



Monthly Report

To: Commissioners
From: Chief John Nohr
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Re: April Report

CCF&R SUPPORTS ILANI RESORT OPENING

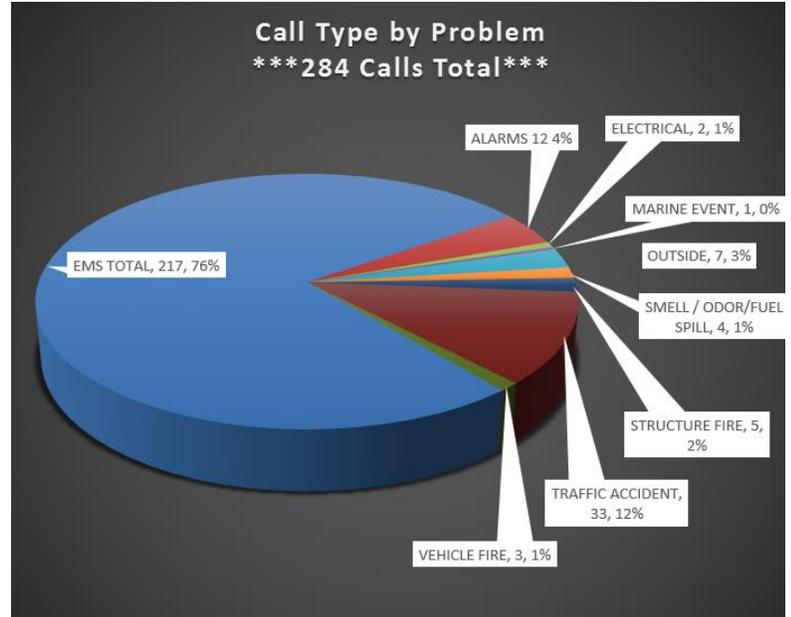
The ilani Resort opened for business on April 24th, and CCF&R was on hand to help support the grand event. The doors opened to the public at 10:00 AM, but traffic had already backed up on I-5 with thousands of people eager to see the newest destination resort in the region. CCF&R provided an extra crew on duty to help manage any emergencies that may have occurred. In addition, on duty crews rotated through the site to tour the completed building and get a better understanding of resort operations now that it is up and running. Division Chief Dawdy has been instrumental in working with the contractors and the Cowlitz Tribe to ensure the building and life safety systems were ready for the crowds. CCF&R looks forward to continuing our relationship with the Cowlitz Tribe to ensure the ilani Resort is safe for the four million visitors that are expected each year.

CCF&R BOARD PASSES LID LIFT RESOLUTION

On April 13th the CCF&R Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution to refer a .09 cent/\$1000 levy lid lift to the voters of the Fire District. The lid lift will return the collection rate from \$1.41/\$1000 of assessed value to the previous amount of \$1.50/\$1000. The money raised by the lid lift will be used to initially to staff Fire Station 22 in Charter Oak and to purchase new fire apparatus. In the ensuing years, it will be used for staffing Fire Station 21 at Ridgefield Junction, repairing and replacing critical facilities, ensuring public education programs are provided to the public and schools, replacing worn and outdated emergency equipment, and providing equitable response to underserved areas of the District.

DIVISION CHIEF JACKSON ATTENDS FDIC

DVC Jackson attended the Fire Department Instructor Conference International training conference and expo in Indianapolis with no cost to the District, except for time. Chief Jackson donates his time to assist with the conference, which allows him to attend without the usual registration costs. He is then able to bring valuable information and training materials back to the district for use in training and educating our firefighters. The conference was attended by 33,979 people from 58 nations and over 800 exhibitors spread over 900,000+ square feet of exhibit space.



FIREFIGHTER CUSHWA COMPLETES THE FIRE ACADEMY

Firefighter Matthew Cushwa has completed the Washington Fire Service Training Academy. He and his classmates were honored at a graduation ceremony in Snoqualmie on April 21st. FF Cushwa was presented a Bull Dog Award and named to the 1st-Due Engine Company for his commitment, attitude, and demonstration of superb firefighting skills. Matthew has returned to shift duty and is currently assigned to Station 24 on B-shift.

In other personnel news, Captain Jesse Martin accepted a lateral hire opportunity with the Vancouver Fire Department and started the VFD Academy on April 24th. I want to thank Jesse for his service to CCF&R and for the work he has done to make CCF&R a better fire department. Captain Martin’s departure created an opportunity to invite an employee from the re-hire list back to CCF&R. With that in mind, Firefighter Ian Fagan has elected to return. Ian finished with TVF&R and started back with CCF&R on May 1st. He is currently assigned to Station 29 on B-shift.

SIGNIFICANT FIRE AND EMS EVENTS

CCF&R responded to 284 calls for service in April, including two significant structure fires and a serious traumatic injury requiring transport by Life Flight. On April 1st just before 8:00 AM, crews responded to a report of flames from the roof of a house at 21605 NE 10th Avenue. The house sits back from NE 10th and was difficult to see, possibly allowing the fire to grow large before being noticed. Crews brought the fire under control within 20 minutes, assisted by crews from Fire District 3 and Fire District 6. On April 12th CCF&R crews responded to a report of a barn fire at the intersection of NE 289th Street and NE 82nd Avenue. Engine 26 and Battalion 21 arrived shortly after dispatch because they were in the area heading to a drill site to cut up automobiles. They arrived to fine heavy fire and smoke coming from an 80’x60’ shop. The fire started when welding slag came in contact with waste oil. Work was being done on a dump truck in the shop. The structure and contents were a total loss, and the homeowner believes the building was not insured. CCF&R was assisted at this fire by crews from Fire District 3, Fire District 10, and the Vancouver Fire Department. On April 28th, Engine 24 and Battalion 21 responded to a report of a person who had fallen from the roof of a house under construction in Ridgefield. Witnesses on scene believed the man was deceased. CCF&R personnel arrived and began treatment. They found a pulse, opened the patient’s airway, and provided life-saving airway stabilization and treatment. Due to the severity of the victim’s injuries, it was decided to transport the patient by helicopter to the trauma center. Another CCF&R unit was called to the scene to set up a landing zone and assist with transfer of the patient to the Life Flight helicopter. CCF&R was assisted at this event by a crew from AMR Ambulance.

