



Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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Report to the Commissioners 05/08/14

Emergency Response Activity

CWIFR responded to a residential fire at 477 Race Road on April 20, 2014. The double-wide manufactured home was 100% involved and had collapsed prior to our arrival. Quick work by the first arriving units prevented extension to two exposures (one on the same property as the home and another on an adjacent lot).

	April		2014	
	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	5	5.88%	14	4.08%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	1	0.29%
Rescue & EMS	58	68.24%	207	60.35%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	2.35%	19	5.54%
Service Call	5	5.88%	17	4.96%
Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)	12	14.12%	63	18.37%
False Alarm/False Call	3	3.53%	22	6.41%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Incidents	85		343	

In April medical responses, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital (WGH) EMS 50.00% of the time. 47.05% of the time that WGH EMS arrived, and 17.64% of the time WGH EMS canceled CWIFR units prior to arrival.

During the month of April, CWIFR experienced eight instances in which multiple calls for emergency service were received concurrently (total of 16 incidents). Each instance involved a medical response concurrent with either another medical response or false alarm.

Recruitment/Training

Recruitment: One currently certified Firefighter/EMT who has just moved to Greenbank submitted an application to serve as a volunteer and is in the process of completing the recruitment process. This will provide two new members (one FF/EMT and one EMT who is just finishing the recruitment process) by the end of the month.

Fire & Rescue Training: Throughout the month of April, 16 hours of in-service training were delivered on a variety of topics including:

- SCBA Emergency Procedures
- Primary Search
- Building Construction

Special thanks to CAPT Andy Griffin for his excellent presentation on building construction!

EMS Training: Throughout the month of April, four hours of Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program (OTEP) were completed with a focus on environmental emergencies and use of Epinephrine for treatment of anaphylaxis.

New Member Training: Two members are just completing the Island County Recruit Academy (new members) and three members successfully completed the EMT class (one new and two incumbent).

Community Risk Reduction

Coupeville School District Hands Only CPR: On Friday, April 18th, Deputy Chief Michael and Acting Officer Alex Majestic attended a hands only CPR training meeting at the Coupeville High School. Coupeville High School Assistant Principle/Athletic Director Lori Stolee and Whidbey General EMS Paramedic/Community Outreach Specialist Robert May were also in attendance at the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to identify the most effective approach for delivering hands only CPR training to Coupeville High School students in order to meet the new RCW requirement, which mandates that all students must have CPR training prior to graduation. CWIFR and Whidbey General EMS have delivered a couple of training sessions at the high school already this year.

The group agreed to change the method of delivery in 2015. Beginning in 2015, both 6th and 9th graders will have the training as part of their health class. The Coupeville School District will explore the feasibility of tying CPR training into a day of testing and mandated training for other requirements.

Community Health Fair: Deputy Chief Michael has been working with Whidbey General EMS Paramedic/Community Outreach Specialist Robert May and Whidbey General Hospital Director of Community Outreach and Prevention RN Michele Renninger to deliver a health fair in September of this year. The focus of the health fair will be on senior falls.

To date Deputy Chief Michael, Paramedic May, and RN Renninger have held two planning meetings. The group has additionally hosted a focus group meeting to solicit input from community members representing the age demographic the group is hoping to target for the health fair, and hosted a meeting for medical professionals to solicit input regarding what the community health fair should look like (i.e. what services should be made available for the health fair, logistics needed, etc.).

Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival: In April Deputy Chief Michael hosted a planning meeting for the 2014 Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival. Emergency Service representatives worked collaboratively with the Arts and Crafts Festival last year to construct a comprehensive Incident Action Plan (IAP) that would address the categories of emergencies that could most likely occur during the festival.

During the meeting in April, the group discussed the major takeaways from the 2013 festival. The group additionally discussed logistical items that need to be obtained, and the proposed layout for the 2014 event.

On June 11th, the group will meet for a second time to make modifications to last year's IAP. The 2014 festival is scheduled to take place on August 9th and 10th.

Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 12 hours of in-service training completed including apparatus operator qualification, primary search, area familiarization, EMS Ongoing Training and Evaluation (OTEP), case study, and post-incident analysis..
- 4 hours of physical training
- 3 Fire and Life Safety Inspection
- Hands-Only CPR class
- Physical Inventory of Marine 5 and Aid 503

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 20 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on apparatus operator qualification, ladders, and car fires.
- Completed 8 hours of physical training
- 8 Fire & Life Safety Inspections
- Community CPR Class

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 12 hours of in-service training completed including apparatus operator qualification, building construction, and ladders.
- 4 hours of physical training

Facilities Maintenance

Facilities Study: Chief Hartin, LT Vrable, and the staff of Rice Fergus Miller will hold a kickoff meeting for the facilities study on May 13, 2014. An update will be provided to the Board at their regular June meeting.

Apparatus Maintenance

During the month of April fleet maintenance consisted of regular preventive maintenance services and some repairs to equipment. Our annual NFPA 1911 inspections are continuing. After assessing the District's fleet maintenance database needs, FF/MECH Matros selected a software package from RTA Fleet Management. This software will enhance our ability to track maintenance activities and costs and provides the ability to expand beyond the size of our current fleet if the need arises.

Repairs/Service: Specific repair and service activity in the month of April included:

- C500: Preventive Maintenance Service
- C501: Preventive Maintenance and installation of additional back up lights.

- E51, E53, E54: Quarterly Pump Transmission Preventive Maintenance Services
- B53: Pump engine carburetor has been rebuilt and the exhaust is being rebuilt including a new priming valve. Installed rebuilt pump
- B54: Replaced the fuse block and wiring that supplies power to the after-market accessories on the apparatus. Repaired the circuit and replaced the switch that activates the compartment lights.
- S591: Timing chain cover removed and replaced due to oil leak. Work was performed by Toyota under warranty.
- T53: Removed, cleaned and reinstalled water level sensor due to incorrect reading.

FF/MECH Matros has his National Registry (EMT) Test scheduled for the end of May. He is currently going through the HAZMAT operations class and continuing to work on his Heavy Apparatus task book. As soon as the EMT National Registry Test is complete he will be focusing his attention on the next two ASE tests that are needed for EVT certification.

Administration

Medical Physicals: The District has signed an agreement with Whidbey General Hospital for pre-employment and annual medical physicals for volunteer, part-time, and career members. The medical physicals will be National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1582 compliant, and will be provided at no cost to the member. Medical physicals are a key component of the District's endeavor to develop a comprehensive health and wellness program.

South Whidbey Fire/EMS Image Trend: In April, Chief Hartin, Office Manager Harpe, and Deputy Chief Michael attended a meeting at South Whidbey Fire/EMS Station 31 to discuss Image Trend. South Whidbey Fire/EMS is in the process of transitioning to Image Trend for their fire and EMS reports. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any challenges South Whidbey Fire/EMS has faced as they have made the transition to the new system. CWIFR anticipates making the transition to Image Trend later this summer.

2015 Budget Work: During the month of April, Deputy Chief Michael began the process of collecting information to construct the 2015 operations budget. 2015 budget preparation work will continue through the months of June and July.

Standard of Cover: Wednesday, April 16th, Deputy Chief Michael spent the morning working with Island County GIS Administrator Becca Blackman. Ms. Blackman has been assisting Chief Michael with GIS information for the standard of cover. During the meeting on the 16th, Ms. Blackman was able to provide maps that break out the residential and commercial properties according to the hazard classifications the District has assigned to residential and commercial properties. Deputy Chief Michael will continue to work with Ms. Blackman to identify the special risk buildings that lie within the District's boundaries.

Radio Infrastructure Project: Chief Hartin had a preliminary meeting with the ICOM staff regarding improvements to Fire 5.

External Activity

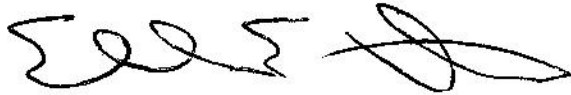
Chief Hartin represented the District at the Fire Department Instructors Conference April 8-12, 2014 where he presented *Taking Scientific Research to the Street* (expenses paid by FDIC).

Chief Hartin delivered a presentation on home safety (fall and fire prevention) for the North Region EMS Council in Mount Vernon on May 1, 2014.

Chief Hartin and AIC LT Alex Majestic will be delivering a presentation on *Cardiac Arrest Management* at Laramie County Fire District 2 in Cheyenne, Wyoming on May 31, 2014 (expenses paid by Laramie County FD #2).

Chief Hartin will deliver a presentation on *Live Fire Training as Simulation: The Role of Fidelity* at the International Fire Instructor's Workshop in Olsztyn, Poland June 7-15 (expenses paid by the Chief).

Submitted by:

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

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