



City of Stevenson

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To: Stevenson City Council
From: Rob Farris, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Department Update – October 2020
Meeting Date: November 19th, 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.

October was a quiet month for calls for service. Annual maintenance and pump testing were completed for all fire vehicles. The training group worked with a local property owner to do on-site training in a house that will eventually be demolished. This has slightly increased attendance of volunteers on Monday nights.

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:

October Drills/Training – 38 Hours of volunteer training time

October Calls – 3 total

- 1 – Burn complaints
- 1 – Life Flight Landing
- 1 – Commercial Fire Alarms

Action Needed: None