to fill the trucks air tanks sufficiently when plugged in.
- R-53 received a new electric eject due to the solenoid failing to eject the plug automatically when the ignition is applied.
- The MERV had the windshield replaced due to a crack in the drivers view.

FF/MECH Matros completed the NIMS IS-100 and IS-700 online courses along with passing the first two EVT tests in the EVT certification process. He also attended the EVIP course and his Light Apparatus Task Book is roughly 80% complete. He is currently studying to take the Pump Operator written test in early December. This will be followed up by two ASE tests in early January.

Administration

Facilities Study: District staff has completed a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for Facilities Planning. The RFQ (attached) is scheduled for advertisement at the end of November for work commencing early in the second quarter of 2014.

Washington State Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB): WSRB Representative Robert Ferrell facilitated an in person discussion in Issaquah and webinars with individuals located in Spokane County and various locations in western Washington. Mr. Ferrell provided a PowerPoint presentation on the rules followed to determine the Protection Class (PC) rating for dwellings in a community including dwellings outside of the 5 road mile radius. The WSRB is recommending two significant changes including a class modification for those homes that are outside of the 5 road mile radius that are covered by a fire department. The second change would impact homes that are within 7 miles of a fire station with on duty staffing and hydrants within 1,000' or fire departments with tender credit.

Shared reserve apparatus was also discussed during the meeting. Mr. Ferrell discussed the requirements for reserve apparatus set forth in the PC Grading Schedule. Several departments related that they have an interest in sharing reserve apparatus. WSRB requested additional information on this topic from agencies that already have agreements in place to share reserve apparatus. The WSRB agreed to continue conversation on this topic at a future meeting.

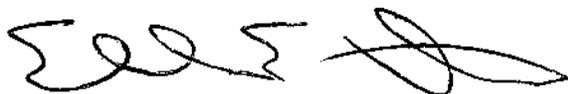
Response Plans: CWIFR's new response plans have been put into operation at ICOM. In order to assist with the implementation of the new response plans, Deputy Chief Michael spent some time at ICOM going over the response plans with the Assistant Director of ICOM and the Dispatch Supervisor. Deputy Chief Michael has been working closely with the Assistant Director of ICOM to deal with response plan issues as they occur.

Performance Feedback: All career members have begun the process of preparing for performance feedback in late November with the members they supervise. All performance feedback sessions should be completed by late November and the first part of December.

External Activity

Chief Hartin will be at Underwriters Laboratories in Northbrook, IL participating in attic fire tests on November 25th and 26th (back on the Island November 27th). In addition Chief Hartin will be on leave the December 1st through the 5th and will be conducting training for firefighters and fire officers in Lima, Peru. (back on the Island December 5th).

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