



**Assistant Chief's Report**  
for the  
**Fire Commissioners' Meeting**  
of  
**26 August, 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 12. None 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...
- d. To the best of our understanding, as of this morning none of the island residents/patients we have transported off the island have tested positive for COVID-19...

**2. Training:**

- a. There are currently four members of the career staff attending Rescue Swimmer certification classes (August 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>)...
  - i. To facilitate this training, we have started securing swimmer PPE and other program equipment and supplies...
  - ii. Initial Spotter Training dates have been established...

- b. A former swimmer has now confirmed/established their recertification training for early next month...
- c. Saltwater training (the last of the four annual testing components this year) is planned for all swimmers on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Should all successfully complete their training Vashon will have seven rescue swimmers in place before October 1<sup>st</sup>...
- d. Tomorrow's is the District's scheduled 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter training day...
- e. FF2 class scheduled for October at the Training Center and 1 weekend at the State Academy...
- f. One island resident is starting the King County EMT class tonight...
- g. Three off island EMTs will be starting the EMT Academy September 2<sup>nd</sup>...

**3. Service/Call Volume:**

- a. As of shift change this morning, we continue to see a dramatic reduction in call volume. Incidents as of shift change today totaled just 919, this suggests a total call volume of some 1421 for the year, a volume that at this point would total 115 below last year's low total of 1,536...

**4. Facilities:**

- a. New roofs have been installed on the Training Center and Station 56
- b. Continuing prop area storage area modifications
- c. Planning new south wall siding on the Training Center
- d. Scheduling repair for the carports at the generator building at Station 55

Thank you

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