



# GRAYS HARBOR FIRE DISTRICT No. 2

6317 Olympic Highway, Aberdeen, WA 98520

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## Chief's Monthly Report For the September 14, 2017 Meeting

**Date Prepared:** September 11, 2017  
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The primary purpose of this report is to keep the Board of Fire Commissioners informed as to the activities and progress on major programs or objectives. The items listed, as near as possible, are in priority order. As a second purpose, this report will be shared with all Fire District personnel to keep them informed.

### **FINANCIAL:**

The Fire District ended the month of August 2017 with Cash and Investments of \$198,720.59 in the Expense Fund. This is an increase of \$49,091.72 at the same time in FY2016. Payroll is still reflective of the increased costs due to Light Duty assigned employee, continued provisional and increased OT due to fire mobilizations. Expenses were on target for the month of August overall, it includes the quarterly payments for payroll taxes and the purchase of the 2008 Tahoe for \$17,000. Capital Fund remains on target to meet expectations of upcoming construction. A budget resolution will be presented at the meeting to increase available funds for expenditure for TCA and Berglund work; it will be reduced from ending balance. Estimated FY2017 Cash Flow Report is attached to provide projections for the remainder of the year.

### **PERSONNEL:**

There are two injuries from one incident to report for the month of August. Two volunteer personnel were involved in animal bites during a medical call. One required a visit at Summit Pacific to be evaluated due to breaking the skin. Reports and information have been submitted to Board for Volunteers.

Modified work assignment for LT Sande continues. Recent evaluation shows improvements and will continue until evaluated again in the next thirty days.

### **SAFETY:**

Monthly station safety audits have been completed. Safety committee met during the month of August.

### **LOGISTICS:**

There were no significant Out-Of-Service (OOS) issues to report since the last report. The following is a recap of apparatus maintenance:

- **B2-11:** Routine PMs were completed prior to deployment, tire rotation and balance. During travel to Salem, OR a brake caliper developed issues. Front brakes were serviced and replaced discs, pads and calipers.
- **T2-11:** Repair to a leak at the tank fill connection, the nipple connecting to the tank was damaged by electrolysis. Nipple was replaced. No smoke system inspected and repaired by Ward Technician.
- **M2-11:** Routine PMs performed.
- **M2-12:** Routine PMs performed. Six tires were replaced on the unit based on wear. No Smoke system was inspected by Ward Technician, system found to be non-functioning due to a bad air controller. Controller replaced. Air compressor for No Smoke system requires replacement of pressure switch, parts are ordered.

The Ward No Smoke systems on all apparatus were inspected by technician during recent courtesy visit. Minor repairs and adjustments were made to equipment and some are detailed above.

**STATION 2-1 CAPITAL PROJECT:** The following is a recap of areas of progress since the August update:

- Steel building engineering has been completed.
- Berglund Schmidt has been engaged in preparing site survey information and working with TCA to prepare civil design for the site.
- The Pre-Development Application/Permit was submitted to the County to start the permitting process. The County will start this process that takes 10-days and provide feedback on further requirements for permitting.
- TCA is 50 percent completed with construction documents. Significant discussion has occurred on mechanical, plumbing, electrical and other requirements that are being detailed.
- Discussion on fire code related issues regarding building separation, sprinkler systems and vestibule.
- Structural engineering for the foundation of the building is scheduled to begin in the month of September.
- Timeline for project start and completion is being prepared. It is anticipated that bidding will begin in late February 2018 following final permitting that is expected to start in December 2017.
- TCA Architecture is planning an October visit for the Board Meeting to discuss in detail progress with the project.

**OPERATIONS:**

Operations for the month of August were up slightly over last year. The Fire District was primarily engaged with medical response and 3 wildland fires throughout the month. Mutual aid was provided to Montesano FD for wildland fire in the Montesano Forest, to Grays Harbor 15 for a structure fire and Aberdeen Fire on a medical call. The Fire District received aid once on a medical call.

Since the last meeting, there have been multiple mobilizations. Personnel support local initial attack with staffing both B2-11 and E-163 for Olympic Region DNR until August 26. B2-11 was assigned to strike team dispatch for 14-day assignment to Oregon Department of Forestry. The crew was FF Jensen and Granstrom, they are due to demobilize and travel on 9/15. Multiple other personnel supported the Scatter Creek Mobilization in Rochester for 24-hours and T2-11 with FF Maloney staffed with DNR for 3 additional days. C201 supported the East Saddle Fire with the Type 3 Team and CPT Ambrose was dispatched through the City of Hoquiam as LSC3(t). CPT Ambrose is currently assigned with U2-17 through DNR contract with City of Hoquiam to the Saw Mill Creek Fire supporting National Guard operations.

We have continuing to provide staffing for Olympic Region DNR with an additional assignment on E-163. This was initiated after multiple wildland incidents occurred in Grays Harbor, including one on West Wynoochee Road on Labor Day weekend.

EMS transports for the month of August were 58 with 15 refusals. Of those transports 23 inter-facility transfers were completed and 16 were cancelled due to no staffing. The monthly EMS report is attached. Below are the incident statics for the last 13-months.

**Incident Statistics (Call Volume by Major Incident Type):**

	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
Fire	1	2	0	2	3	6	2	2	0	1	3	6	4
Overpressure, no fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rescue & EMS	60	60	77	67	72	77	60	70	59	82	66	62	76
Hazardous Conditions (not fire)	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Service Calls	14	10	7	7	7	8	6		5	4	2	12	8
Good Intent Calls	20	25	31	22	43	27	18	21	26	30	28	29	8
False Alarm(s)	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	0
Severe Weather/ Natural Disasters	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Types of Incidents	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>110</b>

**TRAINING:**

August training has been focused on patient car and extrication. Three cars were provided by Emerald Towing, Hoquiam to assist with the training. Hands on movement of patients out of the vehicles to LBB was the focus of the training. The vehicles are also planned to be utilized for practical training with extrication tools in the next few months.

September will be focused on Live-Fire Training events, both being hosted in Olympia at the training center to meet annual requirements.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

WFCA Conference in October 2017 is coming up. If anyone is planning on attending, please contact Teri or myself to facilitate registration. We need to make these before October 1.

Respectfully Submitted: Leonard R Johnson, Fire Chief