



# Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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To: Board of Fire Commissioners  
From: Chief Ed Hartin  
Date: October 10, 2019  
Subject: Chief's Report

## **Operational Activity**

The District had 101 calls for service in October with 1214 calls year to date. The District experienced 11 instances in which calls were received concurrently for a total of 23 incidents affected.

Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) covered all marine areas for North Whidbey Fire and Rescue during Chief Lemon's memorial service on October 14, 2019.

## **Administrative Activity**

As reported last month, the Station 53 project continues slow progress with Carletti Architects completing Island County's required Site Plan Review and Conditional Use Permit process. We have received word from Island County that we will not need to do a traffic concurrency study in relation to construction of the new Station 53, this was one of the last hurdles to moving forward with the conditional use permit.

Chief Hartin presented on Initial Incident Commander Competence and Effective Exterior Streams at Firehouse Expo in Nashville, TN this week with all expenses paid by Firehouse Magazine. In addition, Chief Hartin participated in a presentation panel discussion on Bond Measures and Bond Ratings along with Mr. Jim Nelson of D.A. Davidson at the 2019 Washington Fire Commissioners Association in October.

Chief Hartin and Deputy Chief Smith have been working with BK2 consultants to improve the quality of data generated in the district's ImageTrend records management system. Considerable progress has been made in cleaning 2016-2018 data and resolving conflicts between the Spillman computer aided dispatch (CAD) system and ImageTrend. In addition BK2 has assisted CWIFR with implementation of the Locations, Occupancies, and Inspections Module within ImageTrend which will improve fire code inspection workflow and documentation starting in 2020.

Firefighter/emergency medical technician Dillon Rogers has notified the district of his intention to retire effective November 30, 2019. This creates a vacancy in the position of full-time firefighter/emergency medical technician.

Firefighter/emergency medical technician Jeff Rhodes has been hired as to fill a full time position effective October 1. Firefighter/emergency medical technician Ryan Smith has been hired to fill a full-time position effective on December 1, 2019. Firefighter/emergency medical technician John Lloyd has been hired to fill a full-time position effective on January 1, 2019.

## Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

**Fire & Life Safety Inspections:** Considerable progress has been made in reducing the inspection backlog on each shift, but continued work will be needed to ensure completion of annual inspections by the end of 2019.

Shift	Inspections Complete (Past Month)	Inspection Backlog (Prior Months)
A	3 of 3	19
B	6 of 6	12
C	5 of 5	37

LT Jen Porter is working with the Town of Coupeville Building Official to bring the Oystercatcher, Cambey, and Tye hood systems into compliance.

**Hydrant Inspections and Flow Testing:** 31 hydrant flow tests were completed in September. Efforts continue to schedule inspections for all other water systems in the District that have hydrants (total of 17 systems). The manager of the Admirals Cove and Lagoon Point Water Districts systems has indicated that he does not want us to flow test hydrants on their systems. Chief Hartin reached out to the Water District's Boards of Water Commissioners to discuss the operational and fire insurance rating implications of failing to inspect and flow test hydrants on a regular basis, but has not received a response as of today.

**Home Safety Surveys:** Lt Marv Raavel coordinated and set up appointments for all residents who requested help in the Olympic View Mobile Park Community. Some residents are purchasing hardwired alarms and will receive a follow up visit.

- # of 10 year alarms installed: 16
- # of 9 V batteries changed: 22
- # of AA batteries changed: 6
- # of homes reached: 18

**Public Education:** All shifts and FF Chris Harris conducted fire safety presentation at the elementary school for Fire Safety Week (October 7-11). The theme was "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape." This year we focused on Kindergartners and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders due to limited staffing.

**Other Community Outreach:** The District participated in the Coupeville Homecoming Parade on October 8<sup>th</sup>, Girl Scouts emergency preparedness event on October 5<sup>th</sup>, Coupeville 101 on October 15<sup>th</sup>, the haunted Fort Casey event on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, and the Halloween Fall Festival at Living Hope Church on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to DC Smith, LT Porter, FF/EMT Slothower, Support Services Volunteer Chuck Hathaway, LT Moore, LT Raavel, FF Kellison, FF Barrett, and FF/EMT Andrews for assisting with these outreach events.

## Training

Training during the month of September included Blue Card Mayday simulations, marine rescue, ladder rescue, apparatus operator training/class B foam, pediatric patient assessment, and infectious diseases.

Captain Helm conducted the recruitment process to develop a pool of qualified candidates for Full-Time and Part-Time Firefighter positions. This process involved 12 candidates and resulted in a pool of four qualified

candidates for full-time firefighter/emergency medical technician and four qualified candidates for part-time firefighter/emergency medical technician.

**Facilities**

Water testing was conducted at Station 53 with results provided to Island County and the Washington Department of Health.

**Fleet Maintenance**

During the month of August, Firefighter/ Mechanic Mike Matros continued a major effort into catching up with completion of annual National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1911 inspections and preventative maintenance.