



# MONTHLY REPORT

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To: Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners

Date: *October, 2014*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 2015 Preliminary Budget

The draft 2015 preliminary budget will go to the Board of Fire Commissioners for its approval. The budget totals \$9,645,100.00 and includes two replacement staff vehicles including a new Battalion Chief response unit. No other major capital expenditures are planning in the 2015 budget year.

The draft budget also includes an 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

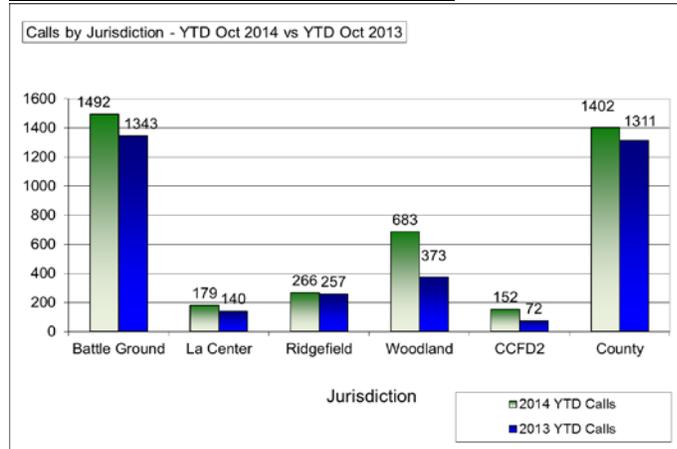
### RFA Update

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. 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.

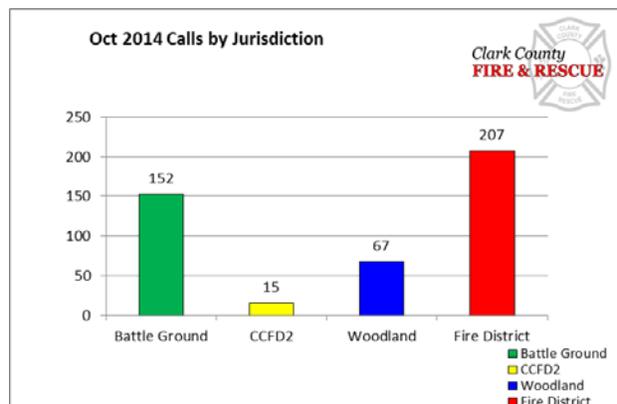
### Burning Season Now Open

Burning season officially opened October 1<sup>st</sup> for areas outside of urban growth boundaries. Burn permits are available on the District's web site at [www.clarkfr.org](http://www.clarkfr.org).

### Year to Date Total Calls – October



### Monthly Calls By Jurisdiction



## TRAINING

Nothing new to report

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

### New Ambulance Contract

We are still waiting for the first draft of the Interlocal Agreement between the COV and EMS District 2 that will outline the specifics of the services to the communities outside of the COV.

We have requested that the final ambulance contract and the interlocal agreement 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. COV and EMS District 2 have agreed to include enabling language in both documents.

Just a reminder, AMR management has advised the fire district that it has no plans to change the current posting locations or the current number of unit hours (total number of staffed ambulances) under the new contract. As such, they do not anticipate any changes from the current response times and service levels.

### QRV Program To Start January 1<sup>st</sup>

A new Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) program is planned to start January 1<sup>st</sup>. Similar to programs in other communities the QRV program will have crews responding to medical calls in smaller quicker vehicles. The district will evaluate the effectiveness of the QRV program utilizing its existing fleet of ambulances and small brush fire units. Crews will switch from engines to the smaller vehicles based on call types. As an example: a medical call to a residence would get a QRV response. A “smell of smoke” or a fire call would get an

engine response. The district will be implementing the program district-wide.

If the program is cost effective and operationally sound, consideration will be given to switching to SUVs in the future.

## 911 COMMUNICATIONS

### Radio Replacement Developed

CRESA staff has finalized a radio replacement plan in cooperation with Motorola as part of the radio system upgrade. Under the plan, portable radios and mobile radios for user agencies can be purchased outright or financed up to 2 years at 2.4% interest. CRESA will coordinate each agency’s purchase as part of the negotiated master radio system contract with Motorola. The new radio purchase order is currently being finalized. Once the order is placed, those new radios will be provided to user agencies as soon as the end of the year. Installation costs are included in the pricing.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

The District conducted 3 station tours and 1 business grand opening during the month of October.

## REGION IV HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

Nothing new to report