

Station 53 Construction Project

We are working through minor warranty work. Mascot installed the lube oil system in the maintenance bay, minor electrical work in bays, and new lockers in the bunk rooms.

Other Administrative work

Chief Helm attended the Island County Fire Chiefs, EMS council, and ICOM Fire Tac meetings. Chief Helm completed and submitted our EMAC reimbursement paperwork. Collaborated with Skagit 911 and ICOM to implement our new portable radios. Chief Helm met with South Whidbey regarding collaboration efforts. Chief Helm met with Island County Building Official and new inspector for collaboration on occupancy inspections. As a heads up, we still have not received our annual second half of the year payment for 2024 from Whidbey Health hospital for the joint BLS contract. This \$180,000 payment happens twice a year and is billed out in May and November. We have reached out to Whidbey Health multiple times and now have included the EMS director in the discussions. These funds are for staffing the BLS ambulance for Whidbey Health. The three employees that we intend to hire are waiting for a start date (originally planned for July of this year), but we need the payment from Whidbey Health to proceed. We have been told again that its "in for processing."

Training & Development

Administrative

We are pleased to welcome John Lloyd as our new Battalion Chief of Training.

Recruitment

The volunteer committee continues its work on revising the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) for volunteers. Firefighter Travis Dotson has made significant contributions to this effort. Additionally, Cathy, Sonja, Justin, Travis, John, James, Jerry are refining the volunteer orientation process to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.

In-Service Training

In-service training for January included:

- I-gel practical exercises: Special thanks to Josh Vigorel-Baker for evaluating our personnel.
- NIOSH incident review
- Mayday refresher training
- Hoseline and ladder deployments at the training tower, incorporating search techniques.

Collaboration

The 2025 Island County Fire Academy is underway, with recruits progressing significantly. Firefighter John Lloyd has been actively assisting SWFE with training coordination. Last weekend, recruits participated in their first live-fire exercise, focusing on vehicle fires.

Operations

CWIFR has been preparing essential documentation for the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) evaluation, which occurs every five years. The assessment covers the following areas:

- Fire Department Information: Personnel roster, apparatus inventory, response zones, training, structure fire history, pre-fire plans, and equipment testing.
- Water Department Information: System capacities, hydrant testing, and inspection.
- Building Department Information

- Fire Marshal Information: Staff certifications, training, inspection programs, fire protection systems, education initiatives, and investigation procedures.

The requested materials were submitted on March 10th, and a site visit is scheduled for April 9th. Special thanks to Lt. Jen Porter, Lt. Jim Huff, and Firefighter Justin Burnett for their assistance in compiling this information.

Additionally:

- Apparatus 2501 (A503) was placed into service in late February.
- Battalion Chief Lloyd and I will meet with Jessy Hillier's high school class on March 27th to discuss career pathways in the fire service.
- Congratulations to Travis Dotson on earning his Fire Officer I certification!

Events

- 2/12 – "Stop the Bleed" training at Sno-Isle Library (Coupeville), instructed by Rachel Stern and myself.
- 2/28 – C Shift conducted stair chair refresher training for the Island County Prosecutor's Office.
- 3/22 – Dr. Zeveruah's memorial service at Wallin-Stuckey Funeral Home.
- 3/8–3/9 – MusselFest.
- 3/15 – Central Whidbey Little League coaches training.
- 4/19 – Earth Day at Camp Casey (medical standby).

Significant Incidents

- 2/09 – Motor vehicle accident (MVA): vehicle into a tree, resulting in a vehicle fire.
- 2/02 – Vehicle vs. pedestrian collision.

Special Operations

- A water rescue mannequin will be purchased in March to support marine training.

PPE/Respiratory Protection

- ESO data entry is ongoing.
- The inventory of bunker gear was completed at Stations 51 and 54.

Radios/Pagers

- Skagit 911 continues programming new Motorola radios

Medical Supplies & CPR

- Completed a full inventory of medical supplies in ESO.
- Developed a training matrix to streamline inventory updates and ensure accurate stock levels.
- Procured I-gel supraglottic airways for implementation.
- Received the first shipment of NARCAN (Naloxone) from the DOH Naloxone Program.

Reports

- Responded to approximately 150 calls for service in February.
- B Shift conducted Apparatus Operator (AO) training focused on trailering operations.

Facilities

Station 51 – No updates.

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- Fire alarm system underwent annual testing.
- Received and assembled new lockers.

- Island Electric installed outlets for line projectors.
- Received one bid for washroom ducting.
- Inspection completed for dryer and Solo washer electrical systems (awaiting bid).
- Continued coordination with Tiger Construction to address minor issues.
- Mascot installed the lube/oil system at Station 53.

Station 54

- Repaired a flat tire on the Kubota.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Monthly Inspection Progress

- A Shift: 9/9 initial inspections completed.
- B Shift: 5/5 initial inspections completed.
- C Shift: 6/6 initial inspections completed.

Yearly Inspection Progress (Year-to-Date)

- A Shift: 100% (15/15)
- B Shift: 100% (8/8)
- C Shift: 100% (15/15)

Home Safety Surveys & Installations

- Conducted home safety assessments and installed smoke/CO detectors as needed.
- Conducted two home inspections and provided guidance on smoke and CO detector placement and installation.

Additional CRR Activities

- Continued data collection for the WSRB assessment.
- Drafted two Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) related to inspections.
- Logged approximately 8 hours of ESO data entry.

Fleet Maintenance Division

Repair & Maintenance

- Unit 2103 (E-51): Repaired electrical fault in driver's window.
- Unit 2103 (E-51): Completed 250-hour preventive maintenance and annual NFPA 1911 inspection.
- Unit 1101 (Toyota Matrix): Replaced battery.
- Unit 1501 (505): Completed scheduled preventive maintenance service, front brake rotor replacement, and rodent-damaged wiring repairs.