



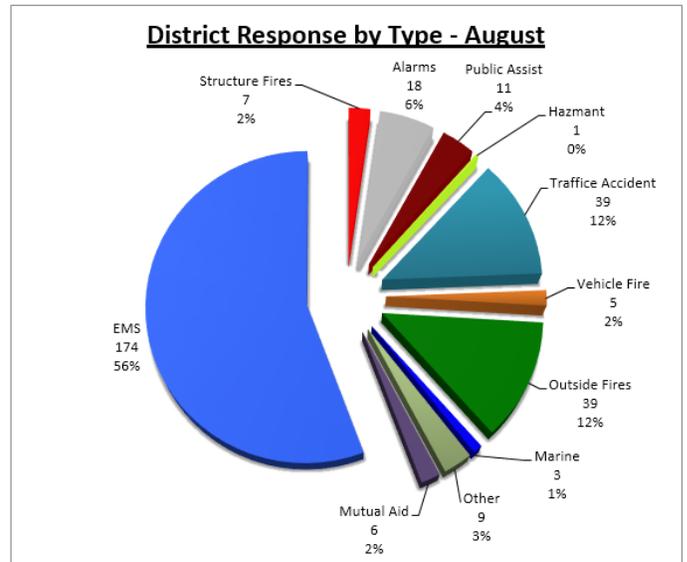
# Monthly Report

**To:** Commissioners  
**From:** Chief John Nohr  
**Date:** September 7, 2016  
**Re:** Monthly Report

## WELCOME FIRE DISTRICT 2

A big “Welcome” to the citizens of Clark County Fire District #2. Voters in District 2 approved the merger into CCF&R by a 3-to-1 ratio during the August

2 election. The merger will allow for long term planning and continuity of operations within the consolidated district. District 2 Commissioners’ Stan Chunn, Dave Lester, and Ken Ayers formally became members of the CCF&R Board of Commissioners during a joint meeting of the Boards on August 18. CCF&R looks forward to continuing to provide around the clock service our newest citizens in the former Fire District 2.



## REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY (RFA) TIMELINE

Chief Nohr presented a proposed RFA timeline to the Woodland City Council on August 15. The proposed timeline outlines a series of steps that the RFA Planning Committee will take to ensure that the citizens of Woodland and CCF&R will have the opportunity to vote on the formation of a RFA in late 2017.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING

The first of four Strategic Planning sessions will take place on September 29. This workshop will focus on developing a new Vision and Mission statement for CCF&R, as well as clarifying our Values, and determining our Reputation and Position in the community. Work on the strategic plan will continue with two full day sessions on October 17-18, and a final session on November 7 to develop the implementation schedule for the new plan. Invitations have gone out to local Mayors, citizen groups, and partner organizations to participate in our process. The new plan will be ready for adoption by the CCF&R Board of Commissioners during the January 11, 2017 meeting.

## **BUDGET PLANNING**

The Commissioners and Chief Nohr held a budget planning on August 10 to discuss budget philosophy and programmatic support as CCF&R moves into the next budget planning cycle. Significant changes in district contracts, finances, and personnel caused an uncommon budget year for 2016. The 2017 budget will more accurately reflect current finances and program costs.

## **WILDLAND DEPLOYMENTS**

CCF&R has participated in several wildland deployments this month, including Incident Management Team (IMT) members to fires in Washington and Oregon and Brush Units to fires in Washington. Oregon and Washington have agreed to share IMTs this year, which allows for more efficiency in operations, but also results in our members travelling farther to participate with the overhead teams. While this year's wildland fire season has been significantly less severe than last year, there is still potential for large fires and deployments before the end of hot and dry weather for the year.

## **EMERGENCY INCIDENTS**

CCF&R was very busy in August, with a total of 350 incidents. Resources were stretched thin as units responded to several major structure fires during the month. Crews were especially busy on August 19, which was classified as a "Red Flag Day" by the National Weather Service. A Red Flag Day indicates severe fire danger due to high temperatures, low humidity, and possible wind. The District handled two large brush fires during the day on August 19, and then faced two simultaneous house fires on opposite sides of Ridgefield in the evening. CCF&R had staffed an additional unit on the Red Flag Day due to the heightened danger, which certainly helped with the major incidents. In addition to the fire events, CCF&R also responded to two drownings, and a near drowning in August, as well as several significant motor vehicle crashes.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

CCF&R career and volunteer personnel were very busy in the community this month, including National Night Out events in La Center and Ridgefield, as well as providing medical pre-screening and safety information to citizens at Compassion Ridgefield. Crews also participated in La Center Our Days activities. Unfortunately, our opportunity to lead the Friday evening parade was cut short by two structure fires in the District. Lastly, crews from Station 29 in Woodland were active in collecting over \$500 in new school supplies for donation to Woodland Action.

