Clark County
FIRE & RESCUE

MONTHLY REPORT

From: Chief Dennis Mason

To: Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners

Date: *February, 2015*

GENERAL INFORMATION

RFA Planning Committee Finishes it's Work

The Regional Fire Authority Planning Committee held its final meeting on March 3rd and formally adopted the final *plan.* The Committee reviewed a number of public comments gathered over the last 2 months of open houses held at several locations. Public response to the plan was very positive. The Committee discussed a handful of questions and comments gathered over the past several weeks and in the end did not make any changes to the final version.

While presentations at city council meetings, chamber meetings and service clubs will continue over the next two months, no more Open Houses are planned.

The plan is scheduled to go before the voters on April 28th of 2015. Copies of the full *Plan* are available at the District's web site at www.clarkfr.org or by contacting the District's main station at 360-887-4609.

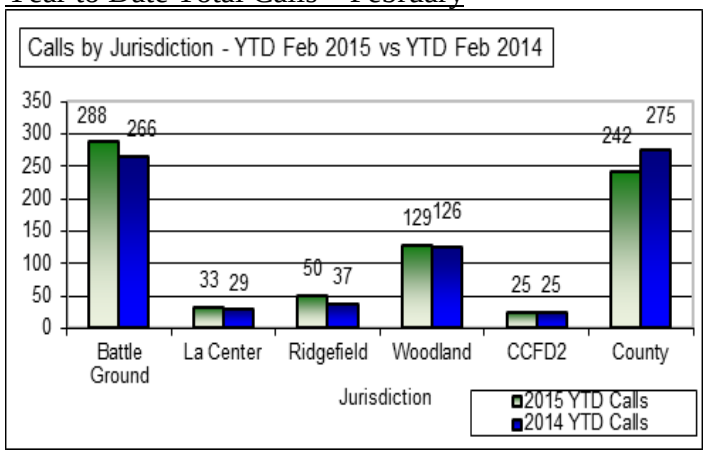
OPERATIONS

Interns Selected

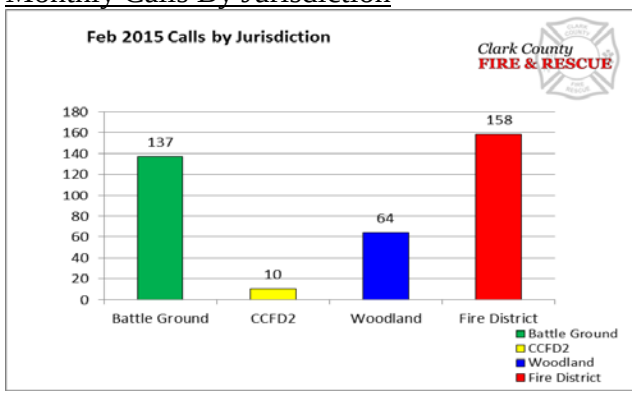
Finalists to fill the Intern Firefighter positions have been selected and assigned to the various stations. All positions have been filled and all stations are covered. The department maintains a waiting list of applicants for the coveted positions.

Intern Firefighters are college students who are enrolled in the Fire Science programs at Portland Community College in Portland and Lower Columbia College in Longview. The Interns pull shifts at each of the fire stations as part of their Associates Degree requirements. The District has had an Intern Firefighter program for many years.

Year to Date Total Calls – February



Monthly Calls By Jurisdiction



TRAINING

CCF&R To Sponsor FEMA Workshop

The District is sponsoring the *Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness* scheduled for May 7th. The workshop is being funded through DHS/FEMS's Homeland Security National Training Program and is intended for elected, appointed and senior officials and executives from local jurisdictions. The 6-hour program will cover a number of topics including:

- The importance of all-hazards preparedness
- The National Response Framework
- The Stafford Act
- Working with the Media
- DOD support to domestic incidents
- ESF and Support Annexes
- Other Federal Support issues

The program was developed through the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service. Class size is limited to 30 participants. For more information or to register contact Div. Chief Mike Ciraulo at 360-687-4535.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Nothing new to report

911 COMMUNICATIONS

800 Radio System Design

CRESA staff and the radio consultant are in the final design review of the 800 MHz radio system.

Once the final design is completed actual work can begin on the installation of the replacement system.

Work is also underway on the new replacement Digital Phone System which will provide a number of enhancements to the county's E-911 system including the capability for the 911 system to receive text messages.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

The District conducted 2 station tours and 1 engine tour during the month of February.

REGION IV HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

Nothing new to report