



February 25, 2019

## **Fire Chief's Report**

The recent snow event proved manageable for our CIFR crews with some minor cosmetic body paint damages incurred to some apparatus due to failed snow chains. We again deployed our all wheel drive SUV command units equipped with snow chains to gain access to many patients homes during 911 calls. We also refrained from operating upon the snow covered roads with our first due pumper ( E 1-4 ) during the most severe weather days. Fortunately, the local utility power did not fail for any great period of time during the snow weather occurrence. That element made a vast difference in the overall outcome within our community.

I did attend a debriefing at the library last week regarding the recent snow storm event. The discussion was led by County Commissioner Janet St Clair. The mitigation actions taken by the CIFR crews were mentioned in a very positive light, with special acknowledgment of our own volunteer Lt Mark Norman, who had coordinated with the Camano Center Director Karla Jacks in the transporting some semi-invalid island residents to and from their scheduled medical appointments in Marysville during the snowy weather. Karla Jacks will host a similar gathering on Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Camano Center. Karla also oversees many volunteers who provide related and invaluable ( social services ) assistance for our local elderly residents.

Representatives of the Mabana Flames group will meet again with the admin staff on March 5<sup>th</sup> to further discuss their planned Open House gathering for Saturday, June 29, at our Station 1-5. The Flames group has requested the attendance of an admin representative and / or fire commissioner to be available on that date discuss / explain any updated fire district planning efforts regarding Station 1-5. Their south end Open House event would portray a fire safety / EMS theme, not unlike what the fire district has routinely hosted in September each year at Station 1-3.

Capt Jason Allen has been in contact with the Ford truck dealer who anticipates the arrival of our new brush truck in April, . . . then to be sent on to the truck body vendor for fitting of the new flat bed deck platform. Jay will be coordinating the installation of the new unit electronics and related accessories. We're hopeful to have that new unit ready for work by June 2019. Additionally, Jay Jacks has also verified the order status of the new fire chief staff car.

The HVAC system at the VISTA station is still under repair, although we did manage to get it refilled late Friday afternoon. This will buy us some time until the cold weather subsides this spring. Then we can continue with the leak discovery process later on.

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