



City of Stevenson

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To: Stevenson City Council
From: Rob Farris, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Department Update – September 2020
Meeting Date: October 15th, 2020

Executive Summary:

Fire Department focus has been on the COVID-19 response in our service area and Skamania County. Fire Chief is receiving regular SitReps and continues to pass on relevant updates to the membership. Fire Department leadership has been working hard on digesting COVID-19 response guidelines which sometimes change daily. We continue to develop and adjust response procedures and protocols based on the information available. Fire Department transitioned back in to doing weekly in-person training meetings as of 9/14/2020. We have seen a sharp decline in training attendance. The Fire Chief and command staff are investigating if this decline is related to COVID concerns by its membership.

September remained steady for calls for service. A historic wind event coupled with a Red Flag warning kept our volunteers busy. Our area saw significant winds with several wildfire events sparked by downed power lines. As a whole our department helped support Central Skamania County head off any major escalation of wild fire during this historic fire weather event.

Overview of Items:

- *COVID-19 Response:* Ongoing
- *New Fire Hall:* Ongoing
- *District AFG Grant:* Pre-construction conference completed. Tentative Delivery of new apparatus has been moved out until February 2021 due to supply chain issues related to COVID-19

Drills/Training/Calls:

September Drills/Training – 16 Hours of volunteer training time

September Calls – 13 total

- 2 – Burn complaints
- 1 – Wild Fire
- 1 – Commercial Fire Alarms
- 1 – Vehicle Fire
- 4 – Mutual Aid – Wild Fire
- 1 – Mutual Aid – Structure Fire
- 2 – Fire investigation
- 1 – Motor Vehicle Collision

Action Needed: None