



MONTHLY REPORT

From: Chief Dennis Mason

To: Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners

Date: *December, 2014*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Quick Response Vehicle (QRV)

A QRV response program is being implemented throughout the fire district for response to medical emergencies. The program went into effect at the La Center station on January 5th and will be implemented at the Battle Ground station on January 19th. The remaining stations will come on board in 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 will staff the appropriate vehicle (engine or QRV) based on the type of call processed through the 911 Center and will switch back and forth between vehicles throughout the shift.

EMS Coordinator Position Opens

A newly created EMS Coordinator position was approved in the 2015 budget. Recruitment to fill the position begins the week of January 19th with an anticipated start date of April 1st. 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 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

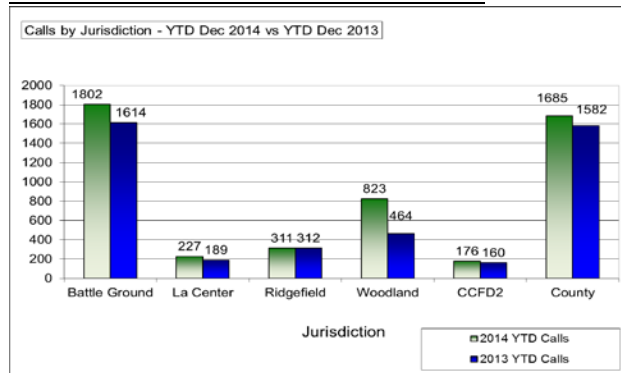
RFA Update

Presentations of the Regional Fire Authority Plan continue. Public response to the plan has been very positive thus far. A direct mailer is scheduled to go out over the next month to residents throughout the RFA area and open house presentations will continue into January and February. Open Houses are planned for:

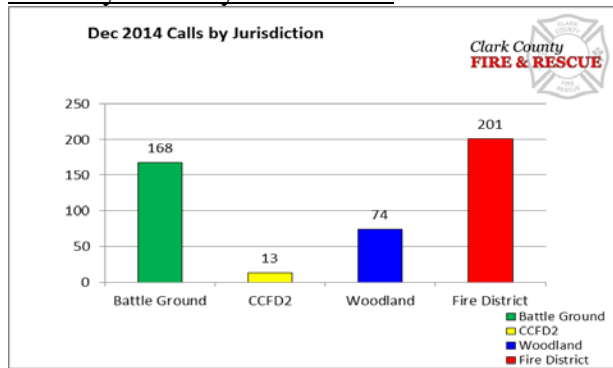
- 1/29/2015 @ 6:00 PM – CCF&R, 911 N 65th Ave. Ridgefield
- 2/11/2015 @ 9:00 AM – CCF&R, 414 E Cedar Ave. La Center
- 2/7/2015 @ 6:30 PM – CCFD#2, 314 NW 389th St. Woodland
- 2/17/2015 @ 6:30 PM – CCF&R, 21609 NE 72nd Ave. Battle Ground
- 2/25/2015 @ 7:00 PM – Woodland PD, 200 E. Scott Ave. Woodland

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 28th of 2015.

Year to Date Total Calls – December



Monthly Calls By Jurisdiction



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

The District conducted 2 station tours and 1 engine tour during the month of December.

REGION IV HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

Nothing new to report

TRAINING

Nothing new to report

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 2 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

Radio Replacement Developed

The new radio purchase order was submitted to Motorola and included radios needed by all user agencies. Delivery of the new radios is expected within the next 30 days.