



GRAYS HARBOR FIRE DISTRICT #2

6317 Olympic Highway, Aberdeen WA 98520

Fire Chief's Monthly Report

To: Grays Harbor Fire District 2 Board of Commissioners

From: John McNutt, Fire Chief

August 10, 2023

Personnel:

Firefighter Warring has completed his hospital clinical time and is working with GHFD2 and HFD to complete his field clinical time. He is progressing well and should be finished in 3 months.

Firefighters Hogarty and McClaine are rotating Acting Officer duty every month. In September, work will be started to hold an LT promotional test at the end of the year.

Volunteer responders are still coming in, and the system is moving along. We are looking to hold an internal recruit training session this fall for new members or enroll them in a firefighter academy.

Safety:

No injuries/illnesses/incidents were reported.

The L&I FIIRE grant submitted for cancer and musculoskeletal injury reduction equipment was approved for partial funding. The initial requested items will be reviewed, and the final equipment purchase will occur when funds are received.

The traffic calming safety devices were installed at Station 2-1. These have helped control speeds and unauthorized vehicles moving around the building. Also, the mailbox was relocated to the west parking lot. This means personnel will not have to be near the highway, creating a safer environment.

Operations:

Total Call Volume – 661

EMS – 73

- Transport – 54
- Interfacility Transfers – 0
- Transport Refusals – 19

YTD - 444

FIRE – 10

YTD - 25

- Building Fire – 3
- Wildland – 3
- Vehicle Fire – 1
- Outdoor/Rubish Fire - 3

Total Fire/EMS Overlapping Calls – 36 (33%) YTD – 177 (27%)

Mutual or Automatic Aid Given - 5

- Fire – 2 (EGHFD – 2)
- Wildland – 1 (EGHFD – 1)
- Canceled in route – 2 (EGHFD – 1, Mason 12 – 1)

Mutual or Automatic Received – 9

- EMS – 4 (AFD – 1, MFD – 3)
- Fire – 2 (MFD – 2)
- MVA/Rescue – 3 (MFD – 2, AFD – 1)
- Canceled in route/No incident found – 0

Station Breakdown

YTD

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| • Station 2-1 – 69 | 456 |
| • Station 2-2 – 26 | 162 |
| • Station 2-3 – 15 | 38 |

Administration

National Night Out was a success. It was well attended at both Stations 2-1 and 2-2. Station 2-3 will hold an Open House event on Tuesday, August 8. Thank you to all involved in making this event possible.

Chief McNutt has started meeting with Chief Busz of MFD about aid agreements. These will continue to occur and should enhance response efforts for both agencies.

Working with DNR to replace or improve wildland burn danger signs. Still waiting to hear from DNR.

Logistics

Facilities:

Station 2-1 – Concrete was cleaned around the station, and the safety issues identified about traffic were fixed.

Items still to be worked on are moving the storage connex to a better location, removing old parking markings in the west parking lot, and new parking spots identified on the north side for better access around the station's south side by larger apparatus.

Station 2-2 – New air compressor electricity has been installed and works well. The concrete and water tank were cleaned, and the station looks great.

Station 2-3 – The water sample was collected and passed.

Apparatus:

M2-11 is having a random misfire. It is inconsistent, and we are not able to pinpoint the problem. Danny's Automotive inspected the unit for the fuel injection system, and they added a high-grade fuel additive. This has seemed to improve the issue. Another tank of additives must be run through the system and then re-evaluated.

M2-12 had to have a sensor replaced, which was able to fix an issue found during an incident response. This medic unit has 206,700 miles. We will need to look at a remount project in the near future.

All Station 2-1 apparatus with the new modems are running well. This has improved responders' ability to complete reports on the move and not only in the Stations.

Upcoming testing schedule:

- Pump testing Oct 24-27
- Hose and Ladder testing Oct 10-13
- SCBA hydrostatic testing Sep 14
- Aerial ladder testing TBD. Working on a company to perform this. UL may be out of the testing business.

PPE/Uniforms:

The stock of uniform items for both volunteer and career staff has dropped. A review of what is needed will be performed by Firefighter Warring, and an order will be placed to restock.

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