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Report to the Commissioners 01/10/13

Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue (CWIFR) finished 2012 with a 5.33% increase in emergency response activity over 2011 with just over 1000 calls for service.

Emergency Response Activity

	December		2012	
	Total	%	Total	%
Fire	1	1.18%	23	2.28%
Overpressure, Rupture, Explosion, Overheat-No Fire	0	0.00%	3	0.30%
Rescue & EMS	63	74.12%	631	62.66%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	7.06%	50	4.97%
Service Call	2	2.35%	43	4.27%
Good Intent (Canceled En-Route, Mistaken Alarm)	6	7.06%	147	14.60%
False Alarm/False Call	6	7.06%	88	8.74%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	1	1.18%	22	2.18%
Special Incident Type	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total Incidents	85		1007	

During the month of December, CWIFR experienced 7 instances in which multiple calls for service were received concurrently (total of fifteen incidents). As in most months, a majority of the concurrent incidents involved medical calls.

In 65.07% of EMS Incidents, CWIFR arrived prior to Whidbey General Hospital EMS.

Recruitment

We have completed the Part-Time Firefighter recruitment with all new members successfully completing medical physicals, drug screen, and psychological assessment. Firefighter Jeff Rhodes has begun work on A Shift and will be attending orientation training with Firefighters Troy Cook, Anthony McNair, Chris Lytle, and David Bond January 22-25.

Training

Throughout the month of December, CWIFR members participated in a wide range of fire training sessions, including:

- A classroom tactical discussion with small group exercises
- A walk through and tactical discussion at the new Island Transit facility, and Camp Casey.

EMT (Firefighter Recruit) Holly Slothower completed all requirements for qualification as a Light Apparatus Operator

In emergency medical training CWIFR members participated in the following training activities:

- Cardiac arrest management training
- Pharmacology training delivered by Paramedic Nick Runions from Whidbey General Hospital
- Practical skills for Upper Body Trauma

Chief Michael has been working with the Island County Training Officers to finalize a budget for the 2013 Island Fire Academy. The Island County Training Officers finalized the proposed budget in December, and Chief Michael presented the proposed budget to the Island County Fire Chiefs on December 20th.

The following volunteer members that will be attending the 2013 Island Fire Academy , and staff has been working with each of them to ensure that all requirements are met prior to attending the upcoming academy.

- EMT Holly Slothower
- EMT Scott Johnson (new member who has just completed EMT certification)
- EMT Keith Andrews (new member who has just completed EMT certification)

CWIFR staff has also been working to ensure that two individuals are ready for the 2013 EMT class which begins in mid-January. One is a current member of our organization, and the other is a new member to our department.

- Firefighter Kyle Jacobsen
- John Lloyd (new member)

Community Risk Reduction/Community Engagement

CWIFR received a donation of \$1,000 from Gary and Diane West/West Family Foundation. This donation will be used to purchase combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors for community members in need.

CWIFR successfully completed the 2012 Santamobile with rave reviews. Compliments were received from a wide range of community groups and individual citizens throughout the community.

Shift Activity

A Shift reports the following activity:

- 12 hours in-service training completed. Training included light apparatus operator, upper body trauma, sepsis, and endocrine emergencies, and a walk through of the new Island Transit facility.
- 1 Hydrant flow tested and labeled.
- Configured Engine 512 as the Santamobile

B Shift reports the following activity:

- 3 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on EMS ongoing training and evaluation.
- Completed 2 hours of physical training
- 4 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (4 hours of inspection activity)
- Oil change for C500 and maintenance on Marine 5.
- Personal protective equipment fitting and SCBA fit tests for new Part-Time Firefighters

C Shift reports the following activity:

- 11 hours in-service training completed. Training focused on Heavy Apparatus Operator skills, long handlines, and EMS on-line.
- Completed 2 hours of physical training
- 11 Fire & Life Safety Inspections (4 hours of inspection activity)
- Obtained quotes for water heater replacement at Station 54.

Maintenance

Apparatus Maintenance: CWIFR experienced no apparatus out of service time in the month of December!

Facilities Maintenance: During the month of December, the District advertised the Station 53 training room remodel project. Chief Michael met personally with multiple contractors to conduct a walkthrough of the room. Additionally, Chief Michael also sent out copies of the design plan and scope of work to numerous contractors via e-mail. The District had three responsive bids. Chief Michael has had the opportunity to review each of the bids, and is prepared to make a recommendation to the Board. It is anticipated that the project will begin at the end of January (depending on the time it takes to get an approved permit), and will likely conclude within four weeks after the work begins. The District will be coordinating installation of the floor covering for the space with the contractor.

Administration

The District completed its Accountability Audit conducted by the Washington State Auditor's Office. The on-site component of the audit has been completed. The Auditor indicates that they are backlogged and will schedule the audit exit interview within the next several weeks.

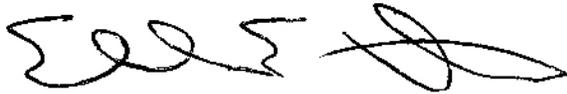
Chief Michael scheduled time to meet with our two newly promoted Lieutenants, and the Firefighter that will be serving as an Acting Officer. The meetings consisted of interactive discussions on key stakeholders that each of them needs to meet with, work flow management, and several other items.

The District contracted with Randy Paden, Independent Computer Consultant to complete a Network and Computer Audit. Mr. Paden's provided a series of recommendations for improvement of network performance, security, and back-up of data. In addition, he provided detailed recommendations for development of a request for proposal for contract information technology service (anticipated project early in 2013).

External Activity

Chief Hartin has been selected as a member of the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) attic fires technical advisory panel. This continues CWIFR's association with UL's ongoing research on fire behavior and building performance. Chief Hartin will participate in a series of meetings to design and implement a research project examining fire behavior in attics (and other structural void spaces) and identification of safe and effective fire control tactics for these challenging fires. Participation in this project is funded by UL through a Department of Homeland Security/United States Fire Administration grant.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Hartin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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