



City of Stevenson

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To: Stevenson City Council, Leana Kinley, Scott Anderson, Skamania County Fire District Commissioners
From: Rob Farris, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Department Update – January 2024 Summary
Date: February 10th, 2024

Executive Summary:

January came in with a bang this year. We experienced our fire major snow and ice event of the winter season. Our Volunteer took this event in stride and continued to provide service during and after the weather event. We saw most of our calls for service during the warmup with several broken water pipes in commercial buildings around our response area. During this event I hired a private snow removal company after consulting with Gordy Rosander from the Public Works staff. The public works crew did a great job at keeping the fire station plowed but due to the amount of wind and continuous snowfall we simply ran out of room to pile snow. I hired a private snow removal company to make more room for snow and to do a clean up of the area in front of the station bay doors. This was the first time I elected to go to private industry for snow removal at the lower fire station and I was impressed with the response and service.

Another January highlight was the arrival and installation of the new bay doors at the downtown fire station. Due to one of the bay doors jumping its track and damaging the track rail I approached Leana and the Mayor with safety concerns. We were able to get the door back on its track and the damaged track back into a working condition, but I was still concerned with the door track's integrity. At that point we got three quotes and chose a local door installation company to replace the doors. Due to supply chain issues we had to wait until January before the doors were installed. Next step is to address the building paint.

Before



After



Call volume and Training Hours:

Drills/Training/Calls:

January Drills/Training – 34 hours

January Calls – 7 total

4 – City Calls

3– Fire District Calls

0 – Mutual Aid Calls

January Call Types

6 – Automatic Fire Alarm

1 – MVC (Motor Vehicle Crash)

Requests:

No new requests