



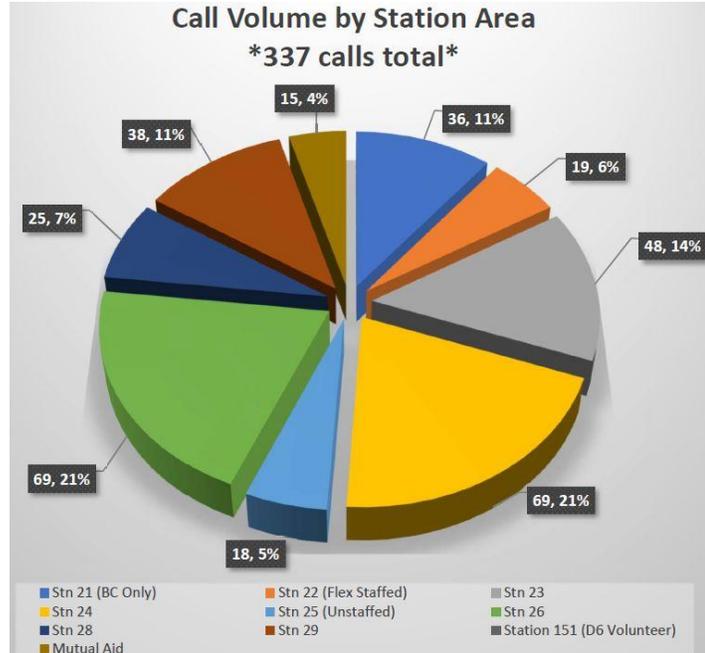
# Monthly Report

To: Commissioners  
From: Chief John Nohr  
Date: February 8th, 2017  
Re: January Report

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

The snow and ice that has prevailed this winter has wreaked havoc on our roads, yards, and school schedules. It has also created several challenges for CCF&R. On January 9<sup>th</sup> crews from Engine 24, Engine 26, Division Chief Dawdy, and Chief Nohr

assisted in removing a family from their vehicle, which had slid down a steep embankment due to snow on the road. No one was injured, but the vehicle was perched precariously and needed to



be secured to a fire engine with ropes and chains before crews could use a ladder to rescue the occupants. On January 11<sup>th</sup>, over 12" of snow fell on most areas of the District, with some areas receiving up to 16" of snow. This resulted in packed snow and ice on the roads for nearly a week. This creates challenges for our crews because they must operate fire apparatus that are "chained up" to maintain traction on the slippery roads. Vehicles are held to under 25 MPH when the tires are chained, which can cause significant delays in response times. The delayed response times can be critical in a fire or medical emergency. To help reduce the response delays during the bad weather, CCF&R placed temporary crews at Fire Station 22 in Charter Oak during the storm. Station 22 is not normally staffed due to budget constraints, which can cause significant delays under the best of circumstances.

CCF&R would like to thank the crews that volunteered to work additional shifts to help us cover this vulnerable area during the storm. We would also like to recognize that the Public Works crews from the City of Ridgefield and firefighters from Clark County Fire District #10 who used snow plows to improve access in and out of our apparatus bays.

### **CCF&R WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE**

Tom Cook was hired by CCF&R on January 18th. He is a temporary part-time Prevention Technician. Tom is retired from Intel Corporation and came to us through the Encore Fellowship Program, which will provide CCF&R with a \$25,000 cash award grant, payable in two installments; one in January and the next in July. These grants will cover Tom's wages for one year. Tom will be working 25 hours per week under Chief Dawdy's direction and will focus his efforts on smoke alarm awareness and installations. Please take the opportunity to say "Hello" to Tom and welcome him to the District.



### **SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM**

The CCF&R smoke alarm program was active in December, with a class taught at Topper Industries in Woodland, and neighborhood canvassing completed at Big Fir Campground and Van Ridge Mobile Home Park. With some of the campers taking up semi-permanent residence at Big Fir, DVC Dawdy noted the need to make sure the folks were protected in their RVs by having working smoke alarms. DVC Dawdy coordinated a group of Boy Scout volunteers that canvassed the park on a very cold Saturday. CCF&R has long recognized the value of ensuring every dwelling, and even mobile dwellings, has a working smoke alarm.

### **STATION 29 CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY**

Construction has begun on Fire Station 29 next to the Woodland Police Department at 200 E. Scott Avenue. The initial preparatory work includes driving multiple pilings to help stabilize the heavy concrete slab that will make up the floor of the station. Work on the new station is scheduled to be completed 240 days from commencement of construction. CCF&R would like to thank our partners at the City of Woodland for helping to make the construction of the station a reality.

### **MARITIME FIRE & SAFETY ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING**

CCF&R Marine Program Coordinator Capt. Ryan Berg and Fire Chief Nohr attended the annual Maritime Fire & Safety Association (MFSA) business meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> in Portland. MFSA was started in 1984 after a grain ship fire in Kalama led to the serious injury of several

firefighters and the death of a US Coast Guardsman and threatened to block commercial traffic in the Columbia River. The related MFSA Fire Protection Agencies Advisory Council is made up of 13 fire agencies along the lower Columbia River that work together to ensure any future shipboard fires in our region is handled quickly and efficiently. The CCF&R Marine Program has benefited from classes, equipment, and other items provided by our association with MFSA.

