



City of Stevenson

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To: Stevenson City Council
From: Rob Farris, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Department Update – November 2020
Meeting Date: December 10th, 2020

Executive Summary:

November was a relatively quiet month for the department. Volunteers were able to take advantage of a residential structure to train in during the month of November. A property owner on Atwell Street has been working with the Fire Department on doing a fire demolition training using a structure on his property. Firefighters from Stevenson and Carson have been able to train in real world situations using this structure. The structure was slated to be burnt on November 21st but the department decided to cancel the burn and reevaluate performing the training burn at a later date due to the Governor's most recent COVID-19 mandates. Due to the uptick in COVID cases in the county the Fire Department transitioned back in to doing weekly in-person training meetings as of 12/07/2020.

WSRB Audit:

Both Stevenson Fire Department and Skamania County Fire District 2 were audited by Washington State Ratings Bureau (WSRB). This audit is used to set fire response ratings for commercial and residential property within our response jurisdiction. This audit is performed every 5 years. **This audit cycle both Stevenson Fire Department and SCFD 2 were able to improve their audit rating from a 6 to a 5.** A big contribution to the improved audit score is due to the presentation and efforts by Public Works Director Karl Russell. Karl's knowledge of the water system and his ability to explain the improvements made over the last 5 years were invaluable.

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:

November Drills/Training – 38 Hours of volunteer training time

November Calls – 4 total

- 1 – Burn complaints
- 1 – Life Flight Landing
- 1 – Motor Vehicle Crash
- 1 – Commercial Vehicle Fire

Action Needed: None