



Assistant Chief's Report
for the
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
of
30 September, 2020

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 21. One of these patients was transported by Vashon Fire...(an MVA patient in August)
 - ii. We had one responder test positive after a duty shift upon that notification we placed the shift on 14 day quarantine from the date of exposure to that person, the entire shift tested negative and was able to return to work after the mandatory 14 day quarantine.
 - iii. PPE is being monitored weekly and our status reported to a regional Fire/EMS coordination team...
 - iv. 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...
 - v. 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...
 - vi. Duty personnel continue to wear face masks and practice distancing efforts while working within the Station and Administrative Offices...
 - vii. 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...
- d. To the best of our understanding, as of this morning none of the island residents/patients we have transported off the island have testing positive for COVID-19...

2. Training:

- a. We have 7 Rescue Swimmer ready to enter the water after completing the Salt Water Training aspect of the program yesterday.
- b. November 5th is the District's scheduled 2020 4th quarter training day and plans are being developed for an MCI type drill. There will be Consortium trainers here to help with the drill
- c. FF2 class started last night at the Training Center and will be every Tuesday evening and every Saturday and 1 weekend at the State Academy ending October 31.
- d. One island resident is in the current King County EMT class.
- e. Three off island EMTs will be started the EMT Academy September 2nd and all are progressing well.

3. Service/Call Volume:

- a. As of yesterday afternoon, we continue to see a reduction in call volume from last year although there has been a pickup in the past few weeks. Incidents as of yesterday afternoon totaled 1075, currently 90 calls behind last year, this suggests a total call volume of some 1437 for the year, a volume that at this point would total 99 below last year's low total of 1,536...

4. Facilities:

- a. There have been new lockers installed in Station 55 for the part time employees as well as off Island volunteers to keep their gear and issued item in and a locker for wet suits and swimming equipment.
- b. We are continuing to update the S&R prop with the addition of rubber mat flooring and the enclosing of the lean-to area to be happening in the coming weeks.

Thank you

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