September 11, 2017



Fire Chief's Report

Run Stats – Another busy month for the department. We did see an increase in the St 1 and St 5 response areas which was due to a few frequent users in those areas bumping up the numbers.

Community Events – We had a fantastic Open House. Darla, Linda, and Craig did a fantastic job of planning and implementing the event. We will be doing our review in a couple of weeks and start the planning for next year's event. We will be cohosting Aging in Place (Sept 12 1800 at Camano Center) and Narcan Night (Sept 21 1830 at Camano Center) seminars. Planning is under way for Fire Prevention Week (October 8th – 14th) and our annual Haunted House in October.

All Volunteer meeting August 29th – I had 15 volunteers show up of about 24 total. It was a very productive meeting. We talked about the new volunteer policy manual that is being reviewed, the department's expectations for them, what are some possible changes that could be coming up. We will be talking about the program in much more depth at the Board Retreat.

Response Plans – Capt Allen and Chief Schick met with Lisa Ernst and John Diamond to discuss our current response plans and some possible modifications. They are currently extremely complex, hard to understand, and put an unnecessary burden on the dispatchers to figure out what we want. For example, we currently have 17 response zones which we can reduce to four. We have four levels of responses when we only need two. We have 10-11 cover units for each of our units, many which no longer exist, when we only need 3-4. This will be a several month long process but when we start staffing St 3 FT and St 5 PT we can page only those units which should be responding.

EMER buttons – We also talked with ICOM about the activation of the emergency buttons on our radios. This is a feature that we can program into radios. In the case of an emergency where a FF can't communicate or doesn't want to communicate, example – hostage situation, they can simply push the button. This activates a very loud alarm at ICOM and the radio is identified on their screen, e.g., Officer on E-12. They will attempt to contact the person who activated the alarm and should start LE as well. If it happens on a fire scene then command would be notified as well. We are currently the only department which does not use this feature.

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					7:19
90th Percentile	12:08	12:13	12:01	12:53	12:06	11:03	10:28	11:07	13:11	12:30					11:51
Incidents	-	r	r					r				1	1	1	
Total Calls	164	158	142	130	162	136	167	162	210	183					1292
Coinciding Calls at Time of	25.9	23.7	10	14	18	17	30	18	36	25					168
Dispatch	16%	15%	7%	11%	11%	13%	18%	11%	17%	14%					13%
Fire (100)	5.8	3.0	3	2	3	2	2	3	8	3					
Explosion (200)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Rescue, EMS (300)	105	106	94	92	110	90	110	109	145	108					
Hazardous Condition (400)	4.3	2.5	3	1	2	3	3	1	3	2					
Service Call (500)	32	29	23	22	25	26	42	32	39	48					
Good Intent (600)	9.9	9.7	11	9	11	9	4	11	10	10					
False Alarm (700)	6.1	5.9	7	4	11	6	6	5	5	10					
Special (800)	0	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Weather (900)	0	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Stn 1-1	18.6	15.4	10	7	4	14	15	15	19	20					
Stn 1-2	45.3	53.8	38	49	66	42	51	48	74	49					
Stn 1-3	46.1	39.2	39	38	46	27	50	50	53	46					
Stn 1-4	26.7	23.7	24	17	26	32	28	25	33	29					
Stn 1-5	23.3	20.4	25	14	13	16	19	19	21	31					
Marine	2.5	4.4	1	2	3	1	2	5	9	4					
Mutual Aid	3.3	0.8	5	3	4	5	2	0	0	4					



