



**Assistant Chief's Report**  
for the  
**Fire Commissioners' Meeting**  
of  
**28 October 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 29. 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...

**2. Training:**

- a. November 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

- b. FF2 class took their written final exam yesterday and will have the final practical evolutions on Saturday.
- c. One island resident is in the current King County EMT class.
- d. Three off island EMTs will be started the EMT Academy September 2<sup>nd</sup> and all are progressing well.

**3. Service/Call Volume:**

- a. As of shift change this morning, 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 1207, currently 70 calls behind last year, this suggests a total call volume of some 1463 for the year, a volume that at this point would total 73 below last year's low total of 1,536...

**4. Facilities:**

- a. The rubber flooring has been installed in the search prop and has been used for drills. Work to enclose the lean to is continuing.
- b. There was an accident in the truck bay area involving the Quint resulting in damage to the truck and the overhead door assembly. The repairs to the door assembly are in progress and the truck repair is being scheduled.

Thank you

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