



Assistant Chief's Report
for the
Fire Commissioners' Meeting
of
31 March 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 109. 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. As of this morning VIFR has responded to two calls at the vaccination site for possible medication reaction.

2. Training:

- a. The quarterly training drill for all District members was held on March 11th at the Training Center and an off-site location. The drill was instructed by the South King County Fire Training Consortium and was well received by all involved.

b. One island resident completed the King County EMT course and the National Registry EMT paperwork. He is currently in our EMT academy and scheduled for completion in April. We currently have one District member in the King County EMT class.

c. The Recruit Academy planned for this spring has been cancelled due to lack of on-island volunteer candidates.

d. We will be starting two Part Time EMTs next Monday and have one more awaiting medical clearance.

3. Service/Call Volume:

a. As of shift change this morning, we continue to see a reduction in call volume from last year. Our total number of calls so far is 325, currently 12 calls more than last year, this suggests a total call volume of some 1,318 for the year, a volume that at this point would total 218 below last year's low total of 1,536, with the concurrent call volume at 43 equaling some 19% of our total calls.

4. Facilities:

a. We are currently working with a mechanical engineer and have secured a design for the King County ventilation requirement for the Search and Rescue prop.

5. Fleet:

a. We are currently finalizing plans for a new Aid Car.

b. Quint 355 is currently out of service and there are parts on order for the waterway valve 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. A3551 is currently out of service for brake repair and is expected to be back on the road tomorrow.

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