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

COVID-19

During the month of November, COVID-19 was a factor in 20 incidents (16.53% of the total number of incidents for the month). This is an increase from October in which COVID-19 was a factor in 18 incidents (18.95% of the total number of incidents for the month). This data is reported by CWIFR members based on patient symptoms or presence of others who are symptomatic and is not based on confirmation that the patient or others involved in the incident were confirmed to have COVID-19. CWIFR continues to be alert to the prevalence of this disease in the community and continues work practices to minimize risk to our members and the community.

Operational Activity

During the month of November, the district received 127 calls for service as illustrated below. The district experienced 22 instances in which calls were received concurrently for a total of 29 incidents affected, two instances involved three or more concurrent calls.

Incident type	Number of Calls
1 - Fire	7
2 - Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	0
3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	79
4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2
5 - Service Call	21
6 - Good Intent Call	10
7 - False Alarm & False Call	8
8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	0
9 - Special Incident Type	0
Total	127

Administrative Activity

Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB): The district provided the additional information requested by WSRB and is awaiting an update on the fire insurance ratings for the Town of Coupeville and unincorporated areas of Island County within the district.

New District Website: We are closer to completion! Work continues with the web designers at First Arriving for development of the new website. Areas of emphasis with this new website are improved transparency and ease of use. Pages completed to this point look great with a clean design and simple user interface.

Operations

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Evaluation: An interlocal agreement for joint purchase with the City of Oak Harbor is being presented to the board at their regular December meeting along with a purchase order to SeaWestern fire equipment. Evaluation of joint purchase options showed purchase off Oak Harbor's recent bid to be the best value for the district.

Lucas Chest Compression System: Dr. Krystal Baciak agreed to include the Lucas chest compression system in revisions to the protocol and a pilot project conducted by CWIFR. Total cost of purchase is \$19,800. Captain Jerry Helm and Chief Hartin have developed a Go Fund Me campaign as the first element in a three-pronged approach to fund the purchase of the Lucas machine. This campaign will allow members of the community to contribute to this project directly.



The second component of funding for this project will be one or more grants. Multiple grant sources have been identified and will be pursued as they open for new projects. The third component of funding will be to include this project in the 2020 revision to the capital project plan.

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Fire & Life Safety Inspections: Physical inspections of higher hazard occupancies have resumed with a total of 22 inspections completed in November (A Shift-seven inspections, B Shift-one inspection, and C Shift-14).

Due to worsening of the COVID-19 pandemic, physical inspections have again been suspended (likely into 2021). LT Porter has identified inspections that should be prioritized when physical inspection can resume.

Home Safety Surveys/Smoke Alarm: One home safety survey was completed with hardwired smoke alarms (purchased by the home owner) installed.

Santamobile: New public education banners were produced by Humphrey Signs of Oak Harbor and installed on the Santamobile along with the usual decoration.

Training

In-Service Training: Training during the month of November included search and rescue, water rescue launch and recovery operations, spinal immobilization, emergency vehicle incident prevention, personal protective inspections and fit testing.

Island County Recruit Academy: CWIFR has five students in the upcoming recruit academy.

EMT Class: Captain Helm assisted South Whidbey Fire/EMS Deputy Chief Wendy Moffatt with Whidbey Island EMT Academy practical skills evaluations.

Part-Time Firefighter Recruitment: No candidates participated in the part-time recruitment. This process will be re-opened for additional recruitment.

Volunteer Recruitment: Three applications were received in November.

Facilities

Station 53 Construction: The district has finally received a conditional use permit from Island County for construction of the new Station 53!

Preventative Maintenance: Work benches were installed at Stations 51 and 54 and the flag pole light and hydrant were repaired at Station 54.

Fleet Maintenance

Preventative Maintenance and Repair: During the month of November Firefighter/Mechanic Matros performed limited repairs and preventive maintenance to the fleet due to vacation and holiday. The most notable repair was replacing a failed primer motor on 9602 (E-54). He has also been working with and continuing coordination with Mallory Fire on the work being performed on the brush units.

Type Five/Six Engines: Firefighter/Mechanic Matros has been coordinating warranty repair of the new type five engines with Mallory Fire (one complete, one currently being repaired).