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To: Board of Fire Commissioners
From: Chief Ed Hartin
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Subject: Chief's Report

COVID-19

During the month of June COVID-19 was a factor in 12 incidents (8.39% of the total number of incidents for the month). This was a slight increase from May in which COVID-19 was a factor in 10 incidents (5.86% of the total number of incidents for the month). This data is reported by CWIFR members based on patient symptoms or presence of others who are symptomatic and is not based on confirmation that the patient or others involved in the incident were confirmed to have COVID-19. CWIFR continues to be alert to this disease in the community and continues work practices to minimize risk to our members and the community.

Operational Activity

During the month of June, the district received 132 calls for service as illustrated below. The district had 21 instances of incidents occurring concurrently impacting a total of 44 incidents.

Incident type	Frequency
1 - Fire	5
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	1
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	80
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6
5 - Service Call	21
6 - Good Intent Call	9
7 - False Alarm & False Call	10
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	132

Administrative Activity

Part-Time/Full-Time Firefighter Recruitment: Deputy Chief Helm is facilitating the recruitment process for firefighter. The district currently has one part-time vacancy and one full-time vacancy. These processes will establish a pool of qualified applicants for these and future positions. The part-time recruitment process was completed on June 30, 2021 with a pool of four qualified candidates. The full-time recruitment process was completed on July 1, 2021 with a pool of nine qualified candidates.

Northwest Accreditation and Credentialing Consortium: Chief Hartin participated in an on-line consortium meeting. Deputy Chief Mike Messer from Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue will be serving as the new coordinator with the Retirement of Division Chief Pat Shaffer with Spokane Valley Fire, Chief Hartin will be continuing in his role as assistant coordinator.

Collective Bargaining: Chief Hartin and Deputy Chief Helm began the process of collective bargaining with Local 4299 International Association of Firefighters. We had an extremely productive initial session with both labor and management committed to a collaborative process to meet the interests of the district and our represented members.

Grievance: The district received an informal grievance from Local 4299 submitted on behalf of FF Vrable related to his demotion from LT to FF. The district denied the grievance in a written response as required by the collective bargaining agreement. The local now has 60 days to decide if they wish to proceed with a formal written grievance.

Insurance Claim: The district received a claim from The Hartford insurance company in the amount of \$35,716.73 for water damage to a home at 3752 Oceanside Drive resulting from a broken water pipe inside the residence during hydrant testing in 2020. This claim alleges negligence on the district's part. The district had previously responded to the Lagoon Point Water District and their insurance carrier identifying failure of the district's pressure reducing valves during hydrant testing as the likely cause of this damage. The district has forwarded this claim to our insurance provider along with all documentation related to this incident.

Operations

Wildland Mobilization: Brush 54 (type five wildland engine) was mobilized to the Cedar Hills Fire in Issaquah, Washington with a crew of two on June 29, 2021 and returned to the district on July 2. Brush 54 was also mobilized to the Asotin Complex Fire in Eastern Washington with a crew of three on July 7, 2021. It is shaping up to be an extremely active wildland season in Washington state and throughout the western United States.

Hose Testing: Hose testing was completed for 2021. The district experienced failure of over 1000' of 5" hose (which had been purchased used from Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue several years ago). Fortunately, most of these failures were at couplings and were minor in nature. AIC LT Jim Huff was able to recouple all but one of these sections, retest, and return them to service.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Fire & Life Safety Inspections: 23 fire and life safety inspections were completed in June, 11 physical initial inspections, 1 physical reinspection, and the remaining inspections completed through the self-inspection program.

Fire Code Update Review: LT Porter and Chief Hartin reviewed proposed changes to the Town of Coupeville code and provided feedback to the town building official.

Plan Review: LT Porter provided input to the Town of Coupeville building official regarding hood system requirements for the new Boys and Girls Club.

Car Seat Safety Inspections: LT Porter completed two car seat safety checks.

Home Safety Surveys: B Shift completed a total of two smoke alarm installations/smoke alarm battery changes.

Other Community Risk Reduction Activity: LT Porter continued work with Island County Emergency Management to develop and present workplace safety training for county employees and AIC LT Majestic conducted monthly community CPR training.

Training

In-Service Training: Training during the month of June included cardiac arrest management training incorporating the Lucas 3 Chest Compression System, apparatus operator training on drafting, and rope rescue training.

Instructor Training: Three members are currently completing training for Instructor I certification.

EMT Academy: Five members are signed up to attend the Island County EMT Academy. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and certification was provided for four new members who will be attending the EMT academy.

Rope Rescue Technician: Firefighter Kolton Kellison attended Rope Rescue Technician I and II in Colorado. Kole serves as the district's special operations program manager and this training provided a substantial step up capability to deliver operational level training for all members.

Facilities

Station 53 Construction: Chief Hartin, Deputy Chief Helm, Firefighter Mechanic Matros, and Firefighter Lloyd met with Tim Goodman and Peter Carletti to discuss details related to construction of the new Station 53 and the impact of recent price increases in construction materials. Should the district receive a building permit in the near future, it is likely that it will be necessary to delay putting the project out to bid until the fourth quarter to allow lumber prices to return to normal levels.

Station 52: AIC Captain Meek, Deputy Chief Helm, and AO Brent Stevens spent a day completing reorganization of Station 52 and disposing of broken and otherwise unserviceable equipment. Engine 542 (the Santamobile) has been relocated to Station 52 for storage. Rescue 51 will be relocated to Station 52 prior to the start of construction on the new Station 53.

Facilities Division Transition: AIC LT Jim Huff has been assigned as the facilities division manager.

Fleet Maintenance

During the month of June FF/Mechanic Matros focused most of his time on administrative duties and training due to his continuing recovery from his shoulder surgery. Training was comprised of online, and in person observation with the duty crews. Administrative duties to note were continued work and follow up on the

Type I engines and the new facility with Carletti Architects. Shop work was comprised of a PM service on Unit 1801 (501) which he brought to Jerry Smith Chevrolet for the service and Unit 2001 (B-54) which received warranty work from Kar Mart Dodge. He is continuing to progress into light duty shop work that will not further aggravate the recovery of his shoulder.

Type 1 Engines: Rosenbauer reports that district's three new engines will be ready for final inspection in early August.

Fleet Maintenance Vehicle: Dodge canceled the district's order for a new fleet maintenance vehicle due to supply chain limitations related to shortage of computer chips as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been refunded \$100,882.43. This purchase will be deferred until 2022.