

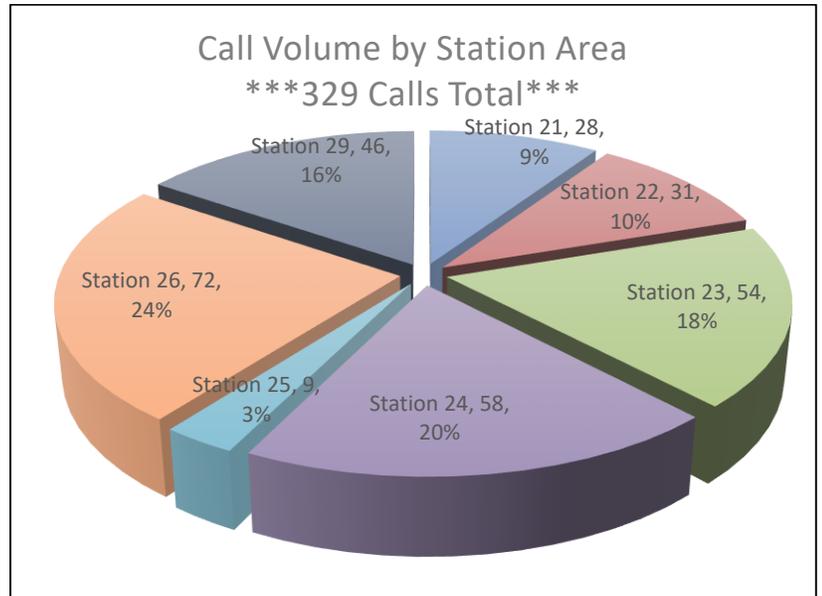


Monthly Report

To: Commissioners
From: Chief John Nohr
Date: January 8th, 2018
Re: December Report

CHARTER OAK STATION RE-OPENS

Fire Station 22, located at the corner of NE 299th Street and 112th Avenue in the Charter Oak area, re-opened on December 29. The station had been closed since January 2010 due to the economic downturn and resulting loss of revenue. In addition, a recent Washington Survey & Ratings Bureau report had downgraded fire protection capabilities for properties located more than five miles from a fire station, which resulted in dramatically increased fire insurance costs for many property owners in the Station 22 response area. After voters passed a levy lid lift last August, the District had hoped to re-open the station in August of 2018. However, the firefighters of CCF&R stepped forward with a proposed schedule change that has the employees working 96 additional hours per year for the same pay, which allowed the District to move up the opening date to December 2017. CCF&R has been in contact with WSRB and the fire protection classification for properties in the District are being upgraded to reflect the opening of Station 22. CCF&R would like to thank the voters for supporting the lid lift and the firefighters for helping to bring fire and EMS protection back to the Charter Oak area of the district.



2017 ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR CCF&R

There was a total of 4150 incidents in the CCF&R response area in 2017. This is a 13.3% increase in incidents over the 2016 total of 3660 incidents. The increase in calls for assistance puts a strain on CCF&R resources and often results in multiple incidents occurring simultaneously in the district. CCF&R will continue to monitor call volume and make adjustments to deployment as necessary. The opening of Fire Station 22, which puts a fifth staffed unit in service around the clock, will help the district manage the service demand.

THREE FIREFIGHTERS RETURN TO CCF&R

CCF&R is welcoming back three firefighters from a lay-off list that was established in late 2015 when eleven firefighter positions were eliminated. Firefighters Aaron Huntington, Travis Mayer, and Keith Graham will start back at CCF&R on February 5th with a week of refresher training on district-specific operations. They will then be assigned to emergency

response units. FF Huntington and FF Graham will be assigned to Tower 29 in Woodland, and FF Mayer will be assigned to the Kelly Relief team. All three have been working at Fire District 3 in the interim. The knowledge and skills that these firefighters are bringing back to CCF&R will help us continue to provide great service to our citizens. In addition to these three, firefighter Josh Haldeman returned to CCF&R in early December to fill a vacancy at that time.

CCF&R HELPS SANTA MAKE HOUSE CALLS IN LA CENTER

On December 1st, CCF&R personnel decorated a reserve fire engine in Christmas lights and helped Santa Claus make house calls to drop off gifts to children in La Center. Santa was played by Captain Todd Kays this year. In addition, the Clark County Firefighter Association sponsored families in Woodland, La Center, and Ridgefield by providing gifts and support during the holidays. Thank you to all the members of CCF&R who helped bring holiday cheer to those in need.



CCF&R RECEIVES HIGH MARKS DURING FINANCIAL AUDIT

The State Auditor's Office conducts audits of the fire district on a bi-annual basis. The audit for 2015-2016 occurred in December 2017. CCF&R was praised for its organized financial reporting, which can have a positive impact when CCF&R goes out for bonds or applies for Federal grants. In addition, the district received mostly positive comments during the accountability audit, but also received recommendations for improving purchasing and administrative procedures. Thank you to Kathy Streissguth and Christi Linn for their work in maintaining high standards in financial and administrative record keeping.

FIRE STATION 29 IN WOODLAND DEDICATED

Woodland City Council members, CCF&R Commissioners, Chief Officers and fire crews were on hand on December 20th to dedicate the new Fire Station 29 at 250 E. Scott Avenue in Woodland. In a "twist" on the tradition ribbon cutting ceremony, the council members and commissioners instead uncoupled a fire hose to dedicate the new station. CCF&R Board Chair Kolke, City Council member Merilee McCall, and Chief Nohr spoke

about the importance of the new station to continue to provide service in the Woodland area. Chief Nohr thanked Mayor Finn and the Public Safety Committee, comprised of council members McCall, Fredericks, and Heffernan, for their support of community safety and the new fire station. CCF&R has tentative plans to move into the new station in early February, and will hold a community open house in the Spring.



COMMISSIONER AND FIREFIGHTER SWORN IN

A quiet swear-in ceremony occurred on December 27th at Station 21. Stanley Chunn took the oath of office for his next term on the Board of Commissioners. He was reelected to serve by the voters of the district during the November general election. Firefighter Ian Ryan also took the oath of office for firefighter with CCF&R. FF Ryan had been scheduled to be sworn in at a ceremony after the December 14th Board of Commissioners meeting. However, he was called away with his crew to respond to assist a cardiac arrest patient nearby. FF Ryan attends college at the University of Idaho in Moscow and completes all of his volunteer requirements while home during various breaks in the school year. Both Commissioner Chunn and FF Ryan had several family members in attendance for the ceremony. Congratulations Commissioner Chunn and FF Ryan.

