

Station 53 Construction Project

Working through minor warranty work. Mascot will be on site next week to install the lube oil system in the maintenance bay. Installing laser line projectors and timed electrical outlets for backing apparatus in. Will also be replacing the lockers in the bunk rooms to bigger ones.

Other Administrative work

Chief Helm attended the Island County Fire Chiefs, EMS council, and ICOM Fire Tac meetings. Chief Helm attended the Northwest EMS Council meeting held at Skagit 911. Collaborated with Skagit 911 and ICOM for implementation of our new portable radios. Cathy worked hard preparing the budget for submission to GFOA, and end of the year beginning fund balances were updated in our budget as well.

Chief Helm Met with South Whidbey on collaboration efforts. Chief Helm and Chief Meek also spent a good period of time learning how to extract the data for this commissioners meeting from our new records management software ESO.

Training & Development

Administrative

Nothing to report.

Recruitment

On January 17, FF's from CWIFR and I met with our new fire academy recruits for a pre-fire academy orientation. Recruits practiced donning and doffing PPE/SCBA and were provided guidance for the academy.

In-Service Training

In-service training for January consisted of:

- Motorola portable radio training
- SCBA Quarterly, SCBA emergency procedures, and Mayday training
- Hose line deployments and taking hydrants
- Apparatus Operator training
- I-gel and Lucas introductory and refresher training
- B Shift conducted Lucas device training at Whidbey Health's monthly run review

Collaboration

The 2025 Island County Fire Academy has begun, and recruits are working hard. FF John Lloyd has been assisting SWFE with training and academy coordination.

Other:

Operations

We continue transitioning from ImageTrend to ESO, with Luke Hillier diligently overseeing the transfer of all fire and EMS incident data. Additionally, Lt. Jen Porter has been instrumental in preparing occupancy inspections for 2025.

CWIFR has also begun implementing I-gel airways for EMS response. In collaboration with other island agencies, we are adopting I-gel airways to enhance airway patency. We aim to complete training and fully implement this advancement by March 1. Concurrently, we continue training on the Lucas device and work with Whidbey Health to integrate the Lucas into A503 operations in the future.

Looking ahead, the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau will conduct its five-year re-evaluation of Central Whidbey Fire on April 9, 2025. As part of this process, they have requested comprehensive data on the fire department, fire marshal, and water systems. Our team has been actively compiling this information throughout January and February, with plans for submission in early March.

Events

- 2/12—Stop the Bleed at the Sno-Isle Library (Coupeville)
- 2/28--Stair chair refresher training for the Island County Prosecutor's Office
- FFs Kolton Kellison, Jeff Rhodes, Justin Burnett, and Ken Lindenstien returned from their two-week deployment to the California wildfires on January 25th. We thank our FFs for their commitment to our community and the California communities they served.
- Dr. Zeveruah memorial in late March (likely March 22).
- 3/8-3/9 Musselstest
- 3/8 Mussels in the Kettles

Significant Incidents

01/26—Camper/RV fire

Special OPS

Nothing to report.

PPE/Respiratory Protection

- Conducted inventory and distribution of new helmets, including installing Velcro and serial numbers. (1/5/2025) – Stavros
- Issued bunker gear to three recruits. (1/11/2025) – Stavros
- Completed PPE inventory and placed orders for flashlights, flash hoods, and accountability tags. (1/10/2025)
- Issued additional bunker gear. (1/16/2025) – Stavros
- Entered PPE inventory into ESO. (1/16/2025) – Stavros

Radios/Pagers

Skagit 911 continues to program new Motorola radios, which are anticipated to be in service on March 1, 2025.

Medical Supplies and CPR

Completed an inventory of EMS supplies and collaborated with Luke Hillier to establish PAR values in ESO for improved supply tracking. Additionally, entered Firefighter Bryson's written inventory into ESO. Jessy Hillier conducted CPR training on 1/22.

Reports

Rhodes completed the review of 163 NFIRS reports for the month of January.

Other

Fabricated new mount for Stryker stair chair mount in Ambulance. 1/10/2025 stavros and Bryson

Welded mounts on door for Stryker lift 1/16/2025; Repaired E53 hose bed spacers (drill and bolt aluminum angle to frame) 1/16/2025. Bryson inventoried and documented EMS supplies expiration dates.

Facilities

Station 51

Nothing to report.

Station 52

Nothing to report.

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Station 53's water heater was found to have corrosion and a minor leak. The leak is not impacting hot water service to the station and has been reported to Tiger Construction for repair.

We continue to work with Tiger Construction on various minor issues around the station and hope to have fixes within the next month.

Station 54

Nothing to report.

Community Risk Reduction

Monthly Inspection Progress

A shift completed 6/6 initial inspections.

B shift completed 3/3

C shift completed 0/7 initial inspections.

Yearly Inspection Progress

A shift 100% YTD

B shift 100%

C shift 0 % YTD

Home Safety Survey/Installations

- Replaced a smoke detector battery at Hollyberry.
- Replaced a smoke detector battery at Harbor Estates and submitted information for replacement batteries.
- Installed eight homeowner-provided smoke alarms on Pinecrest Avenue.
- Installed two homeowner-provided 10-year smoke alarms on Harbor Estates Road.
- B Shift replaced three smoke alarm batteries for a homeowner on Madrona Way.

CRR Programs and other inspection activity

- A shift completed online requests for 3 VRBO inspections.
- LT Porter met with the Coupeville building official who is working to bring Beaver Tales into hood system compliance.
- Building official meeting and walk of the Coupeville Wharf 1/31/25 also to discuss possible wharf celebration.

Fleet Maintenance Division

Repair and Maintenance

Throughout January, FF/Mechanic Matros focused on completing the installation of new portable radio chargers across CWIFR's fleet. Additionally, he began preparations on CWIFR's ambulance to ensure it is ready for service. Routine daily repairs were also conducted as needed.

Other Fleet Maintenance Activity

FF/Mechanic Matros represented CWIFR for the first time at the EVT Certification Commission Testing Validation Conference. This event provided a valuable opportunity to review, develop, and validate certification exams while contributing to the EVT community on a national level. The experience was highly rewarding, and he looks forward to participating again in the future. Attendance at this conference allows him to take some future required EVT testing free of charge as a trade for attending this conference. He also scored 100% on his Allison transmission test.