



# 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

November 6, 2023

### Personnel:

Firefighter Warring completed his required hospital and ride time requirements. He will be working on completing his testing requirements and making his trip back to Boston to complete the rest of the class. There is no definite date for this trip, but we are anticipating it to occur in late November or early December, with a National Registry test in mid-December.

Firefighter Smith is 6 months into the class and progressing well. Please give him your encouraging words when you see him.

Once again, the Recruitment and Retention Committee has done an outstanding job of getting new personnel on board. There have been multiple new recruits started in the process to members. You will undoubtedly see many new faces when you visit. The latest total of new recruits for the year is 10.

### Safety:

I have continued to work on the draft version of the Accident Prevention Plan. I have reached out to WA L&I for assistance, and we will be setting up a time to meet later in November.

I am still working on reaching my WSDOT contact about the warning lights for the front of Station 2-1. I will keep the board updated as I receive the information.

I have met with Dave Busz about the Brady intersection support, and he will be getting more information so we are presenting a united front.

### Operations:

Total Call Volume – 991

EMS – 63

- Transport – 37

YTD - 651

- Interfacility Transfers – 0
- Transport Refusals – 26

FIRE – 3 YTD - 41

- Building Fire – 1
- Cooking – 1
- Fire in RV – 1

Total Fire/EMS Overlapping Calls – 16 (17%) YTD – 256 (26%)

Mutual or Automatic Aid Given - 7

- Fire – 1 (MFD – 1)
- EMS – 1 (MFD – 1,)
- Canceled in route – 5 (MFD – 3, EGH – 1, Mason #12 – 1)

Mutual or Automatic Received – 3

- EMS – 3 (MFD – 2, AFD – 1)

Station Breakdown	YTD
• Station 2-1 – 70	703
• Station 2-2 – 22	243
• Station 2-3 – 2	50

Fire and life safety inspections will be conducted during November and December. This is a great chance for the District to reach out to business owners and work with them to keep our residents and responders safe.

### Administration

Fire prevention week was a success. The District was able to give fire safety classes at the Central Park Elementary School and was able to give safety information to 126 kids.

Testing for the open lieutenant position will be on November 16 and 17. There are 2 candidates who will be participating in the testing.

The agreement with FirstArriving has been accomplished, and the units and system should be installed in December. There will be more training and information to come once the equipment is up and running.

Chief McNutt continues working on the GHC Mitigation Plan. There will be a presentation at the November meeting to present the first round of information.

Annual agreements for computer and notifications services are all coming due and being renewed.

It was discovered that we have some properties at the end of West Satsop Rd. that are not part of the fire district. We will have to work with these properties to get them into

the district. I have met with the County assessor's office to ensure they were out, and it was confirmed. Those properties will need to start a petition to annex.

## Logistics

### Facilities:

Station 2-1 – Nothing significant to report.

Station 2-2 – Nothing significant to report.

Station 2-3 – Nothing significant to report.

### Apparatus:

E2-41 (new) had some mechanical problems during pump testing in October. On the drive to testing, a coolant hose broke, and this was able to be replaced by FF Hogarty. During testing, the pump failed testing, and the next day the broken pump valve was able to be repaired, but the mechanic stated the previous valve had been installed incorrectly, also damaging the housing. He was able to make the repair, and this fixed what looked to be the problem but will need to be re-pump tested this year to verify.

Old E2-41 is stripped of equipment and the tires that could have been swapped with E2-31. Advertisement for the surplus is out and closes the Wednesday before the December Commissioner meeting.

E2-31 Had the drive tires replaced with the drive tires from Old E2-41, but the steer tires were not compatible. Tires have been ordered, and when they arrive, these will be replaced. Along with the tires, the fuel-sending unit broke and was replaced at Kenworth. While the unit was there, it went through its DOT inspection and failed due to a driver-side axle seal leak. This was also fixed while it was at Kenworth and passed. During pump testing, the dry vacuum test failed, and this will need to be repaired. The mechanic believed this was a bad tank-to-pump valve, and we are waiting on quotes for the repairs.

E2-12 failed the same dry vacuum test, and it is also believed to be the tank-to-pump valve. This is also part of the quote we are waiting on.

E2-11 had the pump packing replaced prior to testing, and this fixed the leak issue. Pump testing passed, and this truck is just waiting for its DOT inspection.

E2-21 passed pump testing and is awaiting DOT inspection.

Scene lighting upgrades on E2-11 have been completed, and this work should increase our ability to work during the night hours. FF Hogarty will be working on updating E2-21 and E2-31 with better scene lighting as well.

Braun NW contacted us and said Ford had opened its van chassis but did not have VIN for us or any other information. Their engineering division is still working on the final plans and will get us that information at a later date.

Upcoming testing schedule:

- Aerial Ladder testing TBD

Completed testing:

- Pump testing – 3 out of 5 engines experienced failures. Some repairs have been made, but we are waiting on some parts and quotes for others. Some engines will need to be retested later after the repairs.

PPE/Uniforms:

Uniform items are beginning to arrive and be issued out to the members. We still have some items in process but do not expect any problems.

PPE is still in process at the manufacturer. It is taking time, but still on schedule with what we imagined.

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