



Assistant Chief's Report
for the
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
of
28 April 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 113. 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 than 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 at the vaccination site at Vashon Pharmacy.
- d. VIFR has responded to three calls at the vaccination site for possible medication reaction.

2. Training:

- a. The next Quarterly Drill for all District members will be held on May 20th and will consist of a mix of Field Activities and Classroom time.

- b. One Island resident has completed the EMT Recruit Academy and is responding as a Volunteer EMT.
- c. We started two Part Time EMTs earlier this month and both are working through the process with satisfactory results.
- d. We currently have one Island resident and District member in the King County EMT Class.

3. Service/Call Volume:

- a. As of shift change this morning our total number of calls so far is 426, currently 12 calls more than last year, this suggests a total call volume of some 1,328 for the year, a volume that at this point would total 208 below last year's low total of 1,536, with the concurrent call volume at 54 equaling some 12% 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 and are scheduling closed cell foam insulation application.

5. Fleet:

- a. We are currently finalizing plans for a new Aid Car.
- b. Quint 355 is still out of service and there are parts on order for the waterway valve, door hinge pins, 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.
- c. A3551 is back in service after the brake repair.
- d. Annual hose and ladder testing is currently being scheduled.

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