



MONTHLY REPORT

From: Chief Dennis Mason

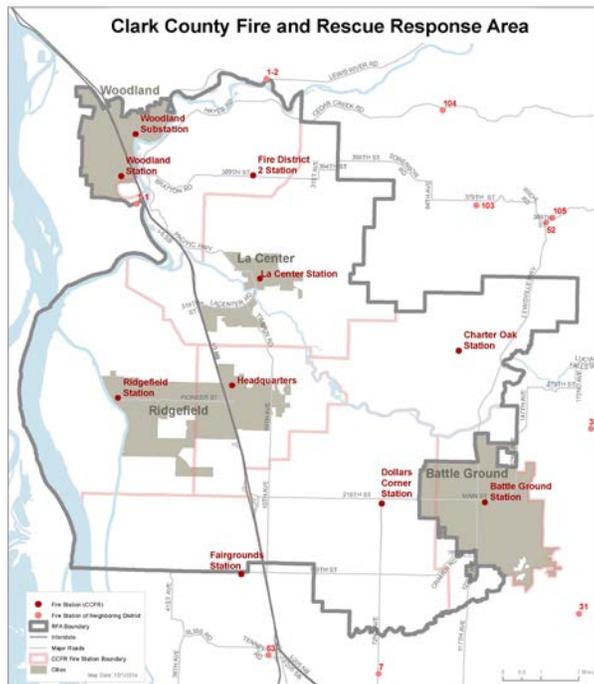
To: Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners

Date: *September, 2014*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Community Workshops Scheduled

Workshops are currently being scheduled to present the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) draft plan to the communities served by CCF&R. The plan will be presented to residents in the 2 fire districts and the City of Woodland at a series of community workshops designed to familiarize citizens with the plan and get their input.



Voters living in Clark County Fire and Rescue, Clark County Fire District 2, and the City of Woodland will have the opportunity to vote on the formation of the RFA on April 28, 2015. Once approved the RFA will be implemented July 1st of 2015 and will become operational on January 1, 2016.

OPERATIONS

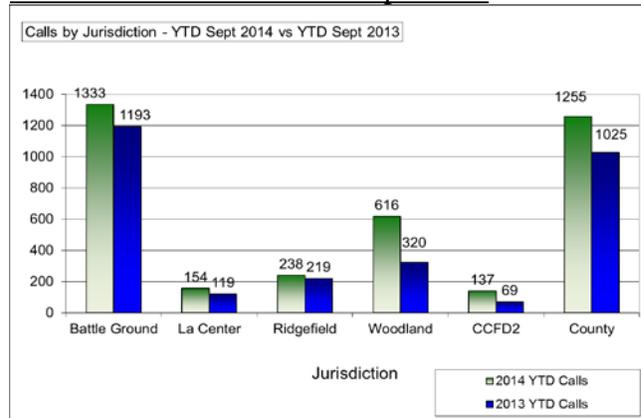
District Receives Fire Prevention Grant

A \$13,500 FEMA grant has been approved for the purchase of smoke detectors and batteries for the District's on-going Smoke Detector Program. The program has received federal grants in the last two funding cycles allowing us to install new smoke detectors in hundreds of homes in Battle Ground, Woodland, La Center, Ridgefield, and the surrounding areas. Firefighters have been canvassing various neighborhoods and have been concentrating on mobile home parks. In addition to specific neighborhood canvassing, firefighters routinely check for working smoke detectors on virtually every emergency response to area homes and replace batteries or detectors as necessary.

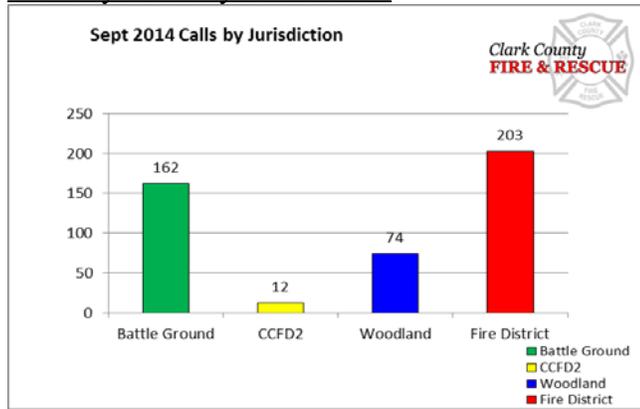
Burning Season Now Open

Burning season officially opened October 1st for areas outside of urban growth boundaries. Burn permits are available on the District's web site at www.clarkfr.org

Year to Date Total Calls – September



Monthly Calls By Jurisdiction



TRAINING

Nothing new to report

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

New Ambulance Contract

Last month I reported that the City of Vancouver is finalizing negotiations with American Medical Response (AMR) for ambulance service under a new contract scheduled to begin January 1st of 2015. That contract is still being finalized. The Vancouver City Council will get its first look at the contract later this month.

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. That draft will most likely not be ready for review until after the master ambulance contract is finalized later this month.

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.

911 COMMUNICATIONS

Radio Replacement Plan Being Developed

CRESA staff is developing a radio replacement plan in cooperation with Motorola as part of the radio system upgrade. Under the plan as currently envisioned, portable radios and mobile radios for user agencies could be part of the replacement project and could be provided as part of the new radio system with minimal financial impact to user agencies. The exact details are still being worked out, however, radios could be provided to user agencies as soon as the end of the year. The exact details will be forthcoming as they are finalized.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

The District conducted 4 station tours and 1 business grand opening during the month of September.

REGION IV HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

Nothing new to report