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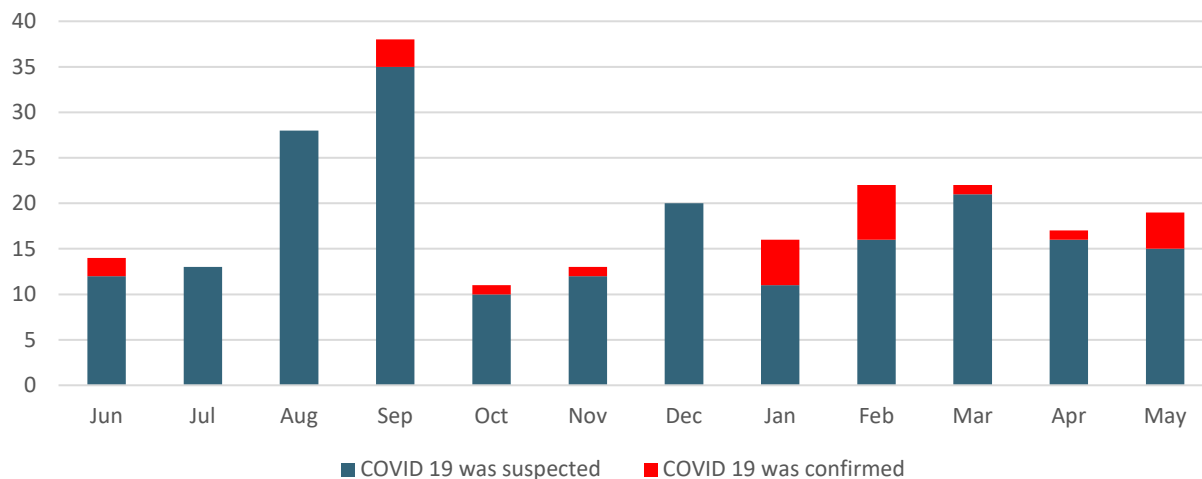
To: Board of Fire Commissioners
From: Chief Ed Hartin/Deputy Chief Jerry Helm
Date: June 9, 2022
Subject: Chief's Report

COVID-19

During the month of May COVID-19 was a factor in 19 incidents (16.00% of the total number of incidents for the month). In April COVID-19 was a factor in 17 incidents (16.34% 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 .

As illustrated below, COVID-19 has had an ongoing impact on incident operations, but the frequency with which our members have encountered this disease has fluctuated through the preceding year.

June 2021-May 2022 Responses Where COVID was a Factor



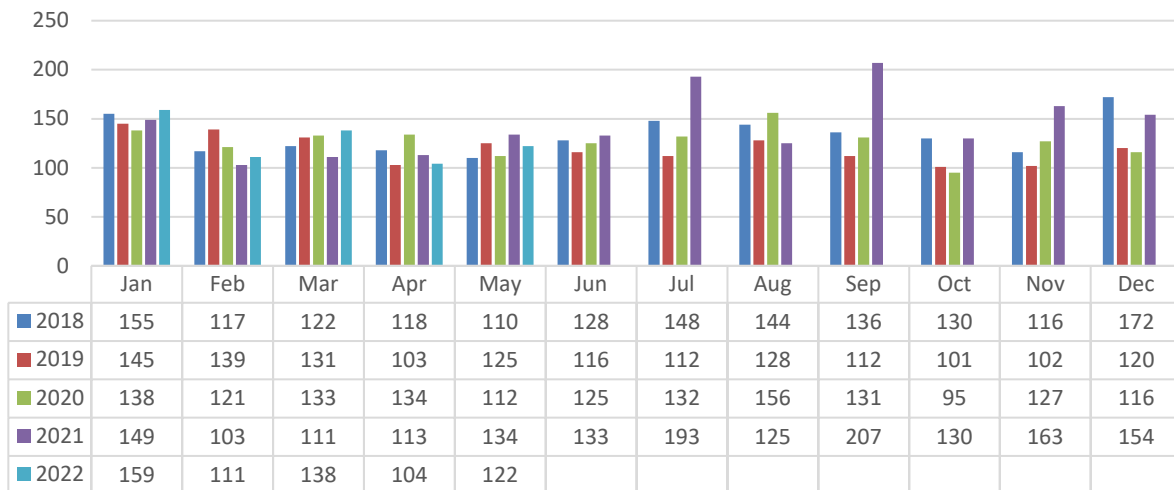
The current 7-day case rate (cases/100,000 population) in Island County is considerably higher than the statewide average. There is also considerable uncertainty related to occurrence of Monkeypox in Washington. As such Island County Medical Program Director Dr. Krystal Baciak has increased personal protective equipment requirements for patients exhibiting possible COVID symptoms or rash.

Operational Activity

During the month of May, the district received 122 calls for service as illustrated below. The district had 12 incidents occurring concurrently impacting a total of 24 incidents. **Frequency By Incident Type**

Incident type	Frequency
1 - Fire	2
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	84
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	4
5 - Service Call	15
6 - Good Intent Call	9
7 - False Alarm & False Call	0
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	8
Total	122

Incident Frequency by Month



Administrative Activity

New Arrival: The most significant news in the administrative division is the arrival of the newest member of the CWIFR family. Kasen Helm was born on May 19th! Congratulations to Deputy Chief Jerry Helm and his wife Lindsey.

Workload Assessment: This project has been on hold due to Chief Helm’s parental leave. More to follow in the next several months.

Staffing: Lieutenant Jim Huff is on light duty and we have hired Dalton Martin (part-time firefighter) as a temporary full-time firefighter to maintain staffing on C Shift. We anticipate that Jim will be back to full duty later this month.

Division Chief Recruitment: The district has hired Battalion Chief Jim Mirabile, training chief with Prince William County Fire & Rescue in Virginia as our new ‘Professional Development Division Chief’. Jim’s start date

is August 1, 2022 (but will be working remotely for the first part of the month) and will be in the office as of August 29, 2022. Jim has already started working on qualification as a Blue Card incident commander, wildland firefighter type two, and is digging into the budget development process so he will be able to hit the ground running.

Accreditation: Chief Hartin served on the peer team that that conducted a site visit to the Metro West Fire District (suburban Saint Louis, Missouri). Chief Hartin participated in the site visit virtually between May 9th and 26th.

The district's progress towards accreditation slowed considerably over the last two years. We have renewed our status as a registered agency and Chief Hartin and Firefighter Jeff Rhodes are investigating ImageTrend Continuum, an add on to our records management system that will allow easier access to actionable data and simplify the process of developing our community risk assessment and standard of cover.

Collective Bargaining: Chief Hartin & Deputy Chief Jerry Helm have reached tentative agreement with Local 4299 for a one-year collective bargaining agreement. Upon ratification of this agreement by the district and the local we will commence negotiations on a multi-year (typically three year) agreement.

Master Mutual Aid Agreement: There has been no progress in renewing the long-expired master mutual aid agreement between the fire districts, cities, towns, Island Transit, and Island County. The Island County Fire Chiefs Association continues to make an effort to bring this project to closure. Interestingly, Chief Hartin located a copy of the original agreement that was executed on October 22, 1957 (copy attached) during the Station 53 move out process.

Operations

Standard Inventory: Lieutenant James Meek continues work to prepare the district's type five engines for the upcoming wildland fire season and refinement of the standard type one engine inventory.

QA/CQI: Firefighter Jeff Rhodes audited 142 National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) incident reports.

Hose Testing: Annual hose testing completed for all apparatus and reserve hose.

Wildland Season Preparation: LT Meek developed pre- and post-deployment checklists for members mobilizing for in state and interstate mutual aid for wildland fires. New basic life support medical kits were prepared for the district's type five engines.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Fire Code Inspections: During the month the following fire code inspections were completed:

- A shift completed two physical inspections with six of eight May inspections completed. For the year-to-date A shift has completed fifty nine of sixty-four annual inspections (thirty-seven of which are at Camp Casey) for a 92% completion rate.
- B shift completed six physical inspections with six of eight May initial inspections completed. For the year-to-date B Shift has completed twenty two of twenty-nine inspections for an 92% completion rate.
- C shift completed twenty physical inspections with four of eight May inspections completed. For the year-to-date C shift has completed twenty seven of thirty-one annual inspections for an 87%

completion rate. Lieutenant Jim Huff is currently on light duty and continues to improve C shift's completion rate.

Joint Inspections: Lieutenant Porter completed four joint inspections with the Coupeville Building Official.

Fire Protection Systems Tracking: LT Porter met with Tegriss Fire for a presentation on third party tracking and reporting on fire protection systems testing. This system is used in many other jurisdictions and improves compliance with periodic testing requirements.

Training

In-Service Training: May in-service training focused on fundamental skills across a range of disciplines with training in attack line deployment and door entry, rope rescue, wildland fire refresher, leadership, high performance trauma management, fire inspections, Class B foam operations, and ladder rescue. On line training was also provided in leadership, Blue Card incident command (strip malls), and outdoor fireworks displays.

Recruitment: Firefighter Burnett has been doing an excellent job in recruitment and maintaining contact for new volunteers as they move forward through the recruitment process. The district has approximately six new members that will be moving forward with initial training (not counting the members attending the recruit academy).

Fire Academy: Three members who completed the academy along with one member that we share with South Whidbey Fire/EMS. Firefighters completing the academy are certified at the structural firefighter two and hazmat first responder operations levels.

BEFO: Chief Hartin is nearing completion of the course outline for Basic Exterior Fire Operations. This training program is designed meet the needs of the district in providing a quick (60-hour) jump start for members who join the district off-cycle from the fire academy. We will be exploring delivery of this program jointly with the neighboring districts to increase capacity and engage new members more quickly in emergency operations. The district will likely deliver a pilot test of this course within the next several months.

Ladder Rescue Prop: Chiefs Hartin and Helm, assisted by Firefighter Kellison have nearly completed a prop for ladder rescue training adjacent to the pump house at the training center. A key feature of the ladder rescue prop will be to provide the ability to perform ladder rescue training while complying with the Washington Department of Labor and Industries fall protection requirements. This prop was used for in-service training in May.



Qualification & Certification: Lieutenant James Meek recertified as a Blue Card IC.

Facilities

Station 53 Construction: The district has gone out to bid for construction of the new Station 53! A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Station 53 on June 9th. Bids will be received at Carletti Architects office until June 24th and will be opened as soon as possible thereafter at Station 53.

Station 53 Move Out: Work has begun on the Station 53 move-out. Work will continue to accelerate on this project as we finish out the month of June.

Fleet Maintenance

Type One Engines: During the month of May FF/Mech Matros has been continuing to coordinate and manage warranty work and crew concerns as they arise on the new type one Rosenbauer engines. In addition, he has been addressing preventative maintenance services and repairs. He worked with a Cummins warranty tech on "Thor" (Unit 2103) after it started to exhibit misfiring for the on-duty crew. Restricted fuel filters were found to be the reason for the problem. A shelf for airbags was installed on Thor along with additional handles on top of the truck to aid in the transition to the top when members need to access additional equipment. Extra handles were also installed half way down each hose bed cover to aid closing the covers without needing to wrap a hand around the bottom of the cover, limiting the chance of hand injuries. This work will also be done for the remaining two Rosenbauer engines.

Hose Bed Cover Replacement: The hose bed cover for T-54 (Apparatus 0702) finally arrived and was installed.