



**Assistant Chief's Report**  
for the  
**Fire Commissioners' Meeting**  
of  
**30 December 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 86. Three of these patients were transported by Vashon Fire...(an MVA patient in August & two medical transports this Fall)
  - 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 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. As reported last month the Quarterly Training drill originally scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> had been cancelled due to the ongoing COVID restrictions and concerns. We attempted to reschedule that drill for this month, unfortunately the new restrictions put in place didn't allow that to happen. The first quarterly drill for next year is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>.

- b. One island resident completed the King County EMT course and is currently completing the National Registry EMT paperwork. He is scheduled to start our EMT academy in mid-January.
- c. We are currently exploring the possibility of having 1 Fire Recruit Academy this coming year if there is enough participation to warrant the effort.

**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 1460, currently 59 calls behind last year, this suggests a total call volume of some 1464 for the year, a volume that at this point would total 72 below last year's low total of 1536, with the concurrent call volume at 183 equaling some 12.5% of our total calls.

**4. Facilities:**

- a. A year end report will be provided at the January meeting.

**5. Fleet:**

- 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 parts have been delivered and the installation is being scheduled.
- b. A year-end report will be provided at the January meeting.

Thank you

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