



# 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

February 8, 2024

### Personnel:

Firefighter Warring is up and running as a paramedic. We look forward to him getting out in the field and allowing for a better share of the paramedic workload. His next steps will be working toward the requirements as an Acting Officer.

Firefighter Nick Smith is 9 months into paramedic class. He is scheduled to travel to Boston for his first round of the hands-on portion of the class.

The volunteers are getting up to speed and have been in contact with the company officers. I am aware of some company training that has been scheduled and look forward to hearing about it.

### Safety:

Nothing new to report.

### Operations:

Total Call Volume – 86

EMS – 58

YTD - 58

- Transport – 30
- Interfacility Transfers – 0
- Transport Refusals – 28

FIRE – 1

YTD - 1

- Building Fire – 1

Total Fire/EMS Overlapping Calls – 14 (16%) YTD – 14 (16%)

Mutual or Automatic Aid Given - 6

- Fire – 1 (AFD – 1)
- EMS – 4 (EGHFD – 3, MFD – 1)
- Canceled in route – 1 (EGH – 1)

Mutual or Automatic Received – 0

Station Breakdown	YTD
• Station 2-1 – 53	53
• Station 2-2 – 30	30
• Station 2-3 – 3	3

It is the start of a new year, so all of the members are getting fit tested, and then the machine will move on to the next department just as it has in the past.

We have placed the 4 body armor vests into service on the apparatus and completed the training for their use. We hope to only pull them out for inspection and training use, but they are there if needed.

A 3-year contract was signed with the company that performs our ladder and hose testing. They were a pleasure to work with and the next few years should be seamless with them as they now have everything tagged and streamlined.

### Administration

Chief Ward informed me they will be discussing the Keys Rd. project on February 24<sup>th</sup>. There is currently nothing else needed from GHFD2.

During work for the W. Satsop annexation, it was discovered that a ninth property needed to be included in the action. I have received the map and legal description of the area for the petition paperwork. The next step is meeting with the residents to talk with them about the annexation request.

There was a meeting about the COVID monies available on 22 January. There is no new information to report on this. I will keep you advised when we receive more information.

The Assistance to Firefighter Grant period has opened, and we are putting together a request for communications equipment upgrades. Our equipment has been put on hold for many years, waiting for the county communications upgrade. With the cancelation and restart of this project, the District needs to move forward and begin replacing old equipment. The County's upgrade project is probably 5 years out.

Work on the EMS levy renewal has begun. We will be getting information out to the community, and I have been in contact with Mr. Snure to prepare the necessary documents.

## Logistics

### Facilities:

Station 2-1 – There is work on moving the storage connex. Further back on the property to open parking. Along with this project, we have discussed a fence with the water district to help with traffic to their property, and they are on board for a shared cost of this project. They have been having issues with the buildings. It is still in the planning process, and nothing more to report.

After the past few years, the gravel lot has settled, and responders' vehicles with low clearance are beginning to bottom out. We must look into more gravel to level the lot for future use.

Station 2-2 – DC Scherer is working on the siding replacement project, and should you have any questions, please reach out to him.

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

The power outlets were installed, and once the control boxes are received, we will have the station announcement boards up and operational.

### Apparatus:

The chief's truck was stripped at Larson Sign on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. Please stop by and see the great work.

The old E2-41 still has not had any interest. I want to readvertise and drop the minimum bid to \$1000. We will also continue to look for another agency that may want the apparatus.

Some tire socks were purchased for E2-11 as a trial to replace chains when needed. They have been placed onto the apparatus, and when they are first used, I will report on how they do.

We received the specs for the ambulance remount. They will be reviewed, and then we can move forward. There is still an expected start time in late August for the work.

### PPE/Uniforms:

Nothing new to report

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