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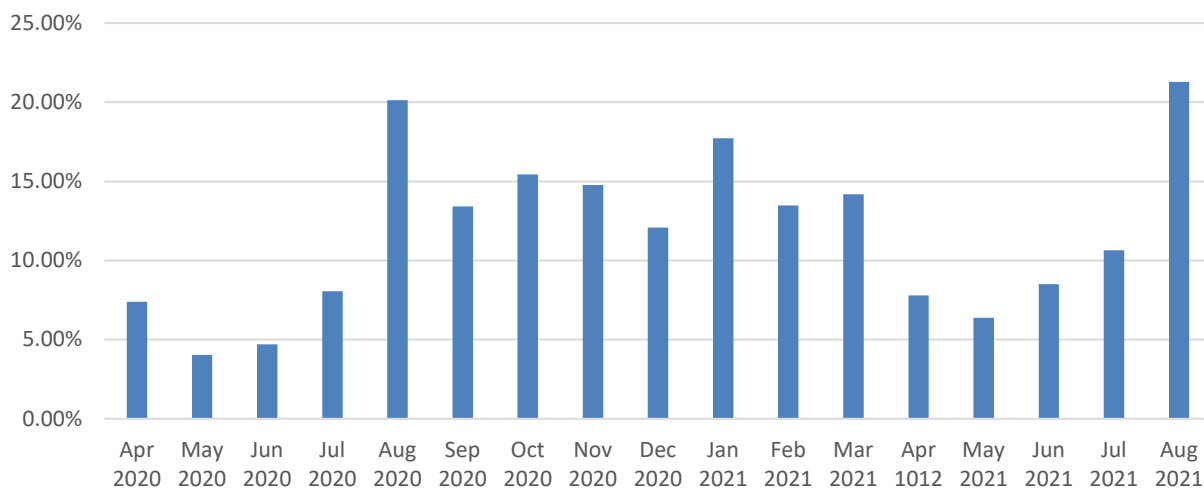
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Subject: Chief's Report

COVID-19

During the month of August COVID-19 was a factor in 30 incidents (21.58% of the total number of incidents for the month). The number of suspected cases and percentage of the total number of EMS responses increased dramatically. August 2021 showed the highest percentage of EMS responses in which COVID-19 was a factor and the largest single month increase in COVID related responses since this statistic has been tracked.

Percentage of EMS Incidents in which COVID-19 was a Factor 2020-2021



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. COVID-19 continues to be a concern, particularly with the prevalence of the delta variant.

Operational Activity

During the month of August, the district received 124 calls for service as illustrated below. The district had 20 instances of incidents occurring concurrently impacting a total of 45 incidents. three instances of overlapping calls involved three or more incidents occurring concurrently (one of these involved six incidents).

Incident type	Frequency
1 - Fire	6
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	81
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1
5 - Service Call	10
6 - Good Intent Call	12
7 - False Alarm & False Call	14
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	124

During the month of August, the district had two vehicle accidents requiring extrication; one a head on collision at SR 525 and Houston Road and the second was on Madrona Way. Great work by AIC LT Jim Huff and FF Dalton Martin on both incidents.

Administrative Activity

Part-Time/Full-Time Firefighter Recruitment: Chris Harris (CWIFR volunteer) has withdrawn from the recruitment process as he has been hired as a full-time firefighter with Shoreline, WA Fire Department. Mason Jones (external candidate) will start orientation and training this month.

Northwest Accreditation and Credentialing Consortium: Chief Hartin participated in an on-accreditation managers meeting with Center for Public Safety Excellence Staff. This meeting covered a lot of ground but one topic of significant interest was implementation of the 10th edition of the Fire and Emergency Services Self-Assessment Model.

Vaccination Mandate: On August 9, 2021 Governor Inslee announced a proclamation requiring vaccination of health care workers against COVID-10. On August 24, 2021 the Central Whidbey Island Board of Fire Commissioners passed Resolution 21-04 establishing policy consistent with the governor's proclamation. Chief Hartin subsequently released General Order (GO) 21-02 outlining policy and procedure for implementing the governor's mandate and the board's resolution. A majority of the district's members were previously vaccinated and had submitted documentation of same under guidance provided by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries (L&I). The district provided an informational memo to members who had previously documented vaccination. Members who had not provided vaccination documentation or who had stated that they were not vaccinated were provided with notice of the vaccination requirement and asked to reply with 1) their vaccination documentation, 2) intent to be fully vaccinated prior to the October 18 deadline, 4) request for exemption due to disability or sincerely held religious belief, or 4) that they would not comply with the GO. The district implemented these health and safety policies and procedures consistent with Article 18-Policy, Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures, Section 2 of the collective bargaining agreement between Local 4299 International Association of Firefighters and the district. Which allows implementation with subsequent bargaining of impacts on members of the local.

Collective Bargaining: Chief Hartin met on Thursday, September 9th to bargain related to impact of the COVID-19 Mandate and will provide an oral update to the board at their regular September board meeting.

Full-Time Firefighter Recruitment: The district has been carrying a full-time firefighter vacancy since January 1st with the intention of filling this position following promotional process for LT and CAPT in October. However, given the departure of several part-time firefighters, long term sick leave of FF Vrable, and on-the-job injury of FF Kellison we filled this position on September 1, 2021. Congratulations to FF Justin Burnett for his selection as the newest full-time firefighter with CWIFR. Ordinarily we would have had him take his oath of office at the September board meeting, but he is deployed to the Monument Fire in California with FF Keith Dawson on Tender 54.

Operations

Wildland Mobilization: The district has deployed resources on two emergency management assistance compact (EMAC) mobilization to Oregon and California during the month of August and first two weeks of September. Tender 54 remains mobilized on the Caldor Fire in California with an anticipated demobilization date of September 12, 2021.

Incident	Resource	Staffing	Days Deployed
Fox Complex (OR)	Type 2 Water Tender	2 CWIFR	6
Monument Fire (CA)	Type 2 Water Tender	2 CWIFR	10
Monument Fire (CA)	Type 2 Water Tender	2 CWIFR (Crew Change)	7
Caldor Fire (CA)	Type 2 Water Tender	2 CWIFR	Still Deployed

Oregon and California Emergency Management will reimburse the district for the staff and resources mobilized to these incidents as well as the staff required to cover vacancies created by the respective mobilizations. AIC LT Alex Majestic and FF John Lloyd completed a deployment to the Fox Complex in Oregon and the Monument Fire in California. The district received a request to extend Tender 54's assignment with a crew swap and FFs Justin Burnet and Keith Dawson replaced Majestic and Lloyd and after seven days on the Monument Fire were redeployed to the Caldor Fire also in California. Tender 54 remains deployed on the Caldor Fire. Current gross revenue from in-state and EMAC mobilizations is over \$134,240 (\$55,680 of which is reimbursement for district apparatus).

Respiratory Protection: The district received ten powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs) funded with an Assistance to Firefighters COVID Grant. Members are currently being fit tested and these PAPRs are being deployed on Engine53, AID 503, and the district's command vehicles.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Fire and Life Safety Inspections: A shift completed one self-inspection and LT Porter met with the new Coupeville Building Official. Inspection activity was limited due to full-time personnel on wildland mobilization.

Other Community Risk Reduction Activity: One car seat safety inspection.

Training

In-Service Training: Training during the month of August included supply line and master stream deployment, use of powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs), rapid intervention, trauma care and spinal immobilization, hazmat operations, and blue card on-line training (strip mall fires).

Instructor Training: FF Jeff Rhodes completed training for certification as a Fire Instructor I.

Apparatus Operator Training: FF Justin Burnet qualified as a water tender operator and FF Dalton Martin qualified as an engine operator.

EMT Academy: Five members are attending the Island County EMT Academy.

Facilities

Station 53 Construction: As reported by Tim Goodman, Carletti Architects is in final consultation with the electrical and structural engineers in preparation to close out the items necessary for issuance of a building permit.

Fleet Maintenance

FF/Mech Matros has continued to manage the fleet division and make needed repairs to the district's vehicles. Most notable was replacing the radiator in Unit 1401 (E-53). He worked with a factory tech and was able to complete the job in one day. Due to the supply shortages CWIFR had been waiting for a radiator for over three months. Other jobs included small repairs and Preventative Maintenance on multiple apparatus and district vehicles.

Type 1 Engines: During the month of August FF/Mech Matros, Deputy Chief Helm, FF Moore, and FF Stevens, traveled to Rosenbauer America in Sioux Falls South Dakota to perform the final inspections on CWIFR'S three Type I fire engines being built. They performed comprehensive inspection's line by line from CWIFR's written specifications. As with any inspection, discrepancies were found. FF Matros and DC Helm have been working with Rosenbauer to correct the items that needed attention.