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To: Board of Fire Commissioners

From: Acting Fire Chief Jerry Helm

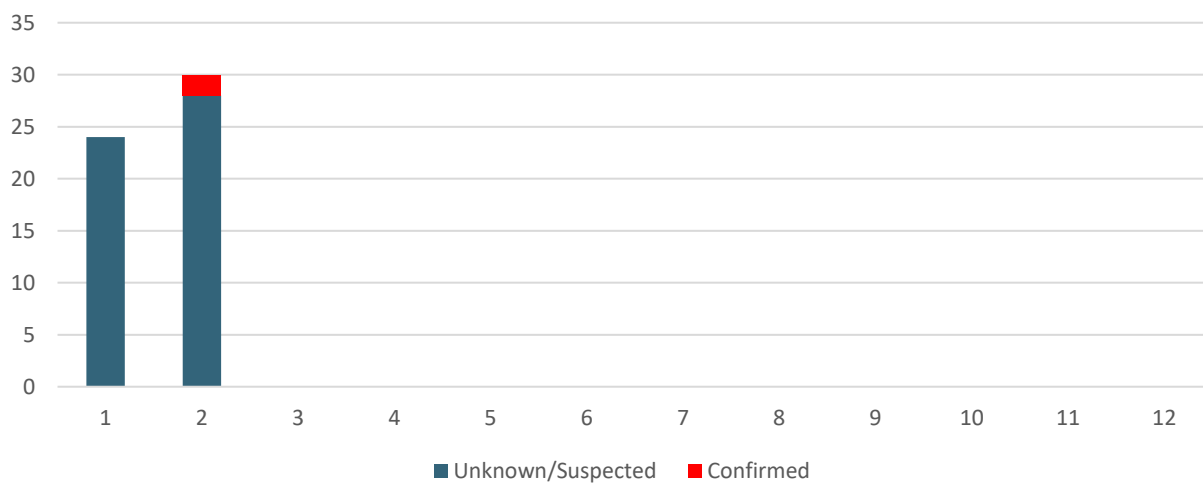
Date: March 9th 2023

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 28 incidents where COVID-19 was unknown/suspected and 2 with COVID-19 confirmed.

2023 Responses Where COVID was a Factor



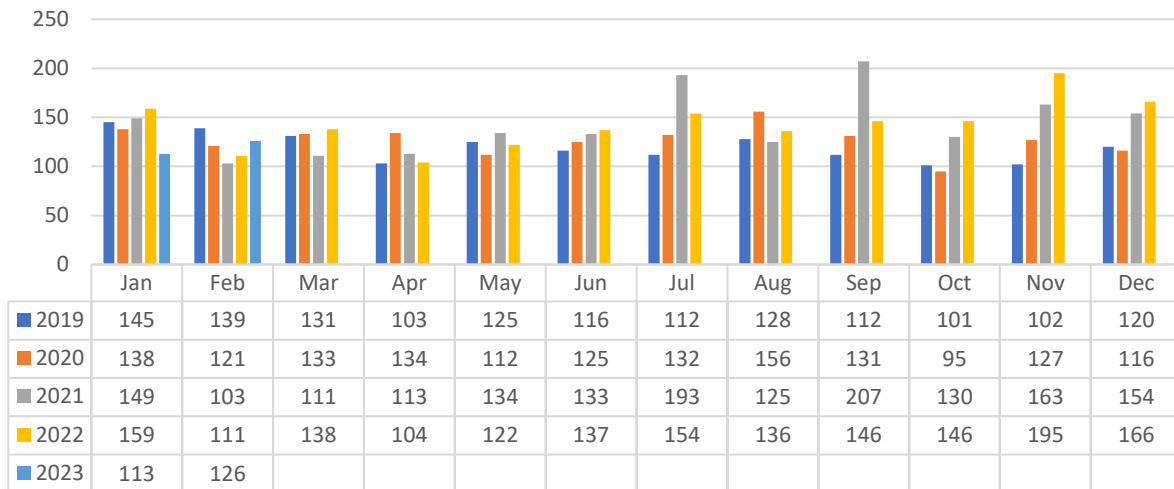
Operational Activity

During the previous month, the district received 126 calls for service as illustrated below. The district had 48 concurrent incidents, impacting 38% of total incidences.

Frequency By Incident Type

Incident type	Frequency
1 - Fire	0
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	81
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3
5 - Service Call	11
6 - Good Intent Call	19
7 - False Alarm & False Call	11
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	126

Incident Frequency by Month



Station 53 Construction Project

Framing: The first floor walls have all been erected and mostly sheeted. Trusses arrived on site in two deliveries on Monday and Tuesday. Existing fiber and power for the tower and tower structure are currently not low enough for finish grade. Working with Comcast, T-Mobile, and ICOM to coordinate their movement so service is not interrupted. I suggest waiting a few weeks for a commissioner walk-through, once open trenches are covered and trusses are secured into place.

Operations

Asset Management:

The shifts are continuing to 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. They are currently ahead of schedule for the completion date of March 31st, 2023.

Apparatus Inventory:

After a month of Chief Mirabile 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 now in the process of rectifying any discrepancies found during this process.

Special OPS:

IMS continues work on our replacement marine unit. Anticipate delivery to conveniently coincide with the Coupeville water festival. Chief Helm has been coordinating with the organizer for what and how we will be involved this year.

Several pulleys used in rope rescue, manufactured by CMC were recalled. FF Kellison is handling this. Rope rescue operations are still in-service for the district despite the recall.

PPE/Respiratory Protection:

More PPE issued to new recruits.

Cleaned and re-inventoried returned gear and continued organizing and checking inventory for accuracy. Yearly SCBA flow tests conducted 2/27-2/28.

Reports:

FF Rhodes conducted a review of 122+ NFIRS/EMS reports.

Radio/Pagers:

New mobile radio was ordered for the new Marine 5. Still waiting to hear on AFG grant for completion of the radio replacement project scheduled to be completed this year.

Medical Supplies and CPR

FF Majestic taught a CPR class on Feb. 25.

Community Risk Reduction

Monthly Inspections:

- A shift completed 0/38 initial inspections for February. (0% complete)
- B shift completed 3/3 initial inspections for February. (100% complete)
- C shift completed 0/8 initial inspections for February. (0% complete)

Percent of assigned inspections done to date:

- A shift 11% Jan-Feb inspections completed (5/44)
- B shift 57% Jan-Feb inspections completed (4/7)
- C shift 0% Jan-Feb inspections completed (0/14)

CRR Programs and other activity:

- Scheduled one car seat check
- 2 visits to assist with smoke alarms
- 4 home safety surveys
- 1 Home Safety survey conducted
- 1 Home Safety survey completed
- Work still continues on the 109 Salmon Fire investigation report- Lt. Porter hopes to have this completed after testing final hypothesis regarding origin.

Collaboration: LT Porter continues to schedule monthly meetings with Town of Coupeville Building Official Scott Austin and Island County Building Official Tamra Patterson. Lt Porter is collaborating with Oak Harbor Fire Investigators to conduct testing with foam and portable heaters for the Salmon Investigation.

Professional Development

Recruitment:

The Professional Development Divisions for CWIFR, SWFE, and NWFR have coordinated the planning for the 2023 Fire Academy. The total number of students is at 21. CWIFR has four students in the class.

One new part-time firefighter successfully completed orientation and will begin shift-work on March 3rd. 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. The advertisement is officially out and review of applications will begin on March 31st.

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:

February in-service training included refining skills across a range of disciplines involving training in ladder deployment, vehicle rescue, EMS: trauma patient assessment, on-line L&I hearing loss prevention, on-line L&I environmental concerns (Hot and Cold), and several make-up days from January training. 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. Currently, this involves EMS training classes such as Supraglottic Airway credential.

Other:

The Professional Development Division, thanks to FF Travis Dotson, is completing two "lessons learned" documents (one per fire from December) that can be shared so that members from all fire agencies involved may learn from the positive aspects, and the challenges.

Facilities

Station 51

Downspout:

C-Shift reinstalled the broken downspout at Station 51.

Bay door:

A quote was received to replace the broken bay door at Station 51. The door is currently functional. However, it is still technically broken and a replacement is the long-term solution. The quote is for \$13,665.28.

CWIFR Scissor Lift:

Batteries replaced in the newly acquired scissor lift housed at Station 51.

Station 54***Training area water supply:***

Reminder: System will remain drained until March out of caution of another cold snap.

Station 54 women's restroom toilet:

The malfunctioning toilet has been replaced under warranty by Kohler. It has arrived at Station 54, but has not been installed yet.

Fleet Maintenance***Maintenance Challenges:***

During the month of February FF/Mech Matros was busy coordinating, scheduling, and working with Rosenbauer's warranty technician on warranty repairs as they arose on the three trucks. This will be a continuing process as parts are still slow to arrive. One of CWIFR's water tenders has been out of service all month due to a fuel line that developed a leak during pump testing. The fuel line finally arrived at the end of the month and FF/Mech Matros will be installing it and performing its annual NFPA 1911 inspection and service before putting it back in service.

Apparatus Items / Repairs:

- *Unit 2102* (Engine 54) Officer's Window. Window wouldn't roll up due to faulty relay; Warranty covered repair.
- *Unit 1501* (505) MDC / Air Gain Antenna – Corrected wiring to ignition positive installation for better connectivity.
 - Lower front bumper valance repaired
 - Preventive Maintenance performed
- *Unit 2103* (Engine 53) Driver's seat switch – Seat switch failed – Seat manufacture covered switch under warranty. Modified bracket that switch mounts to so that switch sits further back and it is out of the way of turnout gear. Other Engines will be adjusted similarly.
- *Unit 2002* (Brush 53) Low water cut-off switch; Switch failed from hard water deposits. Replaced fire pump low water pressure cut-off switch.
- *Unit 1201* (Rescue 53) Not Charging; Report of vehicle not charging. After diagnosis, the vehicle is charging and working properly per manufacturer specifications for the diesel option.