



## MONTHLY REPORT

From: Chief Dennis Mason

To: Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners

Date: *November, 2014*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Firefighter Contract Finalized

Negotiations between the District and the firefighter's union, Local 3674 IAFF, were completed last month and the contract is awaiting approval by the body. Once voted on and approved by the firefighters the contract will go to the Board of Fire Commissioners for final approval.

The contract includes a .65% salary increase for 2015 and a 2.6% COLA based on the Portland CPI. Increases for future years will be based on CPI. Previous contract cycles have been 3-years. This will be the first 4-year contract negotiated with the firefighters.

#### Board Adopts 2015 Preliminary Budget

The draft 2015 preliminary budget was adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners at its November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. The budget totals \$9,723,550.00 and includes two replacement staff vehicles including a new Battalion Chief response unit. Also included is \$12,000 to replace an aging computer *server*. No other major capital expenditures are planned in the 2015 budget year.

The draft budget also includes an newly created EMS Coordinator position beginning in April. 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 coordinate EMS services provided by the fire district. The proposed 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.

### OPERATIONS

#### RFA Update

Presentations of the Regional Fire Authority Plan continue. Public response to the plan has been very positive thus far. Presentations will continue through the end of this year and into January and February. Open Houses are planned for:

- 1/6/2015 @ 6:00 PM – CCF&R, 911 N 65<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ridgefield
- 1/10/2015 @ 9:00 AM – CCF&R, 414 E Cedar Ave. La Center
- 1/15/2015 @ 6:30 PM – CCFD#2, 314 NW 389<sup>th</sup> St. Woodland
- 2/3/2015 @ 6:30 PM – CCF&R, 21609 NE 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave. Battle Ground
- 2/5/2015 @ 7:00 PM – Woodland PD, 200 E. Scott Ave. Woodland

Following public input the plan will come back to the Planning Committee for final approval. The plan is scheduled to go before the voters on April 28<sup>th</sup> of 2015.

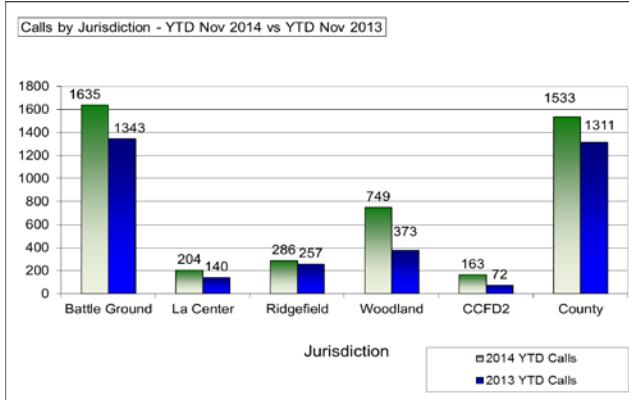
#### Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) Submitted

A regional grant request has been submitted to FEMA for replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). CCF&R partnered with several other departments in SW Washington including Cowlitz 2 F&R, Longview Fire, Clark County Fire District 3, Camas/Washougal, Cowlitz Fire Districts 1, 5, 6 and 7. If awarded the grant will

replace 15-year old SCBAs (the maximum life expectancy) with like SCBAs. Cost of each unit is approximately \$3,500. CCF&R has a total of 120 units that need replaced. Longview Fire is taking the lead on the grant request.

We continue to work with EMS District 2 to ensure the interlocal agreement will provide 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 latest draft includes the necessary language.

### Year to Date Total Calls – November



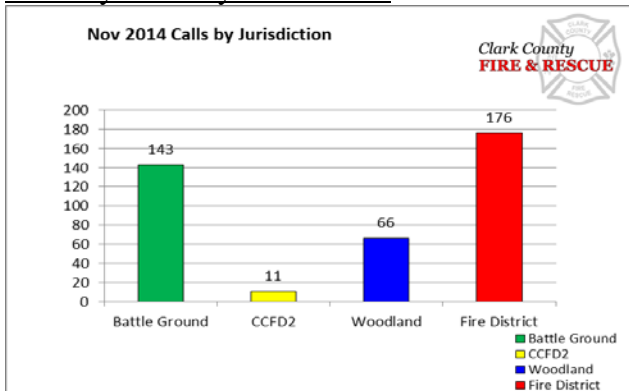
An additional ILA between the small cities and EMS District 2 will be necessary prior to the January 1, 2015 ambulance contract start date. Ridgefield, Battle Ground and Woodland have all formally approved the necessary documents. Approval for the City of La Center City will be an agenda item at their December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **911 COMMUNICATIONS**

#### Radio Replacement Developed

CRESA staff has finalized a radio replacement plan in cooperation with Motorola as part of the radio system upgrade. The new radio purchase order has been submitted to Motorola and includes a total of just over 1,500 radios needed by all user agencies. Those new radios could be provided to user agencies as soon as the end of the year. The group purchase saved several hundred dollars per radio. Installation costs are included in the pricing.

### Monthly Calls By Jurisdiction



### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION**

The District conducted 4 station tours and 1 engine tour during the month of November.

### **REGION IV HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL**

Nothing new to report

### **TRAINING**

Nothing new to report

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

#### New Ambulance Contract

A review of the draft Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the COV and EMS District 2 has been completed and is currently being negotiated.