

September 28, 2015



Fire Chief's Report

- Island County Chiefs Meeting - September 15th
 - There seems to be a reluctance to implement Blue Card IMS program by a few of the Island County FDs. We will continue working with them and dispatch on terminology and other implementation issues. CIFR will continue to move forward with this program.
 - Dispatch has slowly been increasing functionality of Spillman Touch and Mobile software which we have on our MDCs. CIFR is beginning to use the MDCs to signal to dispatch when a vehicle has gone enroute, arrival, or is clear of a scene. This will help decrease the workload on dispatchers as well as minimize the amount of radio traffic.
- Budget oversight
 - I've requested approval by the Chief of all purchases over \$500. I want to prevent the last minute spend or lose it philosophy.
- WSRB update
 - Daryl Grinius of the Washington State Rating Bureau was here on Monday, September 21st to evaluate our District. We don't expect a final rating for several months. Many staff and firefighters assisted in generating the tremendous amount of data required for the inspections. Special thanks to AC Helgeland, Capt Allen, and Darla Tiner for providing reports.
 - In my opinion I believe we have improved in the following areas since our last inspection
 - Training – Better documentation, increase in multi-agency training
 - Inspections – We started business fire safety inspections this year
 - Water supply – Although out of our direct control our water systems have been slowly increasing in supply and distribution
 - Conversely these are areas in which we did not improve
 - Pub Ed – While this is a program we support there was little to no documentation to verify that the program was fulfilling District needs.
 - Inspections – WSRB requires five years of data for full credit, we have only one year
 - Volunteer staffing – Although we had good data supporting volunteer turnout on structure fires our current numbers do not reach minimum staffing numbers for our stations
 - Documentation - In general our documentation practices have been weak. This will be a focus going forward.
- Volunteer program improvements – In order to increase volunteer participation the following items are being planned
 - Shift based requirements – Volunteers will now be allowed to fill three 12-hour shifts each month instead of the current call requirement. Location of the shift will be at the discretion of the company officer on duty.

- District boundary – Currently we limit volunteers to those individuals who live on Camano Island. While these volunteers will definitely be a focus for us volunteers from outside the district will now be accepted. These individuals will be required to fulfill their requirements through shifts.
- EMS only certification – As an additional approach to increasing our volunteer ranks the district will now begin accepting recruits who have only their EMT or who do not want to continue with fire training. These individuals will have the same physical requirements as regular firefighters and will be required to fill shifts. During non-EMS calls they will fill a support role as designated by the IC