



**Assistant Chief's Report**  
for the  
**Fire Commissioners' Meeting**  
of  
**26 May 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 121. 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 2nd Quarter Drill for all District members was held on May 20<sup>th</sup> and consisted of a mix of Field Activities for Wild Land Firefighting and a guest speaker, Retired Captain Mike Gagliano of SFD, speaking on how to make the firehouse

a place you want to work along with an evening gathering on Marriage and the Fire Service.

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. He is expected to complete the course in mid-June.

e. Lt. Bob Smueles, Fire Support Training Officer, is retiring from volunteer service at the end of May. Mike Lawson has been promoted to the position.

f. One on-island EMT recently completed the in-house EMT Academy and is now available to respond and do duty shifts.

### **3. Service/Call Volume:**

a. As of shift change yesterday morning our total number of calls so far is 547, currently 47 calls more than last year, this suggests a total call volume of some 1376 for the year, a volume that at this point would total 160 below last year's low total of 1,536, with the concurrent call volume at 68 equaling some 12% of our total calls.

### **4. Facilities:**

a. The closed cell foam insulation was applied to the metal roofing and siding around the Search prop and in the lean-to to prevent condensation temperature differences between the outside air and interior air thus preventing condensation.

### **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. BR355 is back in service after the brake repair.

d. Annual hose and ladder testing is scheduled for June 1st.

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