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Emergency Response Activity

	August		2014	
	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	1	1.02%	23	2300.00%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	1	#DIV/0!
Rescue & EMS	61	62.24%	483	-62.24%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	8	8.16%	36	
Service Call	9	9.18%	53	6.72%
Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)	16	16.33%	0	16.03%
False Alarm/False Call	4	4.08%	107	5.04%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Incidents	98		703	

In August medical responses, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital (WGH) EMS 64% of the time. 36% of the time that WGH EMS arrived first, and 29% of the time WGH EMS canceled CWIFR units prior to arrival.

During the month of August, CWIFR experienced 3 instances in which multiple calls for emergency service were received concurrently (total of 5 incidents). Each instance involved a medical response concurrent with either another medical response or marine rescue incident.

Community Risk Reduction

Community Risk Reduction Coalition: Chief Hartin and South Whidbey Fire/EMS Chief Rusty Palmer developed a draft Inter-local Agreement for cost sharing community risk reduction programs that benefit both Districts which is on the agenda for discussion at tonight's meeting.

Chief Hartin had a telephone meeting with Liz Loomis regarding branding and development of key messages for the Whidbey Island Community Risk Reduction Coalition. This work will be started later this fall.

Chief Hartin participated in a meeting between the Town of Coupeville and Whidbey General Hospital to discuss the scheduled renovations and addition to the Hospital.

Facilities Maintenance

Facilities Study: CWIFR, Whidbey General Hospital EMS, and Rice Fergus Miller met on September 4, 2014 to discuss Station 51 and the respective programming needs of CWIFR and WGH EMS.

Apparatus Maintenance

During the month of August fleet maintenance consisted of regular preventive maintenance services and some repairs to equipment. The 1911 annual inspections on the fleet have been completed. Annual pump testing has been scheduled with Fire Service Repair for Oct 6th. FF/MECH Mike Matros has completed the implementation sessions with RTA for our fleet maintenance software and will continue to build the data base with parts and equipment.

Repairs/Service: During the month of August, the following repairs and service were completed.

- B54 – Was sent to Main Street Collision for side compartment door installation and body repair to the door frame.
- S591 - Received a normal P.M. service.
- E53 - Received its annual 1911 inspection and a R.F. brake caliper and rotor.

Training & Qualification: FF/MECH Mike Matros completed qualification as a Heavy Apparatus Operator and has passed the two ASE tests needed to complete EVT I Certification. He will take the final EVT test in the certification track while he is attending the Washington Fire Mechanics Conference this week.

Administration

Deputy Chief Recruitment: The District currently has three applicants for the position of Deputy Chief. Applications will continue to be accepted through October 3, 2014.

2015 Budget: The Draft 2015 District Budget has been completed and is currently under review prior to submission to the Board at their Regular meeting in October. Chief Hartin had a telephone meeting with Mark Mack of the Government Finance Officers Association to discuss the strategies the District has implemented to communicate budget information to the community and engage its citizens in the budget process.

Information Technology: Ategan has completed reconfiguration the District's server. Work has been scheduled this month to install e-mail archiving, off-site backup, and the certificate server to support use of I-Pads to access the Spillman CAD from the apparatus.

Radio Infrastructure Project: The Fire 5 upgrade project has been completed. This project shifted radio communications on Fire 5 (the District's primary tactical channel) from simplex mode to repeated multi-cast mode and added radio equipment to the tower located on Wittie Way. These improvements will provide better radio coverage throughout the District.

New Apparatus/Apparatus Refurbishment: AIC CAPT Helm and FF/MECH Matros traveled to Brandon, SD to perform the final inspection and witness the pump test. FF/MECH Matros returned to attend training at the Washington Fire Mechanics Conference and FF Matthes traveled to Brandon SD to assist AIC CAPT Helm in driving the new apparatus to the District.

The District anticipates completion of Water Tender 54 refurbishment later this month and delivery of the new staff vehicle (Chevrolet Tahoe) in early October.

External Activity

Chief Hartin presented two educational sessions at Fire Rescue International (FRI) in Dallas, TX August 13-16, 2014. One session addressed fire behavior in the modern fire environment and the other was a case study of how CWIFR has used interest based bargaining and its positive impact on labor relations in the District. Expenses for attendance at Fire Rescue International are paid by the conference and travel and lodging are paid by the Chief.

Chief Hartin also attended an Underwriters Laboratories Firefighter Safety Research Institute (UL FSRI) Advisory Board meeting in Jackson, WY on August 25-27. All expenses for participating in this meeting are paid by UL.

Chief Hartin is on Paid Time Off (PTO) in September 6-21, 2014 and will be delivering two fire behavior courses in Brussels, Belgium.

Chief Hartin is participating in an international project to develop a comprehensive fire dynamics curriculum and support package for firefighters and fire officers being facilitated by the Ottawa, ON fire department. Participating agencies will all benefit from the materials developed through this process. Chief Hartin will attend the first work session for this project October 15-24, 2014. All expenses for participation in this project are paid by Ottawa Fire Department under a grant from the Canadian government.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Hartin', followed by a stylized flourish or checkmark.

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