



October 9, 2017

## **Fire Chief's Report**

Stats – The last few months have seen an increase in call activity for us. Nothing specific to pinpoint for a cause; I believe it may have to do more with the fact that this is normal for us now and the first part of the year was unusually slow. If this trend continues we will surpass our previous record for calls set in 2015.

Community Events – Fire Prevention Week (October 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>) is underway and our annual Haunted House is coming up at the end of the month. Take 10 CPR training at the SafeHarbor Free clinic day on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> went very well. I gave a presentation to the Camano Island Chamber of Commerce on October 5<sup>th</sup> and I have one for the Methodist Church Men's group on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Health Insurance – It looks like we may have reached the point where it makes sense to get out of the self-insured healthcare program. We are budgeting \$600,000 for next year, a \$25,000 increase from this year, but with a maximum liability of \$740,000. We received quotes for healthcare for our agency from two associations for comparison. The Washington State Fire Commissioners plan came in at \$596,000 and the Northwest Firefighter Trust came in at \$727,000. We have a healthcare committee who will be meeting soon at which I will be recommending we go with the Commissioners plan. Per the current contract the Administration has the right to change healthcare plans at any time but there cannot be an increase in out of pocket expenses for the firefighters if we do so. That shouldn't be a problem although we have asked for a side by side comparison from the WFCMA so we can identify what extra costs there might be.

AFBA – We had a representative from Armed Forces Benefit Association come by and meet with all career personnel, all staff, and all volunteers. They are a life insurance company associated with the US military and who offer life insurance policies to military members and first responders exclusively. They are offering a \$5,000 term life insurance policy to all first responders at no cost. They also have other plans which staff and FFs can purchase.

Labor Management – They have requested a Letter of Understanding concerning the MSO position. Our attorney has reviewed the LOU and we both feel that although there isn't any reason to have one it doesn't negatively impact the district in any way. My recommendation would be to have the Board approve it.

Hope Unlimited basket results – Our basket raised the highest amount at the HopeUnlimited fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who donated to that and a special thanks to Kathy Pace for doing all the hard work to put the basket together.

New staffing model – A second part time FF has been added each day for a trial period through the end of this year. This resulted from a suggestion by the Labor group as to one possible method to help with staffing issues and response times. With that addition we are now able to staff three stations full time. Stations 2, 3, and 4 will now be

open 24/7. The engine has been moved to Station 4 and we will have staffed ambulances at Stations 2 and 3. It makes more sense to move the engine to 4 so we can staff an ambulance at 2 resulting in quicker ALS responses to the south end. My goal is to still be able to occasionally staff St 5 during the day when we can.

**2017 Response Times**

	2015 (Avg)	2016 (Avg)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Avg	7:35	7:29	7:06	7:35	7:37	7:23	6:35	6:39	7:58	7:55	7:25				7:23
90th Percentile	12:08	12:13	12:01	12:53	12:06	11:03	10:28	11:07	13:11	12:30	11:39				11:53

**Incidents**

Total Calls	164	158	142	130	162	136	167	162	210	183	177				1469
Coinciding Calls at Time of Dispatch	25.9	23.7	10	14	18	17	30	18	36	25	22				190
	16%	15%	7%	11%	11%	13%	18%	11%	17%	14%	12%				13%
Fire (100)	5.8	3.0	3	2	3	2	2	3	8	3	3				29
Explosion (200)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Rescue, EMS (300)	105	106	94	92	110	90	110	109	145	108	115				973
Hazardous Condition (400)	4.3	2.5	3	1	2	3	3	1	3	2	1				20
Service Call (500)	32	29	23	22	25	26	42	32	39	48	44				301
Good Intent (600)	9.9	9.7	11	9	11	9	4	11	10	10	9				84
False Alarm (700)	6.1	5.9	7	4	11	6	6	5	5	10	5				59
Special (800)	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Weather (900)	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Stn 1-1	18.6	15.4	10	7	4	14	15	15	19	20	10				114
Stn 1-2	45.3	53.8	38	49	66	42	51	48	74	49	59				476
Stn 1-3	46.1	39.2	39	38	46	27	50	50	53	46	47				395
Stn 1-4	26.7	23.7	24	17	26	32	28	25	33	29	23				237
Stn 1-5	23.3	20.4	25	14	13	16	19	19	21	31	33				191
Marine	2.5	4.4	1	2	3	1	2	5	9	4	0				27
Mutual Aid	3.3	0.8	5	3	4	5	2	0	0	4	5				28

### YTD Response Times

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Stn 1-1	0:08:04	0:08:14	0:07:41
90th percentile	0:11:37	0:11:45	0:10:13
Stn 1-2	0:06:26	0:06:18	0:06:11
90th percentile	0:11:17	0:11:17	0:10:35
Stn 1-3	0:07:41	0:07:44	0:07:22
90th percentile	0:11:23	0:11:52	0:11:17
Stn 1-4	0:07:25	0:06:44	0:06:36
90th percentile	0:13:16	0:10:36	0:11:41
Stn 1-5	0:09:30	0:10:19	0:10:34
90th percentile	0:14:29	0:15:25	0:15:36

