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To: Board of Fire Commissioners
From: Chief Ed Hartin
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Subject: Chief's Report

COVID-19

Planning, operations, and logistics related to the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the district. Multiple potential or confirmed COVID-19 patients have been transported by district personnel in conjunction with WhidbeyHealth EMS over the last month. In addition, district staff have risen to the occasion in meeting the logistical challenges presented by increased use of personal protective equipment and decontamination supplies.

Chief Hartin has been serving as the Emergency Support Function 4 – Fire and EMS lead with the Island County Emergency Coordination Center and public health Incident Management Team.

Operational Activity

During the month of March, the district received 128 calls for service as illustrated below. The District experienced 26 instances in which calls were received concurrently for a total of 59 incidents affected, six instances involved three or more concurrent calls.

Incident type	2019
1 - Fire	2
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	88
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	8
5 - Service Call	23
6 - Good Intent Call	6
7 - False Alarm & False Call	5
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	128

Administrative Activity

Chief Hartin continued development of an emergency medical services coordinated quality improvement (CQI) program to meet the requirements of *Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-50-020 Coordinated Quality*

Improvement Program. This work is closely aligned with development of the patient care documentation handbook, patient care documentation training, and revision of the districts' electronic patient care report form.

Operations

LT James Meek, Firefighter/EMTs Alex Majestic and Jeff Rhodes, and Chiefs Hartin and Smith continued development of a Patient Care Documentation Handbook (adapted from a document provided by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue) to improve documentation and emergency medical services data quality. Current work is focused on revisions to the district's electronic patient care report to streamline documentation and improve data quality. Chief Hartin has been assisting with this project by developing a training program focused on the narrative component of patient care reports.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Fire & Life Safety Inspections: The district did no fire & life safety inspections in the month of March due to restrictions on public activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Home Safety Surveys & Smoke Alarm Installation: The district did no home safety surveys or smoke alarm installations in the month of March due to restrictions on public activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The district continues to offer smoke alarm installation to homes that do not have working smoke alarms despite pandemic precautions.

Training

In-Service Training: In-service training during the month of march was focused solely on pandemic response procedures and all large group training has been postponed.

Facilities

Perk testing was completed at Station 53 and design of the septic system for the new building is underway.

Fleet Maintenance

The district receive two new Type 5 Engines and work is underway to mount equipment and place these units in service.

