



Clark County FIRE & RESCUE

MONTHLY REPORT

From: Chief Dennis Mason

To: Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners

Date: *April, 2015*

GENERAL INFORMATION

RFA Plan Rejected by Voters

Voters in CCF&R’s rural areas rejected the proposed creation of a Regional Fire Authority. While the measure passed in all the cities, voters in the rural area of CCF&R cast enough no votes to narrowly defeat the proposal. The RFA Committee met to determine “the next step” and whether to place the issue back on the ballot. The general consensus of the Committee was to determine why the issue failed. One of the possible factors being discussed is the fact that no good venue to present the information to the voters exists in the rural areas such as chambers of commerce, city council meetings, etc. A survey has been posted on the District’s web site at www.clarkfr.org to try to determine what factors contributed to rural voter’s rejection. Once the “why” is answered the RFA Committee will make a final recommendation on if and when to go back to the voters.

OPERATIONS

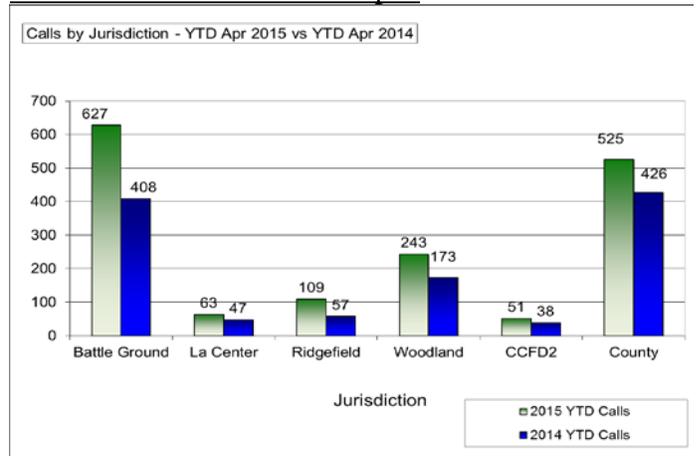
Department Begins to Crunch QRV Numbers

Preliminary data for the QRV program is showing approximately \$300 per month cost savings for fuel for both the La Center unit and the Battle Ground unit. The other costs of operations (engine vs brush units) are still being analyzed. Response time to medical calls utilizing the brush units is only slightly quicker. A full analysis of the effectiveness of the QRV program will be finalized in the May report.

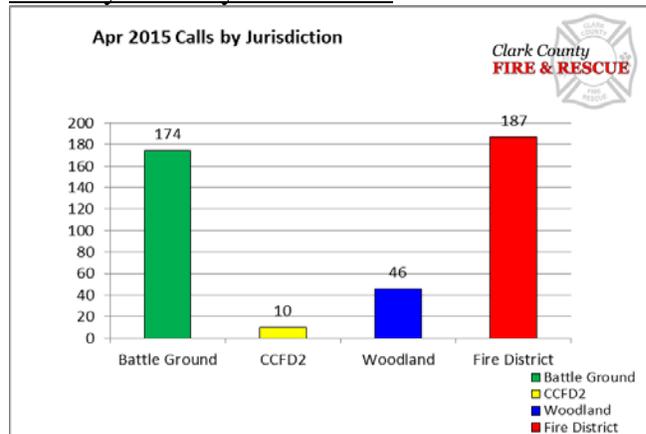
CCF&R Renews Ambulance Transport License

The fire district recently renewed its ALS ambulance license through the Department of Health. CCF&R will continue to maintain its ambulance license and its two transport capable ambulances in a state of readiness should this capability be needed at some point in the future due to an unforeseen emergency or disaster.

Year to Date Total Calls – April



Monthly Calls By Jurisdiction



TRAINING

FEMA Workshop Well Attended

The *Senior Officials Workshop for All-Hazards Preparedness* held on May 7th was well attended and included representatives from Clark County, cities of Battle Ground, La Center, Ridgefield, Woodland, and several fire departments. The offering included information on 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



About 30 Department Heads and Elected Officials Attended Workshop

The FEMA program was developed through the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AMR Response Times

American Medical Response continues to meet its mandated response time requirements under the new Vancouver Ambulance Contract that started January 1st. AMR continues to meet or exceed the contract mandates and CCF&R has not experienced any changes in ambulance service.

The following is a breakdown of the ambulance response time averages for the month of April which is a slight improvement over March.

- CCF&R 10.10 minutes
- Battle Ground 8.28 minutes
- Ridgefield 7.37 minutes
- La Center 12.31 minutes
- Woodland 12.45 minutes

Note: the response times listed above reflect the greater geographical areas and not the actual cities. Example: La Center area includes all addresses with a La Center zip code.

Metro West Continues to Violate County Ord.

Metro West Ambulance continues to transport patients out of EMS District 2 in violation of Clark County ordinance. While Metro West is authorized to conduct ambulance services inside the City of Vancouver, it is prohibited from initiating patient transports outside of the Vancouver City limits. On average Metro West ambulances violate the Clark County EMS Ordinance 2-3 times per week. Clark County, as well as CCF&R continue to compile data on Metro West's violations.

911 COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing new to report

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

The District conducted 2 station tours and 1 engine tour during the month of April. Additionally, crews regularly participate in local student outreach programs such as engine crews conducting reading sessions with students, having lunch with "at-risk" youth (FLAME Program), etc.

REGION IV HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

Nothing new to report