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**CHIEF'S
REPORT**

Board of Fire Commissioners'
Meeting of
28 April 2021

Please accept the following brief overview of the District. Its focus is to complement Chief Larsen's report as well as point out noteworthy topics since the Board's last regularly scheduled meeting.

1. Staff/Personnel:

- a. I am afraid that on the night of the 18th a patient of a motor vehicle accident tested positive for COVID-19 at the hospital. Seven members of the District were possibly exposed to this patient in the course of their rescue and treatment. Based on information discovered during our investigation as well as discussion with Public Health's Doctor Rea it was agreed that no unusual actions or quarantines were necessary...
- b. Additionally, we have had an off-duty firefighter advise us that they have tested positive for COVID-19. Though the source of the exposure is not known to us, based on the timeline of the event(s) no associated exposures are being tied to other District personnel or job-related activities/presence. The responder has since completed their quarantine/isolation in accordance with our current protocols and is back in service...
- c. April 17th the volunteer corps organized, and self-directed a meeting regarding topics of importance to them. We have heard that it was a productive meeting however are not yet aware of any specific results, needs or actions...
- d. On the 21st a small group of students gathered to discuss and re-initiate the Explorer Program...
- e. In recognition and appreciation of his efforts, EMT Steven Merkel was presented with his District badge during a short pinning ceremony on Thursday afternoon (22 Apr 21). In acknowledgement of the time, training, and efforts of our responders the District is working to ensure that such opportunities are not overlooked or set aside; expressing its gratitude as soon as possible after such achievements...

2. Fleet Status:

- a. As of this reporting and moving forward, reports on the fleet's status will be presented by the Assistance Chief...

3. Buildings & Grounds Status:

- a. As of this reporting and moving forward, reports on the status of our buildings and grounds shall be presented by the Assistance Chief...

4. Finance Reporting:

- a. Please accept the following overview/summary of the attached spreadsheet representing the first quarter of our 2021 fiscal year. The information within the yellow column of the spreadsheet represents the District as of the end of March...
 - i. Our 2021 revenues were \$604,295.83 or 10.81% of the year's overall forecast. This is 14.19% below the month's milestone of 25%...

- ii. Expenses closed at 21.393% of the year's allowance, this represents an under-budget performance of 3.607% below our annual forecast...
- b. In summary of the end of the month financial/budget spreadsheets, the following list is a review of the nine categories we track and represents the total cost to date and the percentage of the budget those costs represent. The total represents an operational budget expenditure of \$1,015,064.06...
 - i. *Administration-Business Support:* \$102,627.50 or 23.094% of budget...
 - ii. *Personnel Costs-Wages & Benefits:* \$803,681.01 or 21.918% of budget...
 - iii. *Training Costs:* \$6,627.44 or 5.103% of budget...
 - iv. *Equipment Costs:* \$29,344.49 or 26.083% of budget...
 - v. *Supply Costs:* \$5,076.45 or 17.558% of budget...
 - vi. *Uniforms & Personal Protection Equipment:* \$1,898.75 or 4.062% of budget...
 - vii. *Vehicle & Fleet Costs:* \$10,356.04 or 21.628% of budget...
 - viii. *Building & Grounds Costs:* \$41,134.14 or 17.450% of budget...
 - ix. *Disaster Preparation:* \$14,318.24 or 44.745% of budget...

5. Contractual Efforts:

- a. Regarding the District's on-going efforts to establish its compliance with the RCW requiring interlocal agreements for services:
 - i. *King County Housing Authority:* Our attorneys (Joe & Eric Quinn) have exchanged letters and points of view, and law, with the housing authority's attorneys to advance the matter to conclusion and contract; in comply with State Law. As this time, it is my understanding that the Housing Authority's attorneys are awaiting direction from their client. As we consider our next steps I would again ask the Board if it has any counsel on this matter?
- b. On April 1st, the Executive Board of Local 4189 and the Administration came to mutual understanding on a new/modified 2021 – 2023 Collective Bargaining Agreements. An outline of the modifications has been presented to the Boards and with its approval this evening the documents can be finalized and distributed for execution...
- c. It is also my understanding that contractual agreements with Chief Larsen's and myself have been mutual agreed upon (14 Apr 21) and are to be presented for the Board's consideration and approval this evening...
- d. In support of the above contractual efforts, I would like to advise the Board, as well as secure its approval, of the Administration's intent to implement similar wage and benefits modifications for the uncontracted staff. Specifically, the long overdue address of their lesser Deferred Compensation Program (DCP), now matching the remainder of the District as well as an incremental wage increase.
- e. We have contacted the Washington State Ferries regarding the fire protection agreements they recently presented us for the north and south terminals and docks. We have several questions of them and are awaiting responses...
- f. We are reviewing a new agreement with Systems Design West regarding transportation billing services...

6. Business Operations:

- a. We are actively reviewing the District insurance policy regarding building and vehicle costs and insurance coverage. The final resolution of this exercise will have a financial impact on the policy's cost...
- b. We have reinitiated our efforts to discuss and consider/establish protocols with Medic One and its relationship with an active MRC in the event of a large scale localized or regional event...
- c. Parallel to the above efforts we are continuing to work with the County's Office of Emergency Management working to further define the District's, *VashonBePrepared's*, and King County's roles and responsibilities/authority in a crisis. We are working towards

defining and documenting our mutual understandings and are preparing to test the documentation as well as engage legal review...

7. Community Engagements:

- a. Thursday afternoon (08 Apr 21) I attended a Sea Mar Clinic Relations Committee's meeting...
- b. Wednesday afternoon (14 Apr 21) I attended a ZOOM meeting of various community support and service agencies serving Vashon...
- c. Friday April 16th, I joined VashonBePrepared President Vicky de Monterey Richoux regarding a presentation on being prepared for a disaster for members of the Vashon Maury Senior Center...

8. Strategic Planning:

- a. I have nothing specific to report to the Board at this time...

9. Miscellaneous & Noteworthy Topic(s):

- a. As of yesterday (28 Apr 21) the count of COVID-19 positive patients on the island totals 113. To better understand the island's 'active cases' of the above number, 3 being identified over the last two weeks (14 days) and 1 over the last week (7 days). The Island continues to hold steady at four COVID-19 related hospitalization, and, unfortunately, three related deaths...
- b. Situation Report on the Island's status continue to be issues by the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Team on Tuesdays & Fridays...
- c. I would like to again offer a note of recognition and appreciation, as well as our sincerest thanks, to the dozens of volunteers, several approaching a year and two months (12 May 21) of active engagement in the service and protection of the Island during this pandemic...
- d. Please be advised, if you are not already aware of it, that on May fourth the Washington State earthquake warning system is being rolled out (ShakeAlert) and you should be able to active such alerting on your mobile devise...



Conclusion of Report

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