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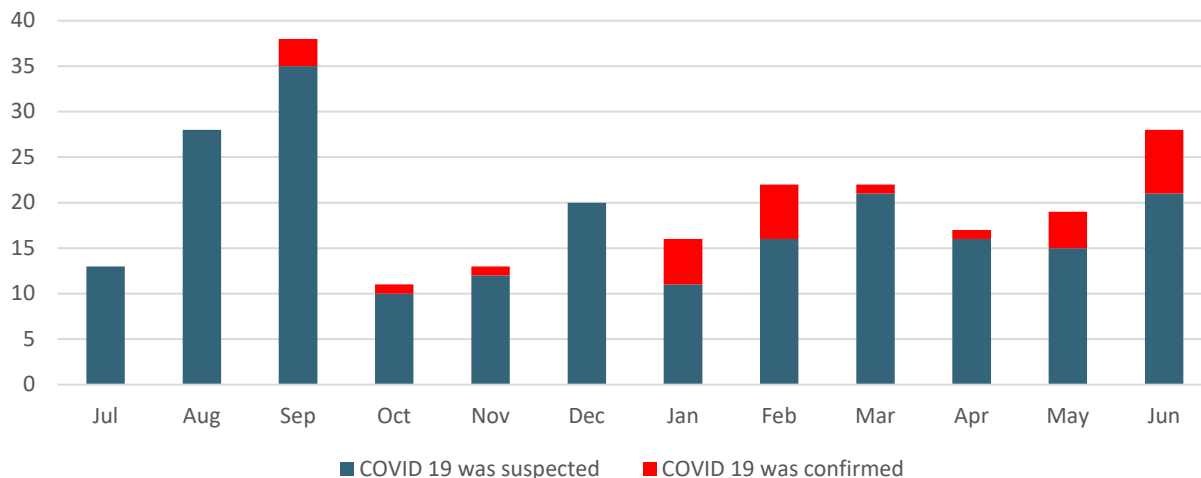
To: Board of Fire Commissioners
From: Chief Ed Hartin/Deputy Chief Jerry Helm
Date: July 14, 2022
Subject: Chief's Report

COVID-19

During the month of June COVID-19 was a factor in 28 incidents (21.00% of the total number of incidents for the month). In May COVID-19 was a factor in 19 incidents (16.00% 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. May saw the highest number of incidents where COVID was a factor as well as the highest percentage of total calls where COVID was a factor since September 2021.

July 2021-June 2022 Responses Where COVID was a Factor



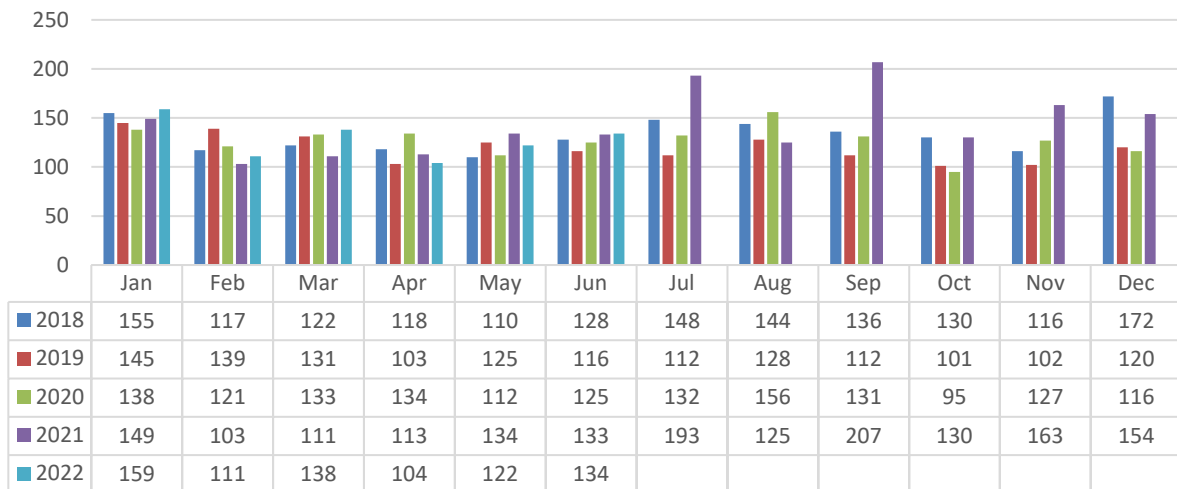
Operational Activity

During the month of June, the district received 134 calls for service as illustrated below. The district had 41 concurrent incidents (simultaneous calls). In 14 instances there was an overlap of three or more incidents.

Frequency By Incident Type

Incident type	Frequency
1 - Fire	3
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	93
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1
5 - Service Call	12
6 - Good Intent Call	14
7 - False Alarm & False Call	11
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	134

Incident Frequency by Month



Administrative Activity

Staffing: Lieutenant Jim Huff will be returning to light duty effective August 2, 2022 and Temporary Full-Time Firefighter Dalton Martin will be leaving district employment to accept a position with Naval Region Northwest Fire and Emergency Services as a full-time firefighter. While the district is sorry to see Dalton leave, we are happy for his continued career success.

Professional Development Division Chief: Division Chief Jim Mirabile, has had a busy month getting up to speed with the district's budget process and completing his first budget narrative and starting development of his 2023 division budget. He has made significant process in EMS reciprocity and we plan to have his application to the state department of public health by the end of the month.

Collective Bargaining: While we reported tentative agreement on a one-year contract last month, the local requested further discussion of seniority. We have had several rounds of discussion and are awaiting a

response from the local on the district's most recent proposal. 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.

Island County Fire Inspections Interlocal Agreement: The chiefs of the fire districts within Island County have continued efforts to revise the existing fire inspections interlocal agreement. Most recently Chief Hartin facilitated a meeting of the chiefs to identify areas of alignment between the districts and potential alignment with the Island County Planning and Community Development Department. Next steps will include further discussion with Planning and Community Development Director Mary Engle.

ICOM: Chief Hartin met with the new ICOM Executive Director Sofia Kohfield to discuss how the district and ICOM can work effectively together. This discussion was extremely positive and identified a number of areas where we can work together in training, implementation of CAD based preplans, and island wide hydrant mapping.

Inter-District Collaboration: The district currently has interlocal agreements with South Whidbey Fire/EMS for information technology services and a co-locate agreement for the district's reserve engine and computer server during construction of the new Station 53. Chief Hartin and SWFE Chief Nick Walsh have been having ongoing communication regarding increased collaboration and cooperation between the districts with planned meetings with the staff of both districts to discuss integrated training and fleet maintenance as a starting point.

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 176 National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) incident reports.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

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

- A shift completed four physical inspections with one of four June inspections completed. For the year-to-date A shift has completed fifty nine of sixty-three annual inspections (thirty-seven of which are at Camp Casey) for a 93% completion rate.
- B shift completed six physical inspections with three of eight June initial inspections completed. For the year-to-date B Shift has completed twenty eight of thirty-seven inspections for an 76% completion rate.
- C shift completed eight physical inspections with three of three June inspections completed. For the year-to-date C shift has completed twenty seven of thirty-one annual inspections for an 87% completion rate.

Tegris: Lieutenant Porter worked with the Town of Coupeville and Island County Building Officials to implement Tegris, a third-party reporting system for tracking fire protection system inspections and testing within the town and county.

Training

In-Service Training: June in-service training focused on fundamental skills across a range of disciplines with training in ladder rescue, rope rescue, class b foam operations, on-deck and rapid intervention, fireground hydraulics strategic shift, cardiac arrest management, and fog nails, and leadership. On line training was also provided in leadership, hearing protection, and report writing for fire inspectors.

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. Deputy Chief Jerry Helm, Firefighter Justin Burnett and Administrative Assistant/Fiscal Specialist Sonja Lindenstein will be meeting later this month to develop improved systems for tracking and coordinating potential member recruitment and onboarding processes.

Mayday/Strategic Shift Training: The district collaborated with ICOM and South Whidbey Fire/EMS on a mayday and strategic shift simulation, producing an audio recording that has and will be used for training firefighters, fire officers, and dispatchers on emergency communications procedures. This training was extremely realistic (Assistant Chief Jason Allen from Camano Island Fire and Rescue thought this was a real incident).

Qualification & Certification: Firefighter Alex Majestic recertified as a Blue Card IC.

Facilities

Station 53 Construction: Bids were received for construction of the new station 53 from HB Hansen, Valdez Construction, and Tiger Construction. Tiger Construction was the low bid at \$7,175,000. Valdez Construction filed a bid protest which was reviewed by the district's attorney and found to be unfounded. A resolution will be presented to the board at their regular meeting on July 14, 2022 with a recommendation to accept the bid from Tiger Construction.

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 July. The move will be finalized as soon as the dates are finalized for demolition and construction.

Station Maintenance: Lieutenant Jim Huff reports the following Station maintenance for the month of June: cleaned gutters, remounted the radio antenna, relocated the power/air hose for E54, and repaired women's toilet at station 54. Relocated the power/air hose for E51

Grounds Maintenance: New weed trimmers, blowers were purchased for each station, lawn tractors were purchased for Stations 53 and 51. The Kubota tractor has been relocated to Station 54. Staff will ask the commissioners to declare the Husqvarna lawn mower surplus to allow its sale.

Fleet Maintenance

Type One Engines: During the month of June FF/Mech Matros has been continuing to coordinate, manage and work with Rosenbauer and Cummins warranty technicians to work through issues and crew concerns as they arise on the new Type I Rosenbauer engines. He has been working closely with Cummins motors on a possible

fuel system issue that has affected two of the three Rosenbauer engines. Additional shelving units are being installed on the Rosenbauer trucks as FF Kellison completes the fabrication of them.

Preventative Maintenance: Scheduled preventative maintenance, plumbing, electrical, and manufacturer recall work was performed on Unit 2002 (B-53). Unit 1101 (Toyota Matrix) received new tire's, rear brakes and calipers. Work was completed on Unit 1402 (Chevy Tahoe) resultant of the county fuel pump issues