



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

December 11, 2023

Personnel:

Firefighter Warring will return to Boston to finish his paramedic program testing. This will occur between December 18th through the 22nd. We look to have him fully certified and operating as a paramedic by January 2024.

The Recruitment and Retention Committee will finish off the year strong. They have brought in 12 new responders, four living inside the District boundaries. We hope to continue this next year and find more recruits inside our borders.

This week, we have three responders who will complete the EMR course that started in November. They are excited to get out and start working with the crews on the road.

Safety:

I met with the L&I representatives to start the update of the District's Accident Prevention Plan. The meeting was good, and there is now a better understanding of improvements that can be made.

A letter of support for the Brady intersection has been sent off, and I will monitor for any further action with this.

The safety committee meeting is scheduled for December 28 at 1900hrs.

Operations:

Total Call Volume – 1090

EMS – 68

YTD - 651

- Transport – 37
- Interfacility Transfers – 0
- Transport Refusals – 26

FIRE – 5

YTD - 46

- Building Fire – 2
- Misc Fire – 3

Total Fire/EMS Overlapping Calls – 17 (18%) YTD – 273 (25)

Mutual or Automatic Aid Given - 6

- Fire – 2 (HFD – 1, EGH - 1)
- EMS – 2 (EGH – 2,)
- Canceled in route – 2 (MFD – 1, EGH – 1)

Mutual or Automatic Received – 5

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

Station Breakdown

- Station 2-1 – 61
- Station 2-2 – 29
- Station 2-3 – 4

YTD

764

272

54

Fire and life safety inspections will continue in December. The inspections that have occurred so far have been a positive experience with the businesses and an opportunity to discuss fire safety.

We have held steady at an average of 25% for overlapping calls for the year. We must look at ways to encourage more responses due to multiple re-tones. Adding more volunteers is encouraging, but getting them trained and running will take some time.

Administration

The training calendar was completed for the first quarter of 2024. The committee has a good plan for next year, and some new classes are being looked into to deal with new issues facing the responders.

The Lieutenant testing was completed on November 17th. A qualified candidate was placed on the list, and I have been in contact with him. This promotion will take place 1 Jan 2024 with a badge pinning event I plan to hold during the January board meeting.

Logistics

Facilities:

Station 2-1 – Nothing significant to report.

Station 2-2 – Nothing significant to report.

Station 2-3 – Nothing significant to report.

We will be starting the process to prioritize the station projects that will occur next year. More to come with this.

Apparatus:

All DOT inspections have been completed on fire apparatus. Some problems were found during the inspections addressed on E 2-41, such as a leaking steer axle that was repaired.

E 2-12 had its annual testing and passed the test. We are waiting on the final results, and the unit may be able to return to full service. It also had some valve repairs done that were discovered during pump testing.

E 2-41 completed its repairs from problems discovered during pump testing and is back in full service.

In January, an LED lighting upgrade will start on E 2-21. This will mirror the project on E 2-11 and improve lighting on scenes around the apparatus.

PPE/Uniforms:

The District bought four body armor vests for use in incidents such as active shooter or other responses where the need for extra protection may arise. A new policy written and ready for your approval will lay out how this PPE should be used.

Small class A and B uniform accessories have been ordered and should arrive next year.

###