

Fire Chief's Report to Board of Commissioners
December 19, 2024

- **Customer Service (emergent and non-emergent):**
 - 50 Calls for service from SW First Responders since your last meeting.

- **Apparatus/Fleet:**
 1. Engine 32: Two minor warranty items addressed and repaired by the mechanic. Position sensor on the deck gun and foam cell leaking.
 2. SCBA Bottle Hydrotesting: All KCFD3 bottles are now complete with hydrotesting. Two RIT bottles from Station 30 were completed as well.
 3. Surplus engine has been listed with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for 30 days. Price lowered to \$85K. Will hold on to that price until after the new year passes.
 4. Will be purchasing oil and filters for 2025 annual service this year when NAPA has their 50% off sale.
 5. Water tenders chained up for the season.
 6. Station 33 water tank drained
 7. Station 32 water tank – insulation placed around the valves.

- **Other items:**
 1. Shaded Fuel Project: Contacted DNR early December and advised them that the area along SR 14, was not completed adequately. DNR will discuss it with the contractor.
 2. 2025 Winter Firefighter Academy is ready to go. The beginning date is January 28, 2025. I'll be teaching three courses and involved in testing. WKRFA will have six personnel enrolled.
 3. Working on WKRFA/City of White Salmon interlocal agreement for service / water use. 12/16/24 PENDING City Council review.
 4. EMT training is being offered through Columbia River Gorge Community College. WKRFA has four people who need EMT training. One person is seeking a bridge course from Registered Nurse to EMTB. Tom Crumpacker is coordinating with myself. UPDATE: Looking for scholarship opportunities. SWFR personnel enrolled into the community college program.
 5. Reviewing end-of-year budget status. Scheduled a few projects with our mechanic for mid-December to allow for invoicing to land in January. (radios, Engine 34 inspections/maintenance etc.)
 6. Monitoring regional propane prices. Carson's competing vendor reached out to us. Currently, they are both at the same price per gallon.
 7. Plan to coordinate with Chief Hunsaker for end-of-year actions for transition to WKRFA.
 8. Leased copy machine exchange complete.
 9. I attended the KCIFA meeting in Goldendale.
 10. I attended SE Region IMT 2024 fire season after action review in Ellensburg.

- **Personnel:**
 1. Firefighter John Abercombie has successfully completed his probationary period at Valley Regional Fire Authority in Auburn WA. He continues to reside in White Salmon and wishes to volunteer.

- **Training Report:**

1. November 6 EMS Case Reviews
2. November 5th Apparatus inspections / Business Meeting
3. November 12th Extrication drill.
4. December 9th Case reviews for EMT's with Dr. Smith
5. December 9th Search and Rescue drills
6. December 9th Officer's meeting
7. December 17th Firefighter dinner
8. December 14, EVIP driving classroom training – five students.

** Recruit Academy begins January 28th. Placed order for turnouts for Firefighter Collett. Specialty size and needs gear that's in service.

- **Upcoming:**

1. Fire Department dinner (firefighters only)
2. 12/24 cancelled - holiday
3. 12/30 cancelled - holiday
4. January – Culture class, documentation, report writing, Program assignments.

Community Events:

1. Continued meeting with White Salmon Valley School District Emergency Planning Committee.
 - a. Lockdown drills for each school are scheduled. Participating in those drills.
 - b. Active shooter tabletop exercise planned for winter. Will participate in that drill. Will invite members who may be available to attend.

Personal Activities and Achievements:

1. Utilized vacation time for personal business.

Respectfully submitted: Wesley W. Long
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