



Assistant Chief's Report
for the
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
of
25 November 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 52. 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 a 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 than when started in March...
- c. The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) remains activated and is still performing testing at the "O" Space...

2. Training:

- a. The Quarterly Training drill originally scheduled for November 5th has been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID restrictions and concerns.

- b. The FF2 class test results are back, and we are happy to announce that all 9 students passed.
- c. One island resident is in the current King County EMT class and is scheduled to complete the course mid-December.
- d. Three off island EMTs started the VIFR EMT Academy September 2nd and all are progressing well within anticipated completion date of mid-December.

3. Service/Call Volume:

- a. As of shift change yesterday morning, we continue to see a reduction in call volume from last year. Incidents as of yesterday morning totaled 1310, currently 72 calls behind last year, this suggests a total call volume of some 1457 for the year, a volume that at this point would total 79 below last year's low total of 1,536, with the concurrent call volume at 163 equaling some 12.4% of our total calls.

4. Facilities:

- a. Regarding the 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 have been completed and the truck repair is being scheduled.

Thank you

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