



# Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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## Report to the Commissioners 1/8/15

### Emergency Response Activity

	December		2014		Change from 2012	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	1	0.74%	28	2.30%	5	6.94%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	1	0.08%	1	1.39%
Rescue & EMS	63	46.32%	737	60.46%	-26	-36.11%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	37	27.21%	94	7.71%	38	52.78%
Service Call	1	0.74%	78	6.40%	4	5.56%
Good Intent (Canceled, Mistaken Alarm)	22	16.18%	205	16.82%	61	84.72%
False Alarm/False Call	11	8.09%	75	6.15%	-5	-6.94%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	0.74%	1	0.08%	-6	-8.33%
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>Total Incidents</b>	136		1219		72	

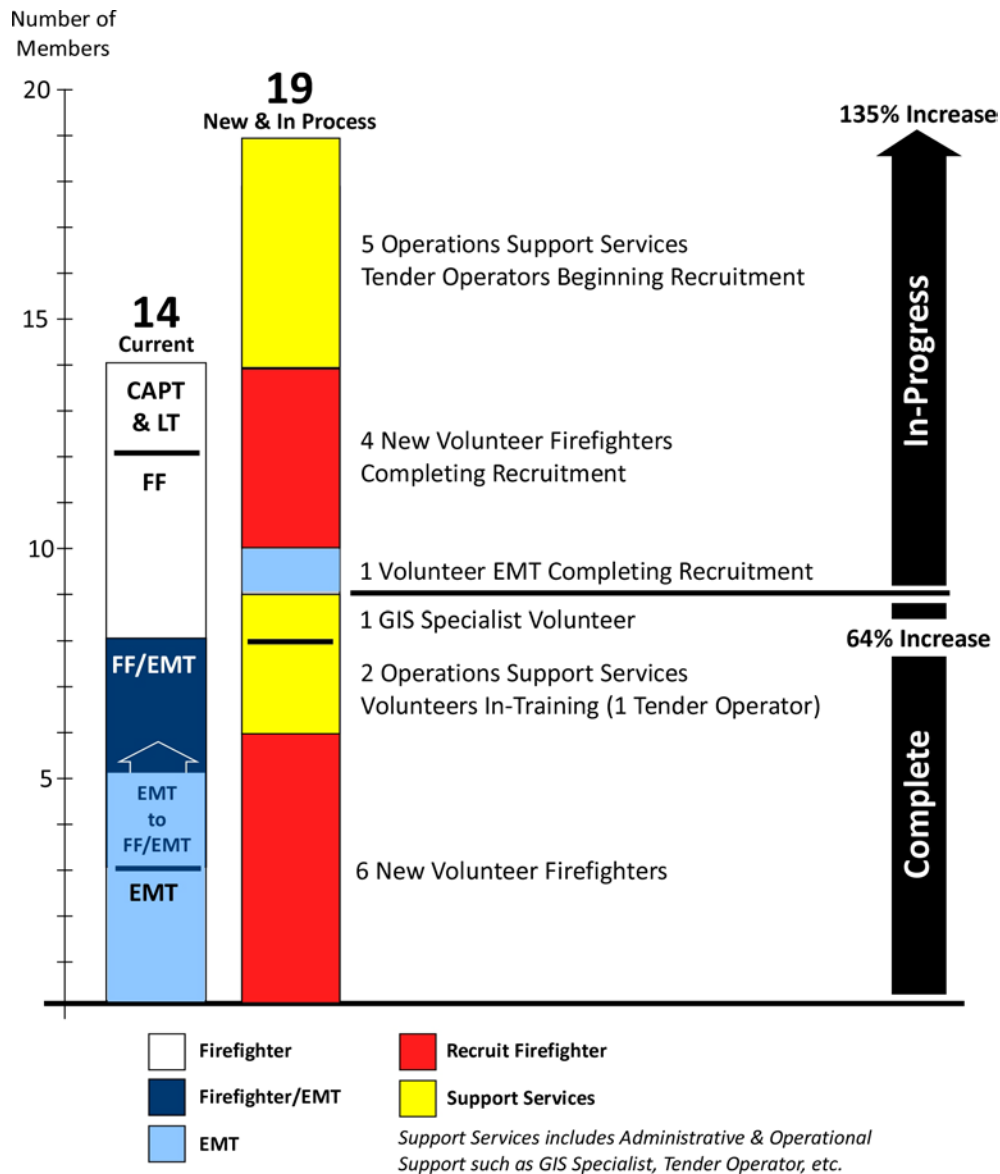
In December medical responses, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital EMS 43.52.73% of the time. 56.47% of the time that WGH EMS arrived first, and 25.88% of the time WGH EMS canceled CWIFR units prior to arrival.

During the month of December, CWIFR experienced five instances in which multiple calls for emergency service were received concurrently (total of 31 incidents). A majority of these incidents were related to the major wind storm impacting the District on December 11, 2014 and involved wires and trees down in roadways and one instance of a large tree which had fallen into a single family home.

### Recruitment/Training

**Recruitment:** The District's Recruitment & Training efforts continue to bear fruit. We currently have eight members scheduled to attend the Island County Recruit Academy and will be certified at the Firefighter I and Hazmat Operational levels. Of these eight, two are current members serving as Volunteer EMTs who will be expanding their scope as Firefighter/EMTs. The other six are new Volunteer Firefighters.

Two Operations Support Volunteers have completed the recruitment process and are in training. One of these members will become qualified as a Tender Operator (currently holds a Commercial Driver's License) and the other will provide general Operations Support such as air supply, traffic control, fireground rehab, etc. In addition, as previously reported to the Board, we have also added a Volunteer GIS Specialist to support pre-incident planning and community risk reduction.



Two new applications of interest were received through the District web site in the month of December and the web site continues to be a major factor in generating recruitment leads.

AIC Captain Helm has met with Commissioner Hutchinson to discuss strategies for continued exploration of recruitment and retention best practices and will continue this process as the District develops a comprehensive plan for recruitment and retention.

**Fire & Rescue Training:** Throughout the month of December, 8 hours of in-service training were delivered on a variety of topics including:

- Portable Master Streams
- Structure Fire Case Study
- Wind Storm Post Incident Analysis
- District Familiarization (Streets and Addressing)
- Tools and Equipment Familiarization

**EMS Training:** Throughout the month of December, four hours of EMS training were completed including Orthopedic Emergencies and Ongoing Training and Evaluation Program (OTEP).

**New Apparatus:** AIC Captain Helm and FF/MECH Matros continue to work with Spartan ERV, True North Emergency Equipment, Hale Pumps, and Taskforce Tips to address several warranty issues including a defect in the check valve between the water tank and pump and an issue with the electronic control for the master stream. Hale pump has acknowledged that the check valve leak was a manufacturing defect and is shipping a new suction manifold (due in Friday) for installation by True North. Task Force Tips (manufacturer of the master stream) is completing construction of new controls to provide full functionality of the master stream (no date for completion has been provided).

Up fit of radios and emergency warning lights and siren for apparatus 1402 (Chevrolet Tahoe) command vehicle has been completed and this vehicle is currently assigned to AIC CAPT Helm.

### Community Risk Reduction

**Community Risk Reduction Coalition:** Communications Consultant Liz Loomis completed a branding project for the Whidbey Island Risk Reduction Coalition in December and the Coalition will be developing a logo and key messages in the first quarter of 2015 (CWIFR has the lead on this project).

### Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 8 hours of in-service training completed including apparatus operator training, NFIRS, master stream operations, and orthopedic emergencies.
- 1 Fire and Life Safety Inspection
- Fire station tour and safety presentation for a cub scout group
- Prepared Engine 542 as the Santamobile
- Assisted in validation of the District's fire hose inventory

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 8 hours in-service training completed including apparatus operator skills, hose evolutions, and ImageTrend Field Bridge..
- Completed 3 hours of physical training
- 6 Fire and Life Safety Inspection
- Completed validation of the District's fire hose inventory.

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 11.5 hours of in-service training completed including apparatus operator training, hose evolutions, water tender operations, firefighter CPR, and ladders.
- 1 Fire and Life Safety Inspection
- 5 hours of physical training
- Hands-Only CPR at Coupeville High School
- Open House at Station 52
- Assisted in validation of the District's fire hose inventory

## Facilities Maintenance

The flooring project at Station 54 was completed with installation of cove base between the floor and walls in the classroom and hallway.

Work continues on the District's facilities study and the working group will provide the Board of Fire Commissioners an update at a special meeting scheduled for January 15, 2015.

## Apparatus Maintenance

During the month of December fleet maintenance consisted of various repairs and services to our vehicles and equipment. FF/Mechanic Matros has been continuing to work on outfitting the new E-53 so that it can be placed in service as soon as possible. A major milestone has been completed by finishing the mounting and wiring of portable radio chargers and rechargeable flashlights. This required installation of an additional fuse panel, two power outlet blocks, and extensive wiring. Other pieces have been various tool and equipment mounts that are being designed and fabricated.

**Repairs & Service:** During the month of December, the following repairs and service were completed:

- R-51 Received regular maintenance to the Honda roof mounted generator and hydraulic tool pump engine.
- 501 Received normal PM service
- E-53 Received pump transmission service
- B-54 Received minor repairs to the emergency lighting and repair to the hydraulic tool pump.
- E-512 Received minor repairs to the siren control and headsets.
- E-51 Adjusted idle, Serviced pump transmission
- E-54 Serviced pump transmission

**Training & Qualification:** FF/Mechanic Matros is currently studying to take the next two ASE tests; these tests are scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>. These two tests are needed for the EVT Tech II certification in the Emergency Vehicle Certification track.

## Administration

**Deputy Chief Recruitment:** The recruitment process has been completed and Deputy Chief Robert (Charlie) Smith began work on January 5 and was sworn in this evening.

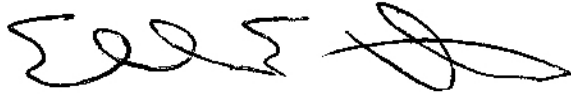
**Records Management System:** The District continued implementation of the ImageTrend records management system during December and members began completing fire incident and patient care reporting elements in this new system on January 1, 2015.

## External Activity

Chief Hartin was on Paid Time Off (PTO) on December 12-14, 2014 teaching at a professional development seminar in Springfield, OH.

Chief Hartin will be assisting Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue with a Battalion Chief's and Captain's Promotional Process on the January 14 and 15, 2015 and will be attending a UL Firefighter Safety Research Institute (FSRI) Advisory Board meeting in Northbrook, IL on February 3-6, 2015. All expenses will be paid by UL FSRI.

Submitted by:

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

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