

## Fire Chief's Report

- 1) Community Events
  - a. Point Allen Water Association
    Chief Schick met with this group on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup> to talk about the District and how the Fire
    Department and the Water Association can help each other. One of the new ambulances was taken to the meeting to show to the citizens.
  - Teddy Bear Picnic
    Chief Schick had the opportunity once again this year to read to a spirited group of young boys and girls at the Stanwood Community Center. A book entitled "Fire Trucks" was read to the kids.
- 2) Island Christian Fellowship Family Day A local church would like to sponsor a picnic for local first responders. This is a non-religious, non-political event tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Asst/Deputy Chief hiring process We are moving forward with the hiring process. The Job Description and Job Announcement have been completed. We will be advertising in the Daily Dispatch Western Region and the State Fire Chiefs web site.
- 4) Driving age Current policies state that drivers must be 21 and consequently we can't hire any part time firefighters under the age of 21. Our insurance agency does not have that requirement. We would like to consider dropping the age to 19. Our training certification program is quite rigorous so we are comfortable with making this change.
- 5) Burn ban The Sheriff has issued a burn ban commencing August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 6) Fall Safety Celebration Day We would like to schedule an open house on Saturday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at Station 1-3. During the open house we would dedicate the pump trainer, new tender and new ambulances. Staff has met and we have a few good ideas for a schedule and list of events.