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

COVID-19

COVID-19 has had a diminished impact on district operations over the last month. The Island County Incident Management Team (IMT) has reduced meeting to once weekly and conditions within the county have remained unchanged with no new confirmed cases and one additional fatality (Camano Island) within the last month. As the county has moved to Phase 2 of reopening, we have reopened the district office and begun to increase training activity between stations. I anticipate that the county will move to Phase 3 within the month of June and we will be able to return to normal multi-station training activity and potentially public meetings and public facility use (pending clarifying information from Governor Inslee's office).

Operational Activity

During the month of May, the district received 111 calls for service as illustrated below. The District experienced 16 instances in which calls were received concurrently for a total of 34 incidents affected, two instances involved three or more concurrent calls.

Incident type	May
1 - Fire	5
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	59
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1
5 - Service Call	17
6 - Good Intent Call	9
7 - False Alarm & False Call	20
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	111

Administrative Activity

WhidbeyHealth Interlocal Agreement: Chief Hartin reached tentative agreement with EMS Director Roger Myers of WhidbeyHealth to continue the interlocal agreement for staffing of a basic life support ambulance.

This agreement is dependent on approval of the WhidbeyHealth CEO Ron Telles and the Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners.

HIPAA Standard Operating Guideline (SOG): Chief Hartin completed the SOG addressing security of protected health information as required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Operations

Coordinated Quality Improvement (CQI): A draft of the new ePCR form was completed and is currently under review. In addition, Chief Hartin completed the SOG defining the district's CQI program in accordance with guidance by the Washington Department of Health (DOH). This program will be submitted to the DOH in June for review and approval.

Structural Firefighting SOGs: Chief Hartin completed a draft of a comprehensive standard operating guideline on structural firefighting search and rescue operations. This SOG will provide tactical and task level guidance for district members in these critical fireground activities and is currently undergoing internal review by Deputy Chief Smith and Captain Helm.

Medical Program Director: Dr. Paul Zaveruha has retired as the Island County Medical Program Director (MPD) and Dr. Krystal Baciak has been selected as the new MPD.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Fire & Life Safety Inspections: The district did no fire & life safety inspections in the month of May due to restrictions on public activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Work continues to develop a plan to resume fire & life safety inspections later in the year with inspections focused on higher hazard occupancies and use of a self-inspect program for lower hazard occupancies.

Home Safety Surveys & Smoke Alarm Installation: A shift assisted community residents with installation of five hardwired smoke alarms.

Hydrant Inspection and Testing: LT Vrable is continuing the process of reconciling the last five years of test data to identify gaps that need to be addressed in anticipation of re-rating by the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau later this year. A plan has been implemented to complete required hydrant inspections during the month of June (prior to resumption of fire code inspections).

Training

In-Service Training: In-service training during the month of May focused on pandemic response procedures and the new Type 5 (Brush) Engines, portable tank deployment and drafting operations, attack line deployment, and self-contained breathing apparatus. Members also continued working through assignments to improve the quality of patient care narrative.

Facilities

Surplus: The vehicle lift, portable pump and tank, and old boat seats were successfully auctioned off by sealed bid. Thanks to LT Derik Vrable for his work on this.

Fleet Maintenance

Type 5 Engines: Both new Type 5 Engines have been placed in service. Kudos to Firefighter/Mechanic Mike Matros, LT James Meek, and CAPT Jerry Helm for their work on this project.

Type 1 Engines: Work has begun on construction of the three new Type 1 Engines and we anticipate a chassis inspection within the next six to eight weeks.