



March 25, 2019

Fire Chief's Report

On March 4th I did attend a civic group meeting at the Camano Senior Ctr to discuss the recent snowstorm. Some concerns were noted from citizens about the plowing of local roads and the ability to access local elderly shut-ins. The fire district had assisted with logistics during the storm event and was given high praise. County Commissioner St Clair was also in attendance with sincere interest / guidance. I had suggested that the group perhaps form a Steering Committee - with the county D.E.M official serving in a leadership role as the chairperson, then also assigning some additional "T.A.G." (technical advisory group) members to be part of the overall group makeup. Another group meeting has been scheduled for late April.

This month, both the Finance Manager, Commissioner Trembl and myself have executed the reconciling of 4 months of county treasurer bank statement reports – which are now all caught up. The county often is delayed in the delivery of these monthly bank statement reports to us.

As mention prior, the Local 4033 labor group has been requested to forward the names or suggestions of interested CIFR members seeking to fill our current Community Medic vacancy. The notice deadline is April 7th, 2019. To date, I'm aware of two interested candidates, but only one is certified as a paramedic. Local 4033 President Mike Rooks is attending the March 25 board meeting to assist with any board inquiries.

Facilities: Some routine and ongoing septic system maintenance / upkeep will occur this month and next. A water table source ground water tank leak flaw at Terry's Corner is filling the holding tanks there prematurely causing reoccurring alarms. Repairs are scheduled for later this summer when the water table there subsides.

Simple roof repairs for the recent snow / leak damage at the VISTA station will occur soon: \$1,100.

Still waiting on the weather to warm up a bit before we tackle the HVAC leak concern at the VISTA station.

Both our SCBA Cascade Air System at Station 2 and our mobile truck apparatus are due for five year hydrostatic testing of all high pressure air cylinders.

Related: I had also submitted a federal AFG Grant request last fall for a complete SCBA air compressor package (\$45,000) for our Terry's Corner Station. Waiting now on possible award announcement later this summer ?

The latest LEXIPOL state / federal law update notifications have been released – and I need to carve out some time to review them for content. LEXIPOL has recently been purchased by Praetorian Digital.

Some of our B-Shift Crews and Station 5 volunteer members attended the 55+ Health Fair at the Camano Island Community Center this past weekend offering B/P checks and answering related emergency medical care questions.

Our FY2018 SAFER Grant has been submitted. We have requested federal funding assistance for two new firefighter positions. If successful, award notification would occur late in 2019. The typical 75 / 25 cost share in the first two years - and then a 35 / 65 cost share in the final third year is the program norm.

We anticipate the hasty delivery of our new federally funded SCBA equipment prior to the end of March. Recall that this \$847,000 regional federal grant award is shared with both NCRFA and Arlington Fire. The equipment vendor is subject to an \$8K per day penalty for late delivery. March 31 is that cut-off date.

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