

August 24, 2015



Fire Chief's Report

- Community Events
 - CFCIFR (8/18)
 - I delivered a district update to the group. First and foremost was passing on the thanks of the district for this group's tireless efforts in making sure our EMS levy renewal passed. This was the first opportunity for an outside group to see the PowerPoint presentation developed in association with Liz Loomis.
 - Sherriff's Citizen Patrol dinner (August 21st)
 - I attended the appreciation dinner with this group on the evening of the 21st at our Stn 1-4. Informal discussions with the park rangers were very helpful. We talked about the water system being put in place as well as the future of the PFD shed at the boat launch.
 - Brutus Maintenance Association (August 22nd)
 - I met with this neighborhood association on the south end for their annual picnic. My wife was also able to join me for a really enjoyable time. The great support of the EMS levy renewal by our south end residents was acknowledged. A general overview of what the department has accomplished recently and some of our future goals were discussed. There is a widespread interest in maintaining a staffed position at Stn 5. The short term goal for this position was explained, specifically our decision to move the MSO to Stn 3 for three months.
- State deployment update
 - Our crew is still working at the Okanogan complex fire. Our intent is to start rotating individuals out this week. We did have a request for a second engine with non-wildland certified firefighters. After a lot of discussion with my staff and regional coordinators about the specific use of the added personnel we all agreed that the risk for our personnel outweighed the benefits. Specifically we could not be assured that our people would not be pulled off of structural protection and onto active fire lines.
 - We had our engine break down over the weekend which required us to send a replacement part. Sending a career firefighter to the area with a replacement part caused us to fall below our minimum career staffing levels. We did bring in an extra part time firefighter to help staff.
- MSO position update
 - Chief Yengoyan and I sat down with Lt Drewry and discussed his progress in developing our EMS program while assigned to day shift. We have been making a lot of progress in getting things going in the right direction but there is still a lot of work which remains to be done. We have extended the position for another three months as originally planned.
- AFG
 - Chief Helgeland has been very successful with his recent grant applications!

- Hose grant – We have been approved for an AFG grant to replace our fire hose. This will allow us to catch up with our hose replacement schedule which has been postponed over the last few years. Our intent is to move fast on this purchase since it could impact our WSRB review in September.
- Live burn trailer – Recent activity from FEMA has indicated that we may be in serious consideration for our live burn trailer grant. As a reminder this was a regional grant proposal so although we anticipate that the equipment will be housed permanently on Camano Island our neighbors will be active users.
- Citizen input on Map book update
 - We had representatives from Camaloch golf course discuss putting in a plan for emergency access on the golf course. We will be adding access points to our map book.