



City of Stevenson

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To: Stevenson City Council
From: Rob Farris, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Department Update – July 2022
Meeting Date: August 11th, 2022

Executive Summary:

Burn Ban season is in full swing. In July we ran 5 burn complaint calls after the burn ban went into effect on July 1st.

Volunteers provided fire standby for the local 4th of July activities. We have been prepping for more public engagement opportunities in the month of August.

Department has been prepping for wildfire season. We currently have 12 volunteers with Red Cards, which is a decrease from last year. The decrease is due to loss of volunteers due to relocating out of the response area.

The Fire Chief is no longer able to attend weekly Department Head meetings due to lack of a regularly virtual option. Zoom can be requested in advance by the Fire Chief as need.

Overview of Items:

- *COVID-19 Response:* Ongoing
- *New Fire Hall:* **Stalled out**
- *Preparation for wildland season*
- *Building "Play books" for response*
- *Strategic Plan for Stevenson Fire/SCFD 2:* **Stalled out due to Fire Chief Bandwidth**

Drills/Training/Calls:

July Drills/Training – 28 hours

July Calls – 9 total

5 – Burn Complaint

1 – Fire Investigation – Fireworks related at Port of Skamania

1 – Life Flight Landing Zone

1 – Residential Fire Alarm

1 – Natural Gas Leak

Action Needed: Open invitation to council members to visit the fire station to see the current condition and space needs.