



# Central Whidbey Island Fire & Rescue

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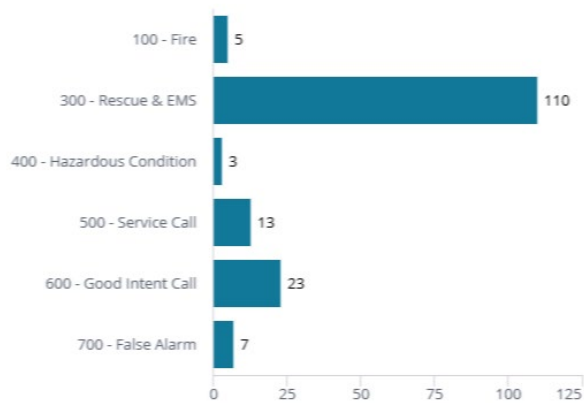
To: Board of Fire Commissioners  
 From: Fire Chief Jerry Helm, Deputy Chief James Meek, Battalion Chief John Lloyd  
 Date: September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 Subject: Chief's Report

## Operational Activity

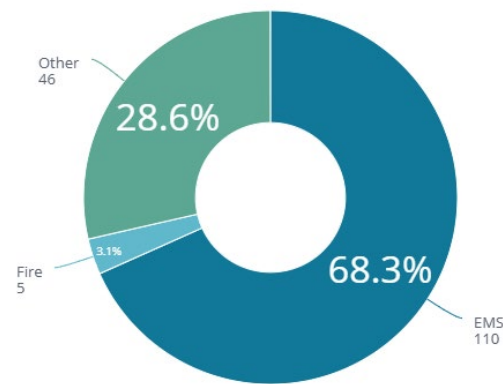
For the month of August 2025, we received **161 emergency service calls**. Of those, **29 overlapping incidents** impacted **18% of total incidents**. **3.1%** Fire response, **28.6%** Other response, and **68.3%** EMS emergency response.

## Frequency by Incident Type

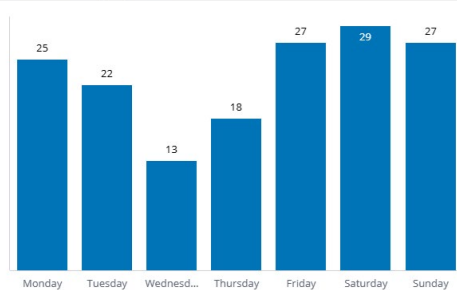
Count of Incidents by Incident Type



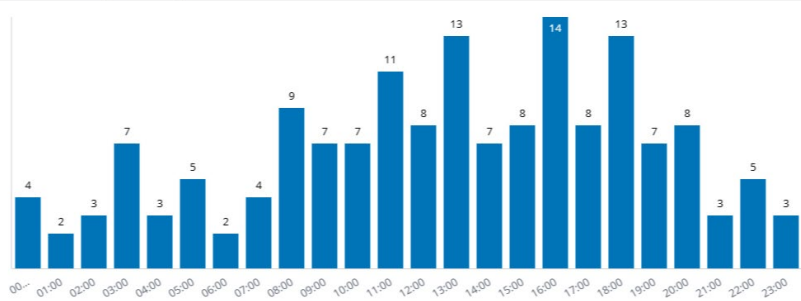
EMS/Fire Incident Breakdown



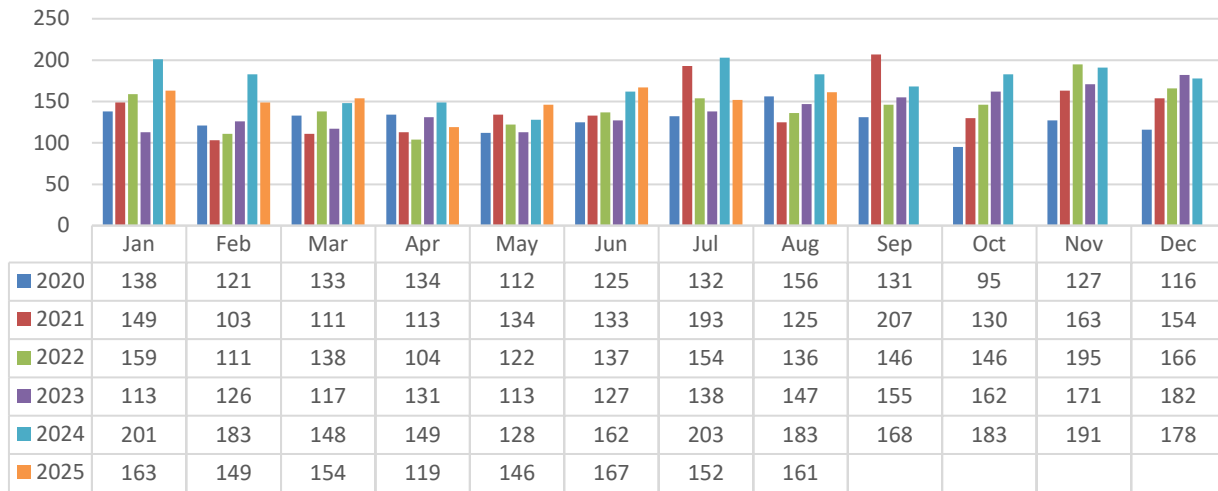
Incident Count by Day of Week



Incident Count by Hour of Day



2025 Incident Frequency by Month



**Station 53 Construction Project**

There are no new updates for Station 53, as our new SCBA washer, which is being replaced under warranty, is currently in production.

**Other Administrative work**

As I was on vacation for a week with my family, this month's report is relatively short compared to normal. Chief Helm met multiple days with South Whidbey regarding collaboration efforts. ICOM collaboration and planning for run card updates to include our one-year trial of a shared on-duty Battalion Chief. Continued the 2025 budget development process, construction of, and delivery of LT testing assessment and supporting documents, and met with Local 4299 on a few labor/management topics.

**Training & Development – Battalion Chief John Lloyd**

**Administrative**

Chief Magallon and I conducted additional joint training sessions with our crews, focusing on self-rescue, mayday procedures, and Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) operations. We also participated in district tours together to enhance our familiarity with each other’s areas of responsibility. This collaboration aims to improve operational effectiveness in our new roles of Battalion 31.

The district tours included reviewing major response routes, identifying key buildings, helicopter landing zones, boat launches, and other critical locations that are beneficial to know for emergency response and coordination.

**Recruitment**

**Volunteer Applications:** [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

I have begun reaching out to interested individuals regarding interviews and will begin scheduling them once suitable dates are identified for both the organization and the candidates.

Unfortunately, I was informed that there was insufficient interest in the South Whidbey volunteer EMT class, and as a result, it will not be offered this year. We currently exploring alternative options to ensure that training remains accessible, even when interest is limited. These alternatives may include partnerships with Skagit Valley College

### **In-Service Training**

In August personnel competed a total of 263 hours of training .

Training topics covered during in-service sessions included:

- SCBA quarterlies
- Apparatus Operator Training
- Medical OTEP training
- Self rescue, mayday and RIT operations.
- Special Operations: Structural Collapse Response
- Online medical training
- Officers choice training for specific shift training needs

These sessions supported both individual skill development and inter-agency coordination efforts

### **Collaboration**

Chiefs Meek, Helm, and I met with the Chiefs from South Whidbey Fire/EMS to discuss the transition into the Battalion 31 position and the training plans moving forward. Battalion Chief Magallon will lead the training efforts, and I will be supporting him to help ensure a smooth and effective transition.

### **Other**

## **Operations – Deputy Chief James Meek**

### **Community Partnerships**

### **Guidance/Direction**

### **Notable August Events and Incidents**

### **Upcoming Events – September**

- September 20<sup>th</sup>: Whidbey Island Cider Fest at Pacific Rim Institute (12:00 PM – 6:00 PM)

### **Special Operations**

- M5 repair by Matros/Kellison. Awaiting training to be in service.

### **PPE/Respiratory Protection**

- No update

### **Radios/Pagers**

- No Update

### **Medical Supplies & CPR**

- New glucometers ordered to replace outdated ones and with lower cost consumables. New med bag ordered for A53/Tahoe for first aid and basic medical calls. Misc. medical supplies ordered New

### **Reports**

- Rhodes audited 160 NFIRS report for the month of August.

### **Other**

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## **Facilities**

### **Station 51**

- Nothing to report

### **Station 52**

- Nothing to report

### **Station 53**

- SCBA washer broke, contacted Circulair, they are sending us a new unit

### **Station 54**

- Nothing to report

### **Other Facilities**

- Nothing to report

## **Community Risk Reduction (CRR)**

### **Monthly Inspection Progress**

- A shift completed 4/4 initial inspections
- B shift completed 2/3 initial inspections
- C shift completed 1/7 initial inspections

### **Yearly Inspection Progress (Year-to-Date)**

- A shift YTD: 100% (48/48)
- B shift YTD: 98% (55/56)
- C shift YTD: 81% (38/47)

### **Home Safety Surveys & Installations**

- C shift installed a new 10-year CWIFR provided alarm at Seacrest Avenue in Coupeville.
- A shift installed 6 new batteries off Moore Place in Coupeville and assisted in troubleshooting faulty alarm.

### **Hydrants**

A shift completed 13 inspections and 2 flow tests. Crews found one hydrant shut off at the foot valve and notified Cascadia, who corrected the problem.

B shift completed 13 inspections, 1 flow test.

C shift completed 13 hydrant inspections, 2 flow tests

### ***Monthly Inspection Progress***

- A-shift
- B-Shift
- C-Shift

### ***Yearly Inspection progress (355 total)***

- A-Shift
- B-Shift
- C-Shift

### **Additional CRR Activities**

- LT Porter estimated occupant load for a potential new business space.

## **Fleet Maintenance Division**

### **Repair & Maintenance**

- Unit 2002 (B-54) – Pump engine exhaust leak.
- Unit 2001 (B-53) – Replaced a broken pump pressure gauge.
- Unit 1401 – Completed reassembly of pump house after valve replacements.
- Unit 1101 – Involved in an accident with deer. Brought the vehicle to the body shop for a repair estimate. Waiting on insurance, the vehicle may possibly be deemed totaled.

### **Other Fleet Maintenance Activity**

- Early August FF/Mech Matros mainly spent time working on completing his online EMS training per Whidbey Health's guidelines. He also took a couple of weeks for a much-needed vacation to Maui.