



City of Stevenson

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To: Stevenson City Council
From: Rob Farris, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Department Update
Meeting Date: October 18, 2018

Executive Summary:

Fire department members are wrapping up a mostly uneventful wildfire season. We did not have any major events this fire season in our response area but did provide mutual aid to our response partners in the Columbia River Gorge on some fairly significant events.

1. Skamania County Fire Taskforce deployment to the Memaloose 2 fire in Mosier, Oregon.
2. Initial Attack to a 19.4 acre wildfire in Carson, Washington.
3. Skamania County Fire Taskforce deployment to Biggs Junction, Oregon for a wildfire.

Overview of Items:

Command Vehicle Purchase: Quotes from the state bid website are built. Chief still needs to finalize up some specs with the state bid dealer representative. Goal is to have a PO cut by week 43.

New Fire Hall: Building programming is done after 2 meetings with Mackenzie. Mackenzie provided two block sketches that have the least amount of site prep cost. A small working group including the Fire Chief, a Fire Commissioner, and a Firefighter recommended Option A which includes a drive through apparatus bay. The group does have some recommendations for office configuration that we will be presenting to Mackenzie for consideration.

Drills/Calls/Training:

September Drills/Training – 40 Hours of volunteer training time

September Calls – 15 total

- 2 – Fire Alarms
- 3 – Wildfires
- 2 – EMS Manpower Assist
- 3 – Burn/Smoke Complaints
- 4 – Motor vehicle Collisions
- 1 – Public Assist

Events: Initial preparation for Cadet Fire Academy – Skamania County Firefighters 21 and under.

Action Needed: None