

Station 53 Construction Project

We are still working through minor warranty work and closeout with Tiger Construction and Subs

Other Administrative work

Chief Helm attended the Island County Fire Chiefs, EMS council, and ICOM Fire Tac meetings. Chief Helm met multiple days with South Whidbey regarding collaboration efforts.

Attended a meeting with ICOM and Skagit 911 on radio programming, attended the new Oak Harbor fire station ground breaking ceremony, fire Inspection meeting with the county, Island County fire chiefs' workshop in Anacortes, and participated in a 14-hour mediation process.

Cathy continues work on 2024 end of year report and L&I closeout paperwork for the construction of the new station 53.

Training & Development

Administrative

Battalion Chief Lloyd attended a county-wide exercise on Avian Influenza, with members from the local fire departments, Island County Emergency Management, Island County Public Health, and representatives from NAS Whidbey.

Recruitment

The volunteer committee agreed in March to open the volunteer interest and application period again, which was previously closed due to the absence of a Training Chief. The committee meets on April 17th and will continue to work on the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) for volunteers. Firefighter/EMT Travis Dotson and Battalion Chief Lloyd are planning to meet in the coming weeks to review the SOG and finalize a draft to present to the committee. Firefighter/EMT Dotson has put a lot of effort into refining it to fit the ever-changing landscape of volunteers.

In-Service Training

In-service training for March included:

- Pediatric CPR OTEPS
- Crew separation drills at the Boys and Girls Club playground
- Online medical training
- Blitzfire deployment and familiarization.
- Roll-up drills including scene size-up, hose deployment, taking a hydrant, and searching a structure.
- Rope rescue systems review
- Marine Operations
- Deployment of the 24' and 35' ladders with 3,2, and 1 person deployments.
- Continued apparatus training for multiple Light, Engine, and Tender A/O Books

Collaboration

The 2025 Island County Fire Academy is over halfway through. Recruits have taken the Firefighter I written and are waiting for the results. Battalion Chief Lloyd has been actively assisting SWFE with training and coordination.

Other

Skagit Valley College used the training tower for 2 lives burns on the 13th and 20th. A/O Brent Stevens and Firefighter/EMT Travis Dotson provided Tender services and conducted A/O training. Battalion Chief Lloyd

noticed wear and tear items on the training tower that will be monitored and budgeted for in the upcoming years.

Operations

CWIFR met with the WSRB yesterday to discuss the information provided over the last month. We want to take this opportunity to thank all the CWIFR personnel who contributed, the Town of Coupeville, Island County, and the various water systems that provided information to the WSRB on their systems.

We have begun the onboarding process for the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), which will replace NFIRS. NFIRS is the current fire reporting system that fire departments use to report on their activities, mainly incidents they respond to. We will submit the initial information to the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office this week, and we anticipate further collaboration with the WSFM office throughout 2025.

We are collaborating with Island County to address hydrant testing in unincorporated Island County. This collaboration is an effort to ensure that hydrants are functional, we have correct flow readings for pre-planning, and to provide appropriate data to the WSRB.

CWIFR has begun collaborating with Whidbey Health EMS in a training partnership to begin teaching ACT in our communities. Whidbey Health EMS has been teaching ACT (antidote, CPR/AED, tourniquet) for a period; however, to expand the program, they have asked us to assist in training community members. We plan to begin the initial training in May.

We have submitted all our paperwork for using I-gel airways on incidents. We anticipate transitioning to I-gels on May 1st.

Additionally:

- FF Oscar Wolken completed his 1-year probation as a career firefighter with CWIFR. Congratulations!

Events

- 4/8—WSRB
- 4/17—Safety Meeting and volunteer meeting
- 4/19 – Earth Day at Camp Casey (medical standby).
- 4/29—FIIRE Program meeting
- 5/3—Hearts and Hammers annual work day

Significant Incidents

- 03/12—MVA rollover near Pleasant Acres.
- 03/11—Watercraft rescue (sailboat and operator in distress)

Special Operations

- M5 Service Completed: B-Shift completed M5 service on engines, saving the program an estimated \$1200 and travel time to and from the shop. The diesel heater is OOS and waiting for repairs.
- Certified Burner Certification: FF Kellison received Certified Burner Cert from DNR.

PPE/Respiratory Protection

- New Coats Issued: Coats were provided to 8 members.
- New Boots Ordered: Boots were ordered for 8 members.
- Surplus Expired Gear Donated: Expired gear that was surplus was donated to SVCC.
- PPE Inventory Input: All PPE inventory was entered into ESO.

Radios/Pagers

- New Radios Pending Programming: Waiting for new radios to be programmed with Icom.
- Radio Testing on A503: Two new portable radios are being tested on A503, and useful feedback is being received.

Medical Supplies & CPR

- Medical Supplies Ordered: Ordered medical supplies to restock.
- CPR Class Conducted: CPR class performed from 3/15 to 3/22.
- Supplies Ordered/Replaced: Ordered/replaced missing supplies (hearing equipment, glucometer) for E-51 fire/EMS equipment.

Reports

- Calls Completed: 154 calls completed as of March 31th.

Facilities

Station 51 – No updates.

Station 52 – No updates.

Station 53

- Fire alarm system annual test
- Hood suppression bi-annual test
- Tiger construction was out today to remedy some electrical issues.

Station 54

- Replaced men's bathroom toilet paper holder

Community Risk Reduction (CRR)

Monthly Inspection Progress

- A shift completed 4/4 initial inspections, 3 re-inspections, 2 new business inspections.
- B shift completed 5/6 initial inspections; 1 remaining inspection is scheduled.
- C shift completed 5/6 initial inspections, 2 re-inspections, 1 remaining inspection is scheduled for an apt. only office.

Yearly Inspection Progress (Year-to-Date)

- A shift completed 21/21 YTD or 100%
- B shift completed 14/15 YTD or 93%

- C shift completed 19/21 YTD or 90%

Home Safety Surveys & Installations

- 4 smoke alarm batteries changed at Olympic View #54

Additional CRR Activities

- LT Porter spoke about the fire service at a female STEM career event at Oak Harbor High School.
- Completed two new business inspection requests
- Assisted with Mussel Festival coordinating volunteers at 51 staffed the event
- Inspection input into ESO/spreadsheet
- WSRB data collected and continued work on investigation and CRR SOGs

Fleet Maintenance Division

Repair & Maintenance

- Unit 1501 (Command 502) – Received scheduled P.M. service partially at CWIFR, from Jerry Smith Chevrolet, and Les Schwab.
- Unit 2301 (Fleet Services Truck) – Received its scheduled P.M. services.
- Unit 2303 (Command 501) – Received scheduled P.M. services.
- Unit 2002 (Brush 54) – Received scheduled P.M. service and NFPA 1911 inspection.
- Unit 2501 (Aid 503) – Received three new batteries.
- Both Trailers at St-54 were inspected, and necessary repairs were made to make them roadworthy again after sitting idle for an extended period.
- Unit 1402 (Tahoe) – Received scheduled P.M. service.
- Unit 2101 (E-53) – Received windshield wiper repair.
- Unit 2103 (E-51) – Received new windshield wipers per P.M. schedule.
- Work has started on Unit 1401, including installing and calibrating all new valves properly and rebuilding the primer valve.