

January 25, 2016



## Fire Chief's Report

- Paramedic hire update
  - Applications close the end of this week. Contact was made with those candidates who have expressed interest to make sure they turn in the departmental application.
- Island County Chiefs
  - Working on updating our list of common terminology. This ties in with our Blue Card training.
- Grants
  - We've submitted a regional grant with the Island County fire departments to replace ICOM transmitters (\$100k+)
  - We've submitted a department grant to replace our SCBAs (\$400k+)
  - We are starting to get our new fire hose delivered which is being paid for by a grant. We will be asking the Commissioners to surplus our old hose within the next few months. I know there are a few water associations that have expressed interest so we will be getting the word out as soon as we get a more definitive date that it will be available.
- CAG
  - We met this morning for our monthly meeting with today's topic "response times"
  - Great feedback on how we are getting our message out about the fire department
- New recruit class
  - I spent the weekend with the new recruits teaching them HazMat Awareness. Very impressive group of men and women.
- Volunteers
  - We have been trying to come up with novel ideas for recruiting and retaining volunteers and we thought it would be critical to get some input from our current volunteers. We are trying to schedule a meeting with all of our volunteers. One example of something new we are looking at is making health insurance available. This would be a separate program through the State Fire Commissioners Association. It doesn't look like it will be very attractive the way it is set up now but it's a possibility. Board representation at this meeting would be welcome. We are tentatively looking at Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual award ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at Stn 1-4 at 1900.
- Meetings with NCRFA
  - Still working on a date that everyone can make.
- The lawsuit we are involved with pertaining to a former employee has been rescheduled to start Dec 5, 2016.