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To: Board of Fire Commissioners
From: Chief Ed Hartin/Deputy Chief Jerry Helm
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Subject: Chief's Report

COVID-19

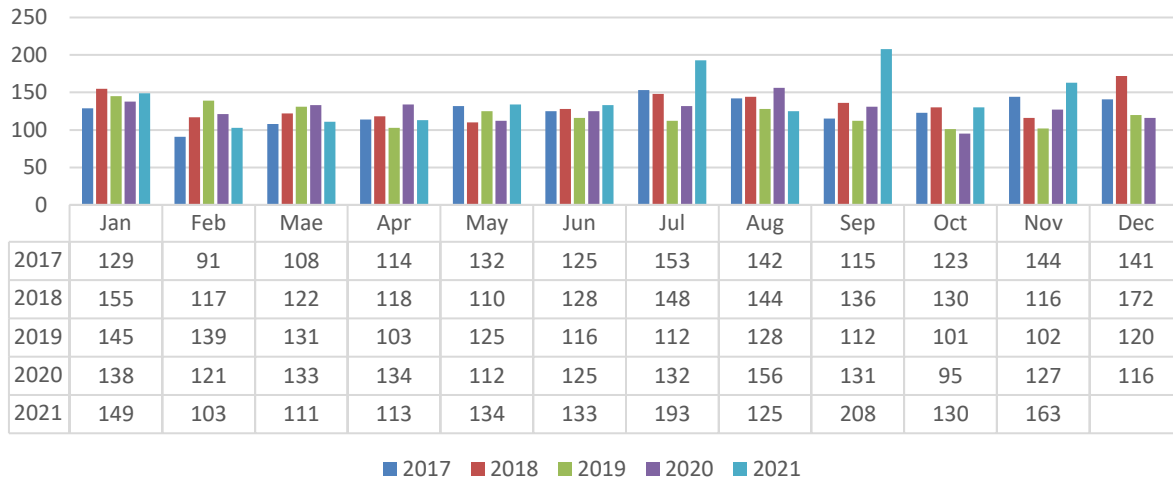
During the month of November COVID-19 was a factor in 18 incidents (11.31% of the total number of incidents for the month). The number of suspected and confirmed cases increased from 11 incidents in October (7.59% of the total number of incidents for the month). This data is reported by CWIFR members 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. COVID-19 continues to be a concern, particularly with the prevalence of the delta and emergence of the omicron variants .

Operational Activity

During the month of November, the district received 161 calls for service as illustrated below. For the third time this year, the district broke its record number of calls for the month. The district had a large number of incidents occurring concurrently impacting a total of 63 incidents. Most of these concurrent incidents were related to a wind storm.

Incident type	Frequency
1 - Fire	3
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	84
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	17
5 - Service Call	23
6 - Good Intent Call	10
7 - False Alarm & False Call	15
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	9
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	161

Incident Frequency by Month



Administrative Activity

Part-Time Firefighter Recruitment: A recruitment effort is ongoing 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.

2019-2020 Financial and Accountability Audit: Finance Officer Cathy Niuro compiled all records required for the audit and delivered same to the Washington State Auditor’s Office (SAO) in Bellingham. Compliments were received from the SAO on the organization of the records.

Small Attractive & Capital Assets Inventory: Chief Hartin, Deputy Chief Helm, & Administrative Assistant/Fiscal Specialist Sonja Lindenstein have completed the 2021 asset inventory.

Workplace Climate Assessment: Chief Hartin and the board conducted an all-hands meeting to present the findings of the workplace climate assessment and an action plan to address recommendations made in the report.

Operations

Standard Type I Engine Equipment Inventory: AIC LT Majestic worked with Deputy Chief Helm, AIC Captain Meek, and FF Kolton Kellison on procurement of equipment to standardize the inventory of equipment for the district’s new type 1 engines and most of the required equipment has been ordered and is in transit.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

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

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

Coupeville Fire Code Enforcement Coordination: Completed Whidbey Health final hood system/alarm test witnessed, walk through of occupancy under construction at 12 NW Front Street, event style tent inspection with Coupeville Building Official at Penn Cove Taproom, Plan review and questions for future mixed-use occupancy at 101 S Main.

Other Community Risk Reduction Activity: Chief Hartin, Chief Helm, and Lt. Porter participated in an Island wide open burning and fire inspection meeting. Santa mobile schedule, decorating and planning. 2 smoke alarms installed 5 smoke alarm batteries changed for homeowner off Lovejoy

Hydrant Inspection and Testing: 5 hydrants labeled with tags and Town of Coupeville hydrant data organized for future input. Coordinated with Kelly and Scott with the Town of Coupeville to get Terry mobile hydrants turned back on.

Training

In-Service Training: Training consisted of pediatric emergencies (birth), ladder rescue of unconscious victims, PS/CE training, online training, and firefighter down training.

Fire Academy: Continued work with Chief Moffatt and Capt. Chris Geiger in organizing the 2022 Fire Academy.

Professional Development: Deputy Chief Helm, AIC CAPT Meek, LT Raavel, AO Stevens, and FF Byrum attended a mental health seminar at the Swinomish Casino. AIC CAPT Meek also compiled a list of member certifications and qualifications to begin work on a comprehensive professional development program. FF Burnett completed Blue Card IC, and FF Rhodes completed 4-day fire inspector course.

Extrication Training: AIC CAPT organized and finalized extrication training for Saturday, December 11th

Facilities

Preventative Maintenance: AIC LT Huff completed repairs to Station 53 bay doors, new garage door openers for station 51 and replaced multiple fluorescent tubes in lighting fixtures at Station 52.

Station 53 Construction: Site plan design review meeting scheduled with Tim Goodman of Carletti Architects on Tuesday December 14th at 1530.

Storage During Construction: AIC CAPT Meek obtained quotes and initiated the procurement process for multiple shipping containers to be used for storage during construction (which will be repurposed or resold after construction is completed).

Fleet Maintenance

Preventative Maintenance: During the month of November FF/Mech Matros has been busy with scheduled preventative maintenance services including Unit's 0603 (T-51) and 9401 (R-51)'s NFPA 1911 services.

Type One Engines: By mid-month CWIFR's new Rosenbauer type one engines were ready for pickup from Spokane, WA. D.C. Helm, FF Kellison, AIC Capt. Meek, and FF Matros flew out early on the 11th to retrieve the three units and drove them back to CWIFR. Each engine is receiving a post-delivery inspection to identify any deficiencies before training commences on them. These deficiencies along with others that may arise during training will be brought to the manufactures attention and handled accordingly. As soon as the small equipment arrives for the trucks it will be installed.

New Station 53: FF/Mech Matros also completed work on the design of the fleet maintenance section of the new facility. He has been working with Carletti Architects and a lube management sub contracted company to coordinate a smooth install and efficient work space.

Professional Development: FF/Mech Matros also attended a free workshop hosted by ICSO for dealing with trauma and PTSD in the emergency services.