



City of Stevenson

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To: Stevenson City Council
From: Rob Farris, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Department Update – December 2018
Meeting Date: January 17th, 2019

Executive Summary:

December saw an increase of mutual aid calls to Cascade Locks. All three of the mutual aid calls for the month were to Cascade Lock. I anticipate an increase due to staffing challenges that seem to be affecting Cascade Lock's Fire Department's ability to respond with adequate manpower to perform firefighting functions safely. I will monitor this situation and work with the Fire Chief from Cascade Lock Fire and Rescue to work through the issues.

We have also seen an increase of firm alarm calls to Skamania Lodge. We will be reaching out to the Management at Skamania Lodge to see how we can help them mitigate their false alarms.

Our volunteers once again had the honor to help deliver the Annual Skamania County Christmas Food Baskets. We had multiple members give them time on a Friday morning to help with this event.

Overview of Items:

Command Vehicle Grant Project: Components have been ordered and we are finalizing our lighting and signage vendor this week.

New Fire Hall: Geotech and wetland delineation studies have been completed. We are currently waiting on costing from Mackenzie.

Drills/Training/Calls:

November Drills/Training – 50 Hours of volunteer training time

December Calls – 8 total

3 – Fire Alarms

3 – Mutual Aid

1 – Burn/Smoke Complaints

3 – Mutual Aid

Action Needed: None