



MONTHLY REPORT

From: Chief Dennis Mason

To: Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners

Date: *January, 2015*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Quick Response Vehicle (QRV)

A QRV response program has been implemented for response to medical emergencies. The program went into effect at the La Center and Battle Ground stations in January and will be implemented at the remainder of the stations by the end of February.

A QRV unit is a smaller brush rig or ambulance which has a lower operating cost and in many cases is quicker and more maneuverable. Under the QRV program, firefighters staff the appropriate vehicle (engine or QRV) based on the type of call processed through the 911 Center and switch back and forth between vehicles throughout the shift.

EMS Coordinator Position Filled

Recruitment and testing to fill the new EMS Coordinator position was finalized and the selection was announced on February 23rd. Shawn Ford was chosen following an extensive recruitment and selection process which included an analysis of each candidate's response to a supplemental questionnaire, a review of the applicant's experience and educational background, and a day-long panel interview process that included EMS leaders from other agencies in the area and interviews by the Clark County Medical Director.

The position will be responsible to oversee the district's entire EMS program including monitoring the new ambulance contract with

the City of Vancouver and coordinating EMS services provided by the fire district. The position will be at the Division Chief level and will have the added responsibility of setting the district's level of EMS based on the changing medical landscape including new Community Paramedic Services. Shawn was made a conditional employment offer contingent on successful passage of a background investigation and medical evaluation. He is scheduled to begin his duties on April 1st.

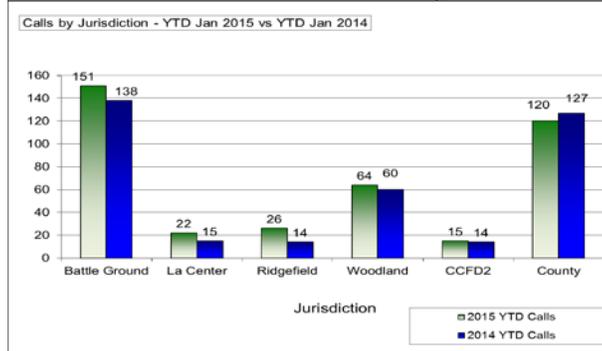
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RFA Update

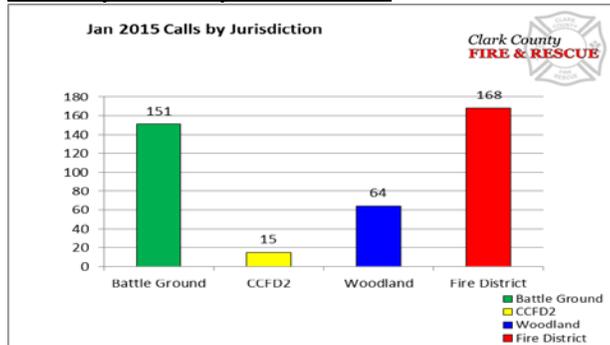
Public input continues at a number of presentations of the Regional Fire Authority Plan over the past month. Public response to the plan has been very positive thus far. A direct mailer has been sent to residents throughout the RFA area. A final open house presentation will occur on February 25th @ 7:00 PM – Woodland PD, 200 E. Scott Ave. Woodland. Presentations at city council meetings, at chamber meetings, and to service clubs will continue over the next two months.

Following public input the plan will come back to the Planning Committee for final review. 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.

Year to Date Total Calls – January



Monthly Calls By Jurisdiction



TRAINING

BNSF Training

A total of 21 CCF&R firefighters and officers have completed an oil train training program sponsored by Burlington Northern Railroad. The weeklong training occurred in Colorado and was fully funded by Burlington Northern. The training is part of a concentrated effort to provide emergency personnel with training to help deal with transportation emergencies involving oil shipments.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

New Ambulance Contract In Effect

The new ambulance contract between AMR and City of Vancouver took effect January 1st. No major changes in response times or service levels have been identified and things remain relatively unchanged during the first few weeks of the contract. An Interlocal Agreement between the fire districts and the City of Vancouver has been developed and provides

for the ability for the fire district and/or any of the cities to increase service levels above and beyond those provided by the ambulance contractor.

The Fire District will continue to closely monitor ambulance response times and service levels as we move forward.

911 COMMUNICATIONS

800 Radio Replacement

The new 800MHz radios purchased by CRESA on behalf of all user agencies have arrived and are now being scheduled for installation. Installation is expected to be complete over the next few weeks

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

The District conducted 3 station tours and 1 engine tour during the month of January.

REGION IV HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

Nothing new to report