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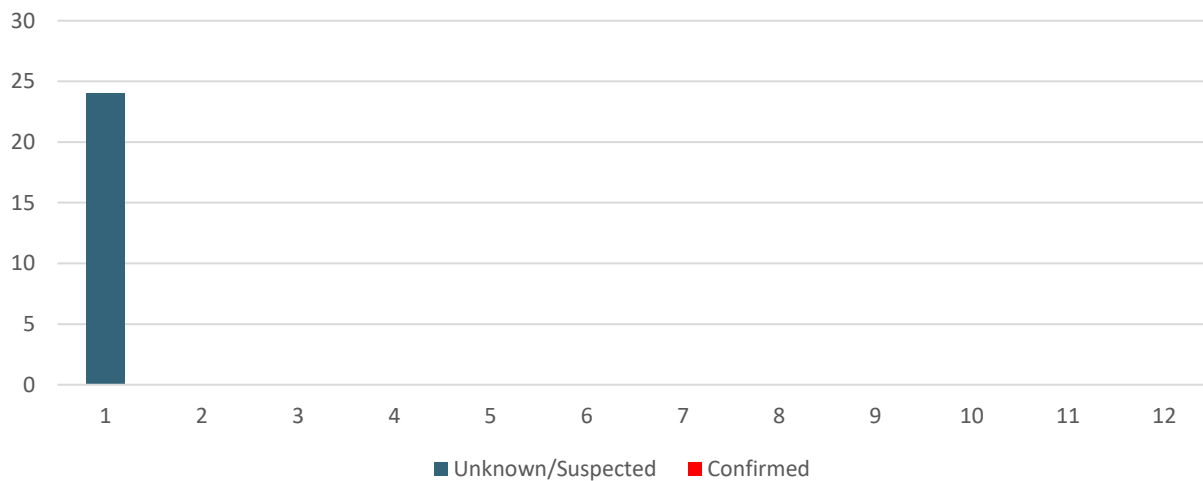
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To: Board of Fire Commissioners
From: Acting Fire Chief Jerry Helm
Date: February 9th 2023
Subject: Chief's Report

COVID-19

As illustrated below, COVID-19 has had an ongoing impact on incident operations, but the frequency with which our members encounter it continue to fluctuate through the year. During the month of January, there were 24 incidents where COVID-19 was suspected and 0 with COVID-19 confirmed.

2023 Responses Where COVID was a Factor



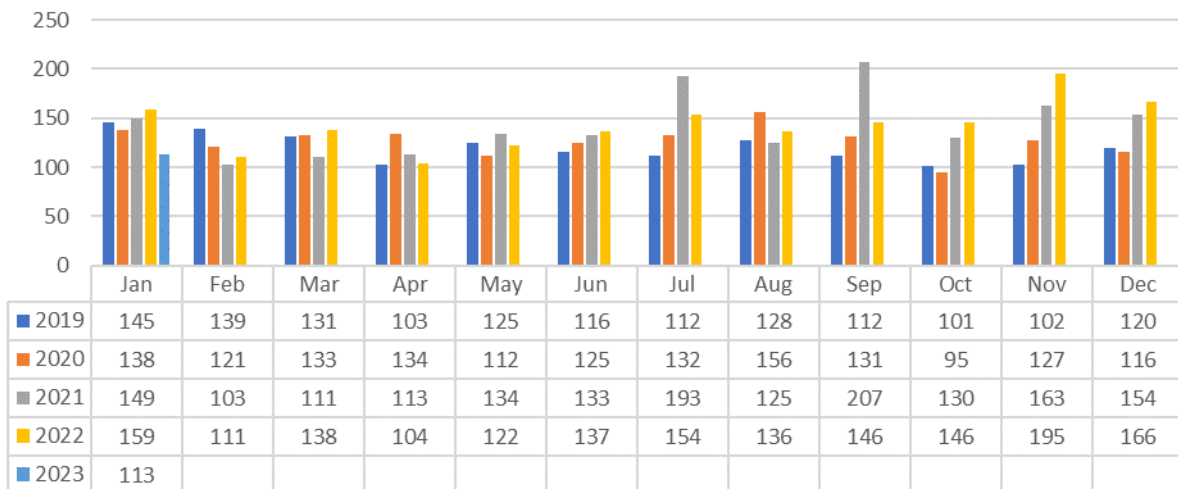
Operational Activity

During the previous month, the district received 113 calls for service as illustrated below. The district had 20 concurrent incidents (simultaneous calls).

Frequency By Incident Type

Incident type	Frequency
1 - Fire	1
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	78
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2
5 - Service Call	12
6 - Good Intent Call	17
7 - False Alarm & False Call	3
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	113

Incident Frequency by Month



Administrative Activity

LTGO Bond: All closing documents were signed and funds from the LTGO Bond have been deposited into our account at the county.

Other: Chief Helm attended the January Coupeville Chamber of commerce meeting and have completed work on the Video messaging for the work being done by Liz Loomis.

BLS Contract: Chief Helm met with EMS Director Chris Tumblin and scheduled the first meeting to discuss the BLS contract as there was an opener in 2023 for wages and budgetary impacts. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday February 13th so long as the board authorizes me to engage in this activity in the proceeding Motion that is put on the table.

Station 53 Construction Project

Foundation: The remaining portions of the building foundation are poured with walls quickly being erected.

Electricity: CWIFR has contracted Harmsen Surveyors to begin work on surveying the power poles and right of way needed to install three phase power to the station. More to follow on this as talks and negotiations with Tiger Construction are ongoing related to this item.

Operations

Asset Management:

The shifts are collaborating to complete asset management for the organization. Multiple stations and apparatus have been inventoried for capital and small and attractive assets and documentation of the small and attractive assets and capital assets is underway.

Apparatus Inventory:

Chief Mirabile has been engaging with volunteers on training nights to conduct an assessment of our apparatus' inventory and compare that to the standard inventory carried on our apparatus. The OPS division is in the process of rectifying any discrepancies found during this process.

Special OPS:

IMS continues work on our Lifeproof marine unit. FF Kellison, Stern, and Dotson traveled down IMS to check on the build and to bring equipment from the old Safeboat for installation.

In rope rescue news, the Aztec, a preassembled mechanical advantage system, and SKED, a patient packaging device, were added to E53's inventory for utilization on rope rescue incidents.

PPE/Respiratory Protection:

The compressor at Station 54 was repaired and air sampled.

Recruits for the upcoming fire academy have been issued PPE.

At Station 51, gear racks were assembled and installed for the crews.

Reports:

FF Rhodes has conducted reviews of 112 NFIRS reports for the month of January.

Community Risk Reduction

Inspections:

- A shift completed 5/6 initial inspections for January – 83% completion
- B shift completed 0/4 initial inspections for January – 0% completion
- C shift completed 1/6 initial inspections for January – 16% completion

2022 year-end Inspection report:

- A shift completed 89/90 annual inspections in 2022 – 98.9% complete
- B shift completed 56/64 annual inspections in 2022 – 87.5% complete
- C shift completed 46/55 annual inspections in 2022 – 83.6% complete

CRR Programs and other activity:

- Received three inquiries for car seat checks/questions
- Assisted syncing eight wireless smoke alarms at 707 NE Gould
- Two requests for final system approval inspections conduction by LT Porter
- Work continues on 109 Salmon Fire investigation report- analysis to be completed after testing final hypothesis regarding potential cause

Collaboration: LT Porter continues to schedule monthly meetings with Town of Coupeville Building Official Scott Austin and Island County Building Official Tamra Patterson.

Professional Development

Recruitment:

Firefighter Burnett, Administrative Assistant Lindenstien, and Div. Chief Mirabile have collaboratively worked to prepare five volunteers for the fire academy which began on February 6th. The Professional Development Divisions for CWIFR and SWFE have coordinated the planning for the 2023 Fire Academy. The total number of students, including NWFR, are around 30.

CWIFR successfully ran a part-time firefighter process. One new part-time firefighter will begin on February 15th. This position will alleviate some of the current staffing stress. [However, as evidenced by the number of applicants and participants, this is not a sustainable resource.]

The Professional Development Division has successfully prepared the necessary information required by the recruitment consultant for the Fire Chief recruitment process. That process is well underway.

New and incumbent members continue to regularly attend In-Service training each week. The future challenges associated with Professional Development, and the district in general, will be retaining the quality volunteers that we've attracted.

In-Service Training:

January in-service training included refining skills across a range of disciplines involving training in rope rescue with patient packaging, firefighter survival, EMS: pharmacology, on-line L&I asbestos training, and fireground hydraulics (relay pumping). These topics demonstrate the vast scope of modern fire and rescue service delivery.

Collaboration:

SWFE and CWIFR continue to explore methods to collaborate between the two organizations in creative ways. These discussions are ongoing as we collectively seek ways to create efficiencies for both organizations.

Other:

January included after action reviews (on-line information sharing events) from the two fires at the end of December. This information will culminate in a document (per fire) that can be shared so that members from all fire agencies involved may learn from the positive aspects, and the challenges.

Facilities

Replace bay heaters at Station 51:

WH Maintenance did not get back to us about installing the heaters, so we installed them ourselves.

Station 51 PPE / Gear racks:

FF Lloyd received and assembled the gear racks for Station 51 with assistance from FF Kellison.

Station 54 training area water supply:

Repaired cracked pipe on 54's hydrant system. Cold weather froze the PVC pipe causing a crack. System will remain drained until March out of caution of another cold snap.

Station 54 women's restroom toilet:

Removed leaking women's toilet at station 54 and found a crack in the bottom of the bowl. This toilet was replaced in August. We will call Kohler regarding possible warranty coverage.

Fleet Maintenance

FF/Mech Matros was able to complete P.M. maintenance on Units 1101, 9501, and 2101. Annual NFPA pump testing was completed by Fire Service Repair with the exception of T-51 (Unit 0603). This apparatus developed a fuel leak on the morning of pump testing and is currently out of service waiting for parts and repair. FF/Mech Matros also coordinated and assisted Rosenbauer's warranty service tech with repairs covered under warranty. We will continue a running list failures and coordinating with Rosenbauer on warranty items that come up while the trucks are still covered under the factory warranty.