



Assistant Chief's Report
for the
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
of
24 February 2021

1. Operational:

- a. The coronavirus or COVID-19 and its protocols and requirements have become a part of our daily operations and efforts...
 - i. As of late Tuesday, the Island's count of documented cases of COVID-19 is now 104. Three of these patients were transported by Vashon Fire.
 - ii. PPE is being monitored weekly and our status reported to a regional Fire/EMS coordination team...
 - iii. Response protocols continue to be monitored and modified/enhanced from previous norms to protect our responders (and in some cases the public) from exposures to the coronavirus...
 - iv. Daily wellness checks continue to be required for the duty shifts as well as the administrative staff at the start of each day, at a minimum...
 - v. Duty personnel continue to wear face masks and practice distancing efforts while working within the Station and Administrative Offices...
 - vi. Fire District facilities continue to remain closed to the public. It is our intent to remain closed and move forward in conjunction with the Governor's 'Phased Approach' to opening the State again. We are no longer forecasting when our facilities will be again opened to the community...
- b. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) team remains activated though they are continuing at a much-reduced investment of time and energy then when started in March...
- c. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) remains activated and is still performing testing at the "O" Space as well as being involved with VBP, CERT, and Vashon Pharmacy as the vaccination site at Vashon Pharmacy.

2. Training:

- a. The quarterly training drill for all District members is scheduled for March 11th and is moving forward with the involvement of the Training Consortium.
- b. One island resident completed the King County EMT course and the National Registry EMT paperwork. He is currently in our EMT academy and scheduled for completion the end of March.

c. We are currently moving forward with 1 Fire Recruit Academy this year with applicant interviews next week for 3-4 Island residents and 1 current Volunteer EMT. We currently have a commitment from South Kitsap for 4 places in the Academy.

d. We have interviewed 3 new Part Time candidates and will be interviewing 2 more next week with the 3 so far moving on to the next step in the process. We currently have one past PTP member requesting to return to VIFR. All this would add to our current cadre of 7 Part Time members.

3. Service/Call Volume:

a. As of shift change this morning, we continue to see a reduction in call volume from last year. Our total number of calls so far is 201, currently 11 calls more than last year, this suggests a total call volume of some 1385 for the year, a volume that at this point would total 82 below last year's low total of 1,536, with the concurrent call volume at 25 equaling some 12.4% of our total calls.

4. Facilities:

a. We are currently working with a mechanical engineer and have secured a design for the King County ventilation requirement for the Search and Rescue prop.

5. Fleet:

a. We are currently finalizing plans for a new Aid Car.

b. Repairs to A355 from the concrete block incident last year have been completed with the installation of a new hood.

c. TN356 is currently having some plumbing replaced and is scheduled to be back in-service next week.

d. Quint 355 is currently out of service and there are parts on order for the waterway valve and ladder nozzle position lock, once those items have been repaired the truck will be taken to town to have a new compartment door built and installed.

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