



City of Stevenson

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To: Stevenson City Council
From: Rob Farris, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Department Update – November 2018
Meeting Date: December 20, 2018

Executive Summary:

November saw an uptick in Structure fire calls for our response area. We responded to two structures fires in Stevenson and one structure fire in Carson. Structure 1 was completely lost to fire and may have been contributed to a homeless camp within the structure. Structure 2 was a rental property that was under remodel. The structure was saved due to the efforts of our volunteers. The structure fire in Carson was a total loss and displaced a young family of 5. The department continued to support public awareness and image promotion by participating in three events with the school district as well as attending the annual Columbia Gorge Starlight Parade.

1. Fire Volunteers attended a Lunch with Tuffy event at Stevenson Elementary School and a Perfect Attendance cookie party at Carson Elementary School. Firefighters also took part in a “lip sync” event with the Carson Elementary 4 grade students.
2. Attended the Columbia Gorge Starlight Parade – Took home fire place in the Fire Truck category.
3. Junior firefighter Pennie Schupbach started a Firefighter 1 and 2 fire academy. This is a 21 week course being put on by Skamania County Fire District 1, Stevenson Fire Dept, and Cascade Lock Fire and Rescue.

Overview of Items:

Command Vehicle Grant Project: Working on quoting of additional equipment to outfit the vehicle such as lighting, radios, bed organizer, and signage.

New Fire Hall: Geotech and wetland delineation studies are in process

Drills/Training/Calls:

November Drills/Training – 106 Hours of volunteer training time

November Calls – 7 total

- 1 – Fire Alarms
- 1 – Mutual Aid
- 2 – Burn/Smoke Complaints
- 1 – Motor Vehicle Collisions
- 2 – Structure Fire

Action Needed: None