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To: Board of Fire Commissioners
From: Chief Ed Hartin
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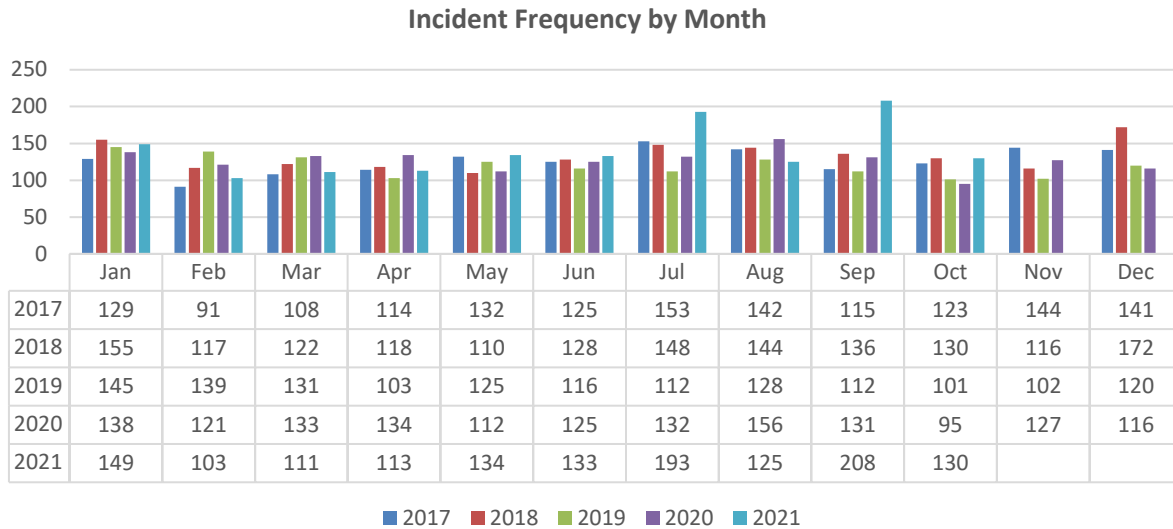
COVID-19

During the month of October COVID-19 was a factor in 11 incidents (7.59% of the total number of incidents for the month). The number of suspected and confirmed cases decreased substantially from 40 incidents in September. 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 October, the district received 145 calls for service as illustrated below. The district had 17 instances of incidents occurring concurrently impacting a total of 34 incidents. Two instances of overlapping calls involved three or more incidents occurring concurrently (one of these involved six incidents).

Incident type	Frequency
1 - Fire	2
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	88
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	5
5 - Service Call	20
6 - Good Intent Call	14
7 - False Alarm & False Call	16
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	145



Administrative Activity

Part-Time Firefighter Recruitment: A recruitment effort is underway to fill the three vacant part-time firefighter positions.

2022 Budget: Development of the proposed 2022 district budget was completed and submitted to the board at their regular meeting on October 14, 2021.

Presentation & Professional Development: Chief Hartin presented The Use of Water for Fire Control from 1824 to Present: What Have We Learned at the Washington Township/Avon (IN) Building Construction and Fire Behavior Symposium. In addition, Chief Hartin attended several days of professional development seminars on building construction during the symposium.

Small Attractive & Capital Assets Inventory: Chief Hartin, Deputy Chief Helm, & Administrative Assistant/Fiscal Specialist Sonja Lindenstein have begun the 2021 asset inventory with anticipated completion by mid-November.

Workplace Climate Assessment: Final report received from Ms. Daphne Schneider inclusive of five specific recommendations. Chief Hartin, Deputy Chief Helm, Finance Officer Cathy Niir, and AIC Captain James Meek developed a proposed plan of action to address the recommendations which has been submitted to the board of fire commissioners.

Operations

Standard Type I Engine Equipment Inventory: AIC LT Majestic worked with Deputy Chief Helm and AIC Captain Meek on procurement of equipment to standardize the inventory of equipment for the district's new type 1 engines.

Coordinated Quality Improvement: 35 incidents reviewed for the November CQI meeting with Dr. Krystal Baciak, Island County Medical Program Director.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Fire and Life Safety Inspections: A Shift completed three self-inspections and seven physical inspections, B Shift completed 8 self-inspections and two physical inspections, and C Shift completed three self-inspections. FF Kole Kellison has been working with LT Porter on follow up with low-hazard businesses who have not returned self-inspection documentation.

Inspections Records Management: LT Porter is working on updating the districts electronic inspection templates.

Home Safety Surveys: A Shift installed a carbon monoxide alarm at a residence following a chimney fire and installed a homeowner purchased smoke alarm in another residence on request.

Coupeville Fire Code Enforcement Coordination: LT Porter met with the new Town of Coupeville Building Official and participated with a walkthrough of a new mixed residential/commercial occupancy at 10 NW Front Street.

Other Community Risk Reduction Activity: CWIFR participated in the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association's Halloween Torchlight Parade. Thanks to LT Marv Raavel and FF Travis Dotson, AIC LT Huff, and FF Dawson for their assistance. CWIFR also lead the Coupeville High School Homecoming Parade.

Hydrant Inspection and Testing: A majority of hydrants on the Town of Coupeville municipal water system have been flow tested (five-year cycle) or inspected (annually) for 2021. The few remaining hydrants will be flow tested or inspected in November.

Training

In-Service Training: October's training consisted of command simulations and attack line deployment along with on-line training.

Fire Academy: AIC Captain Meek is in the process of developing training plans for search and rescue and ladders for the upcoming academy.

Professional Development: AIC Captain Meek recertified as an IFC Fire Inspector and completed pre-work for ICS 300. ICS 300 is a required course for the district's command officers and AIC Captain Meek completed this training early November)

Facilities

Preventative Maintenance: AIC LT Huff completed repairs to the riding lawnmower at Station 51 and replaced multiple fluorescent tubes in lighting fixtures at Station 53.

Training Center: AIC LT Huff has been obtaining quotes for replacement of the roof covering on the training tower. This work will be completed prior to the end of the year (if possible) or early in 2022.

Station 53 Construction: As reported by Tim Goodman, Carletti Architects continues in final consultation with the electrical and structural engineers in preparation to close out the items necessary for issuance of a building permit. Final components include electrical power requirements for the fleet maintenance lubrication system and position of the fire pump and fire protection water tanks.

Fleet Maintenance

During the month of October FF/Mech Matros has been busy with scheduled preventative maintenance services and some repairs to CWIFR's fleet. Unit 1201 (R-53) had a check engine light that after diagnosis turned out to be caused by a faulty glow plug. Further investigation uncovered an extended service warranty released from Chevrolet due to this problem, so the part was replaced free of charge. The air auto eject was replaced on Unit 0702 (T-54) due to the excessive dirt accumulation inside the solenoid from the wildland season. This truck will have more minor repairs along with a PM service completed in November. Unit 9601 (E-512) had the pump shift bracket and switch replaced. The bracket supports the switch that turns on the "pump engaged" and "ok to pump" lights in the cab for the engineer. The bracket failed due to rust and metal fatigue from the age of the apparatus. The exact switch was not available anymore so some electrical diagnosis was needed to wire the updated switch correctly. Unit 1101 (Matrix) received its scheduled PM service along with a complete front brake job. Unit 0703 (A-53) received its scheduled PM service. Unit 1501 (505) had a check engine light which came up inconclusive after diagnosis. This fault will be monitored for reoccurrence in the future. Unit 2001 (B-53) had the foam injector check valve replaced per the instruction from a Foam Pro tech due to leaking foam into the water tank. The part was replaced under warranty. FF/Mech Matros also created a dual white board system to track CWIFR's units and aid in scheduling preventive maintenance and repair. The addition of these boards allows better efficiency in scheduling and tracking differed jobs on units.

Type 1 Engines: The district's new type one engines have arrived in Central Whidbey! We will give the board of fire commissioners a preview at their November regular meeting before scheduled events to display the apparatus to the public prior to mounting of equipment, training, and placing them in-service.