

July 28, 2014
Fire Chief Briefing Notes
Board of Fire Commissioners

- I wanted to give the Board an update on the Rental House. After our last meeting, Beth Newton received another cash offer on the rental house for \$230 thousand. I contacted Commissioner Lich and discussed the fact that I had not signed any documents at the time of the second offer. The plan was to contact both new potential buyers and to ask them to give us their best highest offers as of today so the Board could review this again tonight.
- We have been able to put together an awards ceremony tomorrow night at Station 1-4. This will be an opportunity to recognize some members for the outstanding efforts over the last year or so.
- I completed the annual station inspections and want to thank all the crews for their excellent efforts in cleaning and maintaining the apparatus and facilities. Overall, the facilities were in very good shape. We did note some items that were in need of repair or maintenance. Some of the bigger items were some soffit and siding that needs to be replaced at Station 1-5, some lighting changes to Station 1-3, an eye wash station at Station 1-2 and two bay doors that are getting pretty faded at Station 1-1 and will need to be repainted. Overall, the inspections went well and, true to their purpose, we found some items to address.
- With the sale of the rental house pending and the sale of the two lots in Madrona, the District may want to start to consider putting together specifications for purchasing a tender and medic unit. Pursuant to the proposed replacement plan that we addressed with the Board last year, the proceeds for the sales and the money we have dedicated in reserves for apparatus replacement can fund the purchase of a new tender and medic unit. The Board should consider giving direction to move in this direction.
- The shop remodel is all but complete and has proven to be a real value added space.
- August represents the time to start the budget process. Staff will begin that process and seek input from the budget managers, taking into considerations the strategic priorities of the Board. The good news is the current budget is in very good shape.
- Finally, I just want to extend my appreciation to the Board, the members, and community of Camano Island for the opportunity to serve as Fire Chief for the past nine years. This week is my last week and I complete it with mixed emotions. Happy to complete what has been a wonderful career in the fire service and time at Camano, but I will truly miss the wonderful people I have had the privilege to work with and serve.