



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

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Personnel:

FF Smith is now (12) months into his paramedic training and has completed the didactic/classroom portion of the program. He will start his hospital clinicals at Mason General Hospital in the next two weeks. The anticipated completion time is October, with a November certification date.

We have seen a good rotation of volunteers pulling shifts at the station. They have been working with the crews to learn, and I see them on the floor regularly, working on skills that will be important. I have also seen a resurgence in other members getting out and teaching. The District is positioning itself to have a well-trained force as these new volunteers progress.

Safety:

The L&I Grant period has opened, and we will apply again this year. We will apply for money to cover the cost of a new gurney compatible with the auto-load system. The grant amount is capped at \$25,000, and the total cost of the new gurney with the maintenance plan is \$44,068. If we receive this grant, it will help reduce the cost by almost half for the entire system.

Operations:

Total Call Volume – 305

EMS – 40

YTD - 214

- Transport – 25
- Interfacility Transfers – 0
- Transport Refusals – 15

FIRE – 6

YTD - 10

- Structure Fire – 4
- Vehicle Fire – 1
- Wildland Fire – 1

Total Fire/EMS Overlapping Calls – 11 (18%) YTD – 73 (24%)

Mutual or Automatic Aid Given – 5

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

Mutual or Automatic Received – 6

- Fire – 4 (AFD – 1, MFD – 3)
- EMS – 2 (AFD – 1, MFD – 1)

Station Breakdown	YTD
• Station 2-1 – 53	235
• Station 2-2 – 6	66
• Station 2-3 – 2	15

Administration

I met with Kyle Rountree, and we have devised a plan to move forward with the tree clearing at Station 2-3. He will meet with county agencies before any work starts. This will clear the area where the current waterline is, allowing for access should any repairs be needed in the future, and create a space for a possible helicopter landing pad.

There is a new IT policy that needs approval. I was not able to locate a current policy. Thank you to Lt. Kuchciak for assisting with this policy.

Most of the current administration policies have been reviewed and were unchanged except for grammatical issues.

With the upcoming warmer weather, we are looking to begin a purge of broken and worn-out items that are piling up. We will seek input from district members.

During last year's 5-year plan discussion, a grant writer was mentioned. I have been looking at different companies that offer this service, and the cost seems to be around \$9000 on average. I will continue to look for options, but this may give the district a leg up for next year. I will have more information for the June meeting.

The AFG is still under review at FEMA, and no new information exists on this grant. As a reminder, this was a regional grant with AFD for communications equipment. If we are unsuccessful, the District will look into other options to replace antiquated and failing equipment.

Logistics

Facilities:

Station 2-1—After meeting with the company performing the antenna, they performed some more testing and discovered a better, more cost-effective way to remedy the problem. They will be able to perform the repairs for under \$2000. We hope to have this take place in May.

We have discovered that the new station requires an annual backflow water test, so this was completed and is built into the schedule to continue from this time forward. This will also happen with the new station's sprinkler system.

Station 2-2 – DC Scherer will speak to the progress of this project.

Station 2-3 – Nothing major to report

Station 2-4 – Quigg Realty has been contacted and will work to get the property up for sale here within the next few weeks.

Apparatus:

B 2-41 has been transferred to HFD.

E2-41 has a coolant leak and will require significant repairs. We have contacted Kenworth for the repairs, but we expect the cost to be in the thousands.

The new nozzles have been ordered and will modernize the fleet. They will all be the same style and operate similarly, alleviating the need to constantly adjust pump operations depending on the nozzle. This will streamline training and make scene operations more effective.

Annual SCBA flow testing will occur on May 16 & 17.

PPE/Uniforms:

The first sets of EMS-only PPE are expected to arrive around June.

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