

Chief's Report:

September 11, 2023

We are going out to bid on a new Ambulance. Current delivery timelines require a bid and order now to meet our apparatus replacement timeline of a new vehicle by 2025.

The Engine Spec committee met today. We have worked through the 4 bids, are down to two that meet the requirements generally. Both have an issue with Wheelbase that we need to address with the manufacturers. Hoping to have a recommendation by the October Board meeting.

Volunteer Program: Doug Tenhoopen to discuss the current status of the program. Transitioning current members to a shift based program. Volunteers have been assigned to a shift officer to act as their primary contact. They have been advised of the shift based attendance requirements (3- 12 hr per month) and the company officers are working with Lt Larkin to get each of the volunteers on a training plan to reach one of the three levels we have set up for their participation (Tender Driver First Aid, EMT Tender Driver, or FF1 EMT). Still on hold for additional recruits while we make this transition. 5 students in the EMT class.

EMS Protocols: Island County finally has Advanced and Basic Life support protocols adopted by the State of Washington Department of Health. Crews have been reviewing the protocols for the last few months. We have rolled out a protocol app that allows them access to the protocols on their phones. This is something Snohomish County has done for years and allows quick reference for personnel. Testing on the protocols will begin this week with the Paramedics at run review and will be completed by all EMT's by the end of October.

Snohomish County Collaboration interview: The Fire Chief and I sat in on an interview by an outside consulting hired by Snohomish County Chiefs and Sno 911. The purpose was to evaluate current state of collaborative efforts and find out where future efforts could be successful. There was quite a bit of discussion around training, academies, and other EMS functions like Community paramedics or other alternative delivery methods for lower acuity non emergent incidents.

Job Postings: We have posted three levels of firefighter hiring for this fall. Lateral firefighter paramedic for individuals with full time fire and EMS experience, experienced firefighter EMT/paramedic for individuals with one year of part time or volunteer experience but certified as an EMT or Paramedic, and entry level firefighter for individuals with no experience in the fire service. We hope this approach and some additional advertising will help us to bring in a mix of experience and new firefighters to interview in October and November.

Badge Pinning Ceremony: As you are aware we conducted our badge pinning and promotion ceremony since your last meeting. It was well attended and went very well. Always nice to get everyone together and celebrate those moments.