



April 22, 2019

Fire Chief's Report

Both Linda Layton and I had met with the district insurance broker this past week to discuss our annual policy renewal. This is an agenda item for tonight's meeting (new business). The insurance underwriter's criteria for our "loss ratio" is based upon our claims made in 2018. Recall that last spring we lost a 100 foot radio tower at Station 2 during wind storm event - and we made a loss claim for \$30K.

The Community Resource Paramedic Interlocal Agreement with Tulalip Fire has been signed by both parties. This is also an agenda topic item for this evening. Chief Yengoyan is still following up on the language for working hours - and possible crew member accommodations - with our labor group representatives.

Linda has been observing the district investment pool interest rates, which is currently at 2.37% via the county. Using the state investment pool program last year (in 2018) we had ended the year at the 1.97% rate. Linda anticipates that we'll end 2019 comfortably above our initial interest collection forecast.

The new (2020 model) chief's car will commence factory assembly line production in mid-June. Pending any yet unknown delays, the new Chief's command vehicle is scheduled to arrive at the Longview, WA car dealer in late July, then would be transferred to Day Wireless to complete the factory level fire department lighting equipment and radio electronics package. The unit would likely be delivered to Camano by mid-August for agency decal lettering.

Our new (grant funded) Jaws of Life tools have been ordered are scheduled to arrive in mid-June.

Staff is making efforts to get the Fire Chief's office space painted and equipped with the needed computer peripherals, his uniforms ordered, and such related amenities prior to his arrival on May 1st.

The inventory process for our SCBA equipment found some minor shipping discrepancies – which the vendor is correcting. Arlington Fire will retrieve their allocation this week. The training division here is also scheduling the required hands-on training sessions in the coming months and some thorough crew member evaluation PRIOR to placing the new equipment in service. The SCBA equipment vendor is contractually obligated to assist with this action. Then, we might anticipate up to four weeks to get all of the CIFR firefighters comfortably trained on the new equipment. The new equipment has a number of different features as compared to our existing breathing apparatus. My sincere thanks go out to F/F Regan Olsen for overseeing this extensive inventory project.

Linda has been researching a new janitorial service provider for the admin office and the public meeting areas of the fire stations – as the former provider has elected to no longer visit Camano Island.

Staff did meet with both the ICOM 911 Dispatch Supervisor and Director last month to discuss some call event data time stamping accuracy concerns. Some procedural ideas were considered where the possible increased use of our existing in-vehicle mobile laptop computers (MDC's) might allow for more accurate record keeping data – in lieu of voice radio communications - for routine message exchanges. Director Shaughnessy is in fact visiting with us tonight to meet and greet our board members.

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