



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

January 11, 2024

Personnel:

Firefighter Warring is awaiting action from Dr. Buck and then Washington certification. To complete his paramedic. We look forward to having him up and running by the end of January.

We ended the year with 12 new volunteer responders, and 2024 is off to a great start. We have three applications that were received and started before the end of 2023 and are almost complete. Along with the 3 in process, we already have 2 to start the year, and recruitment is off and running.

Three responders have started in the fire academy that is taking place at SBRFA, and we have one member enrolled in the EMT class. They are all off to a good start, excited to learn new skills, return to District #2, and put them to use.

Safety:

The safety committee met on 28 December and discussed the outcome of all the traffic calming improvements for the year. These improvements succeeded in keeping the facility and equipment safe from public vehicles passing through the station at a high speed. Most importantly, these measures protect our most vital resource: the responders and family members who work and visit the station.

Operations:

Total Call Volume – 1149

EMS – 57

YTD - 708

- Transport – 35
- Interfacility Transfers – 0
- Transport Refusals – 22

FIRE – 3

YTD - 49

- Building Fire – 1

- Misc Fire – 2

Total Fire/EMS Overlapping Calls – 15 (17%) YTD – 288 (25%)

Mutual or Automatic Aid Given - 6

- Fire – 1 (HFD – 1)
- EMS – 2 (AFD – 1, MFD – 1)
- Canceled in route – 3 (AFD – 1, MFD – 1, EGH – 1)

Mutual or Automatic Received – 3

- EMS – 3 (AFD – 1, MFD – 2)

Station Breakdown	YTD
• Station 2-1 – 70	814
• Station 2-2 – 12	277
• Station 2-3 – 4	58

We have held steady at an average of 25% for overlapping calls for the year.

Starting in 2024, responders have been put into companies. This was done to provide a means to integrate the new members we have gained into the system and prepare them for response. They can reach out for guidance, get individualized training opportunities, work with others to keep their skills up, and become confident members.

Administration

I met with Chief Ward from EGHFR on 3 Jan and reminded him of the Keys Rd project. He was going to reach out to his board and get this on their radar again for action. I let him know to contact me if there is anything they might need from us.

I have contacted Brian Snure about the eight properties at the end of W. Satsop Road. He will be working on what is required and will get back to me with the next steps needed in this annexation process to provide fire protection to these properties.

It was discovered there were some COVID monies still available for District #2. We are currently working through the process of trying to secure these funds.

We received word from DNR that our wildland engine request was denied. There were 11 units available and 55 applications. We will try again this year.

As of 8 Jan, we were confirmed that our SAM.gov account is active until 3 Jan 2025. We can submit for FEMA grants in 2024 now that this has happened.

The three policies that the State Auditor's office requested have been completed and will be up for approval at the January meeting.

Logistics

Facilities:

Station 2-1 – The signboard is still delayed due to a lack of funding. We have been unable to find a grant source to help with this costly project.

The warning lighting along Olympic Hwy will be around 11 to 15K for the entire installation, and then there will be maintenance costs to us after the installation.

Station 2-2 – We will be getting started on the siding project; more to come on this.

We are looking to replace the old extractor at the station and want to use possible grant funds from LNI to make this happen.

Station 2-3 – We are looking for a contractor to paint the water tower at Station 2-3.

All TVs have been mounted at the stations for the response/announcement program. We are awaiting the electrician to provide power at 2 locations and the arrival of the equipment to run the program.

Apparatus:

The command truck is scheduled for striping on Jan 25 at Larson Sign.

We completed some more valve replacement work on engines discovered during pump testing. We are still waiting on some parts to finish the project.

Other minor miscellaneous repairs are occurring, and we hope to begin the lighting replacement project for E 2-21 soon.

There has been no new information on the ambulance remount project. Our last communication was that Ford opened the request portal, and we are awaiting confirmation.

PPE/Uniforms:

Nothing to report

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