



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

October 9, 2023

Personnel:

Three new responders will be taking part in the EMR class this November. We look forward to them progressing through the training and getting them out on the road.

We are continuing to get more applications for volunteers. This is good news, and the committee will continue to work on more. With that being said, most of these new volunteers are coming in from areas outside of the District. Most are from Aberdeen or Hoquiam, where there are no options for volunteers. Along with the Recruitment and Retention Committee, we will continue to evaluate ways to gather more volunteers inside the district.

Safety:

The safety committee met on September 19. The committee was able to wrap up the summer projects and discuss where the next actions should be. The group decided to look into traffic calming and visibility equipment (vests, cones, waning lighting).

Operations:

Total Call Volume – 885

EMS – 78

YTD - 588

- Transport – 46
- Interfacility Transfers – 0
- Transport Refusals – 32

FIRE – 4

YTD - 38

- Building Fire – 1
- Wildland – 3

Total Fire/EMS Overlapping Calls – 28 (25%) YTD – 240 (27%)

Mutual or Automatic Aid Given - 7

- Fire – 1 (AFD – 1)
- Wildland – 2 (AFD – 2)
- EMS – 3 (MFD – 2, EGHFR – 1)
- Canceled in route – 1 ()

Mutual or Automatic Received – 6

- EMS – 3 (MFD – 2, AFD – 1)
- MVC – 2 (MFD – 2)
- Fire – 1 (MFD – 1)

Station Breakdown	YTD
• Station 2-1 – 81	633
• Station 2-2 – 28	221
• Station 2-3 – 2	48

The week of October 9 through 13 is Fire Prevention Week. Crews will be conducting safety classes throughout the week at Central Park School.

Administration

We have two candidates moving through the lieutenant promotional testing process. Testing will take place in November.

We are not planning for any shift changes for 2024. With one new paramedic and another in training, we feel it is not the time to realign and give them time to work on the new skills they are receiving.

Chief McNutt is working on the GHC Mitigation Plan. He has been attending meetings and working on updating the Districts annex to the Plan. More information will be coming in the next few months.

Logistics

Facilities:

Station 2-1 – HVAC system repairs and replacement have been accomplished and should help to solve problems that have been found.

Radio issues with missing tones have been identified and will be repaired with the relocation of the receiving antenna.

Station 2-2 – Nothing significant to report.

Station 2-3 – Nothing significant to report.

Apparatus:

E2-14 has been placed into service as E2-41 at Station 2-4.

Old E2-41 is being stripped of equipment, and plans to surplus are in motion. Once the equipment and other items have been removed, a request will be made to the Commissioners.

A2-21 electrical issue has been resolved.

Upcoming testing schedule:

- Pump testing Oct 24-27
- Aerial Ladder testing TBD

Completed testing:

- Hose and Ladder testing was completed, with some equipment removed from service. 2000' of hose and 2 24' extension ladders. Will need to budget for hose replacement and work on quotes for the hose.
- SCBA hydrostatic testing Completed
- SCBA flow testing Completed and repairs made

PPE/Uniforms:

Several uniform items have been ordered and will allow the District to replenish the supply.

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