

Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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Report to the Commissioners 10/09/14

Emergency Response Activity

On Saturday, September 6, 2015 at 01:07 hours, CWIFR was dispatched to a possible residential fire in the area of Race Road and Arbor Drive (reported from Camano Island). Subsequent reports indicated that the fire was actually at 1825 North Bluff Road. Chief Hartin arrived to find the home heavily involved with the roof already collapsed. During firefighting operations it was determined that the home may have been occupied and the Island County Sheriff (Fire Marshal) was notified. Subsequent fire investigation by Certified Fire Investigator Chief Ray Merrill of the Oak Harbor Fire Department at the request of the Island County Sheriff (Fire Marshal) determined that that the occupant of the home was in the building and deceased. The point of origin cause of the fire was undetermined.

	September		2014	
	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	3	1.02%	25	3.29%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	1	0.13%
Rescue & EMS	67	62.24%	489	64.43%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	8.16%	34	4.48%
Service Call	3	9.18%	47	6.19%
Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)	19	16.33%	124	16.34%
False Alarm/False Call	6	4.08%	39	5.14%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Incidents	104		759	

In September medical responses, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital EMS 53.48% of the time. 46.51% of the time that WGH EMS arrived first, and 22.09% of the time WGH EMS canceled CWIFR units prior to arrival.

During the month of September, 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 another medical response, hazardous condition, or false alarm.

Recruitment/Training

Recruitment: A total of 15 new volunteers are in the recruitment process with the goal of having at least seven ready to start with the 2015 Academy and EMT Class.

Fire & Rescue Training: Throughout the month of September, 30 hours of in-service training were delivered on a variety of topics including:

- Water Supply
- Relay Pumping Operations
- Apparatus Familiarization (Apparatus 1401)
- Instructor I
- Drafting and Portable Tank Operations
- Tender Shuttle Operations

EMS Training: Throughout the month of September, four hours of Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program (OTEP) were completed including the obstetrics practical and skills makeup.

New Apparatus: The new engine has been delivered with AIC Captain Helm and FF/MECH Matros working with Spartan ERV and True North Emergency Equipment to address several minor items before the apparatus is placed in-service. The tender undergoing refurbishment underwent final inspection on October 3, 2014 and should be delivered this week.

Community Risk Reduction

Community Risk Reduction Coalition: The District's general counsel reviewed the draft Inter-local Agreement for cost sharing community risk reduction programs between CWIFR and South Whidbey Fire/EMS (SWFE) and made several recommendations which have been incorporated into the revised agreement on tonight's agenda.

Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 21 hours of in-service training completed including, apparatus operator training, and water supply.
- 4 hours of physical training
- 13 Fire and Life Safety Inspection
- Car Seat Safety Check Event

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 16 hours in-service training completed including apparatus operator skills, EMS OTEP, and King Airway skills.
- Completed 4 hours of physical training
- 6 Fire and Life Safety Inspection
- Hands Only CPR Class for Coupeville Neighborhood Emergency Teams

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 12 hours of in-service training completed including apparatus operator, water supply, hose evolutions and extrication.
- 5 hours of physical training
- 12 Fire & Life Safety Inspections
- Fire Drill at the Island County Complex

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 first week of September FF/Mechanic Matros was in Sioux Falls South Dakota with Capt. Helm performing the final inspection of the new Engine 53 at Spartan ERV. During the second week FF/Mechanic Matros was at the Washington Fire Mechanics Conference in Yakima where he attended classes on apparatus electrical and foam pro systems. After arriving home fleet maintenance consisted of regular preventive maintenance services and misc. repairs to equipment. Annual pump testing has been rescheduled with Fire Service Repair for Tuesday Oct 21st.

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

- B-54 Received scheduled preventative maintenance
- E-53 Received pump work and packing adjustment.
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- S-591 Installed new tires

Training & Qualification: FF/Mechanic Matros has passed the F4-Fire Apparatus Electrical EVT test. This completes the EVT portion in the certification track for EVT Tech II. He will be taking the next two ASE tests for EVT Tech II before the end of the year.

Administration

Deputy Chief Recruitment: The District currently has five applicants for the position of Deputy Chief. An opportunity will be provided to meet the candidates on November 4, 2014 and the assessment process will be conducted on November 5, 2014.

2015 Budget: The Draft 2015 District Budget has been completed and will be submitted to the Board this evening. Feedback from the community budget review working group has been extremely positive on this year's budget document.

Information Technology: Ategan is continuing work on the District's IT infrastructure with installation of off-site backup at Station 51.

External Activity

Chief Hartin was on paid time off (PTO) for several weeks in September and traveled to Brussels, Belgium and Grand Rapids, Michigan to deliver fire behavior training.

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