

Fire Chief's Report to Board of Commissioners

June 9th, 2023

No Injuries to report

One near miss incident: Water Tender 32 stuck in the mud behind Station 31. No damage/towed out by personnel.

Customer Service (emergent and non-emergent):

1. 45 calls for service since your last meeting.
- **Apparatus/Fleet:**
 1. Remaining fleet repairs/projects: Water Tender 31 control handle replaced. Brush 32 hose reel motor failed and replaced. Command 300 emergency lights replaced (damaged due to salt on roads in winter). Two lights added to headache rack for visibility. Will add the same to Utility 31 as soon as final billing comes in.
 2. Command 300 going in for transmission service soon.
 3. Expedition to be declared surplus property. Recommendation will be to allow us to use it for extrication training and send off for scrap. No value: Engine exhaust leaks, 200K+ miles, and 1997 vintage. Emergency lights outdated.
 - **Other items:**
 1. **Fire Defense Committee:** Attended FDC meeting in Wenatchee. Lower Columbia Mobe Plan still in Committee review.
 2. Washington Survey and Ratings Bureau conducted site visit May 30th. Waiting for result report.
 3. RFA activities ** Met with WSFD/KCFD3 volunteers to discuss previously expressed concerns with RFA. Delegated a leader to collect questions, and recommendations to the committee. Directed that person (Adam Brake) to forward all information to consultant Merritt.
 4. Waiting for Hood River Arts Club to provide costs for painting Station 32 water tank. Estimates are ~\$400 + the cost of a lift rental. Need to pressure wash the tank and scrape some rust spots. (Waiting for date schedule)
 5. Station 31-bathroom project commenced. *** plumber determined we can tie hot water back into the original piping which will eliminate heating water in bathrooms with small hot water heaters.
 6. Snowden water tanks all filled and flushed. Thank you to Ron Reynolds!
 - **Personnel:**
 1. Planning to announce 2 resident firefighter vacancies. FF Craft expected to begin residency in Eugene Oregon at the end of September. Goal is to get two persons in place to begin training by late summer.
 - **Community:**
 1. Commissioner Virts attended BZ/Husum Community Council to discuss RFA progress.
 2. Continued efforts to help our local insurance brokers to ensure property owners are registered correctly with WSRB. Discovered two properties by the high school that were incorrectly listed.
 3. Eric Bosler scheduling the last round of school fire safety surveys. Had to reschedule to accommodate the maintenance supervisor's schedule. Once complete, a written report will be submitted with a copy to the county.
 4. Springfest: Ron, Frank, Eric and Sebastain, put a booth up at the park along with DNR. Friday and Saturday.
 5. Eric Bosler working with property owner to conduct a fire safety survey. Will include DNR Wildfire Ready Neighbors if the property owner wishes to sign up online.
 - **Training Report:**

1. Captain Grose and EMT Payne approved to take Wet Planet Swift Water Rescue course. Plan is to come back to membership and provide AWARENESS training to our folks. “Reach and Throw” NO GO! Evaluating PPE needs for waterside operations. Will be ordering safety helmets and a few more personal floatation devices.
2. Monthly apparatus inspections.
3. Wildland operations practice.

Community Events: Personnel assisted with WSFD pancake breakfast.

Personal Activities and Achievements: Taking vacation time for family.

Respectfully submitted: Wesley W. Long – Fire Chief 06/08/2023

6-Jun	Apparatus Inspections/Individual Station Drivers Training	Home Stations
	White Salmon Business Meeting/Apparatus Inspections	White Salmon
13-Jun	MCO/Tender Shuttle Port to School	WSVSD/Port of Bingen
20-Jun	Wildland Brush Rigs and Hose Lays	White Salmon
27-Jun	Forcible Entry/Ventilation	Bingen Training
	EMS Drill - Truama Patient	