

November 10, 2014



## Fire Chief's Report

- NCRFA follow up
  - NCRFA Board has selected two of their Commissioners to contact CIFR Commissioners for a possible meeting to discuss our progress to date
  - Chief Schick has reached out to Chief Cooper of Arlington FD about possibly sharing a MSO (their MSO is in the process of retiring). NCRFA, Arlington, and CIFR will be meeting soon to discuss the benefits of sharing this position.
- Bond refinancing
  - CIFR maintained its AA rating! Bonds refinancing went through on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> with an anticipated savings of over \$400,000.
- Community Paramedic Conference
  - Commissioner Shouse, Chief Schick, and FF/PM Speerbrecher attended the Washington State Community Paramedic Conference in Seattle on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The conference was extremely well attended. Community Paramedicine represents a change in the approach to how healthcare is delivered. Instead of our current fee-for-service approach it may be possible to improve the level of service, improve our patient's health, and lower healthcare costs with a mobile integrated approach.
- State audit
  - Completed, we have not received a final report but I do not anticipate any serious findings.
- Officer's Meeting
  - Engaged the officers in a "Good to Great" discussion. This is a concept developed by Jim Collins which I have used in the past to develop departmental goals. We started with discussing the many changes we have seen in the fire service over the last 20 years followed by what changes we might see in the next 20 years;
  - New recruit process is underway. There looks to be a lot of interest from our neighboring agencies in participating
- Strategic Plan update
  - We have a long list of potential goals for the department.
- Halloween Haunted House
  - The haunted house was well attended. Our firefighters did an incredible job in setting up the facility and putting on a great show. Special thanks to Chief Pappas and the Madrona Ladies Auxiliary.
- Community Meetings
  - CIYC
    - Commissioner Williams and Chief Schick met with the Camano Island Yacht Club on 11/6, Thursday evening. Chief Schick gave a brief overview of CIFR and where we are looking to go in the future.