



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 Nick Smith is scheduled to travel to Boston for his first round of the hands-on portion of the class. He will be out of the area April 14 – 27.

The revised probation manual has been issued to the new volunteers. Company officers have been working with their assigned members to familiarize them with the manual and how to accomplish the tasks inside.

Safety:

The committee has the first meeting of the year planned for March 28.

Operations:

Total Call Volume – 177

EMS – 58

YTD - 116

- Transport – 34
- Interfacility Transfers – 0
- Transport Refusals – 24

FIRE – 1

YTD - 2

- Chimney Fire – 1

Total Fire/EMS Overlapping Calls – 28 (35%) YTD – 46 (26%)

Mutual or Automatic Aid Given - 4

- Spill response – 1 (MFD – 1)
- EMS – 1 (EGHFD – 1)
- Canceled in route – 2 (EGH – 2)

Mutual or Automatic Received – 3

- EMS – 3 (MFD – 3)

Station Breakdown	YTD
• Station 2-1 – 65	126
• Station 2-2 – 12	43
• Station 2-3 – 3	8

Administration

Letters have been sent to all of the property owners involved in the West Satsop Rd. annexation project. A meeting with these owners is set for April 2 at 7 PM at Station 2-2.

The Assistance to Firefighting Grant (AFG) was submitted on 5 March. After a discussion with the Aberdeen Fire Department, it was discovered both agencies were requesting radio communication equipment. A regional grant was submitted for both departments as this improves the possibility of an award. GHFD2 is the host agency for this grant.

A newsletter is in the final stages of completion and will be sent to the district residents. We hope to use this to provide information and spread the word about the District's good work.

The SAFER grant opened on March 11. I am working to complete the application. Closing is on April 12.

Logistics

Facilities:

Station 2-1—We are awaiting an updated report/quote from a vendor regarding moving an antenna for the house tone system. The original quote was quite high, and the vendor was reviewing another option as a possibility.

The gravel for the rear parking lot has been delivered and leveled, which makes parking much better.

Station 2-2 – DC Scherer is working on the siding replacement project. If you have any questions, please contact him.

Station 2-3 – DC Scherer is working on a contractor to paint the water tower at Station 2-3.

Starlink internet service was installed at the station, and the internet quality has greatly improved. All connections are working properly, and if we need to staff the station for an extended period, we now have reliable connectivity to perform tasks and pass information.

Apparatus:

The original quote for the ambulance remount project was over budget. On March 5th, we met with the sales rep from Braun NWS and were able to make adjustments and come in under the allotment of funds. We are waiting for the final paperwork to complete the sale. We are expecting a 2025 chassis, and this is believed to be a reason for the original price increase.

All of the new LED lighting for E 2-21 has arrived, and a schedule for the installation is being made. The truck will be out of service for a few hours while this work is accomplished.

Brush units will be placed back into service on April 1. Before this, all trucks will be serviced, and operations checks will be performed.

PPE/Uniforms:

We are due to receive the final sets of PPE ordered late last year. We will need to order more sets this year to outfit the influx of new volunteers who were accepted last year.

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