



# Monthly Report

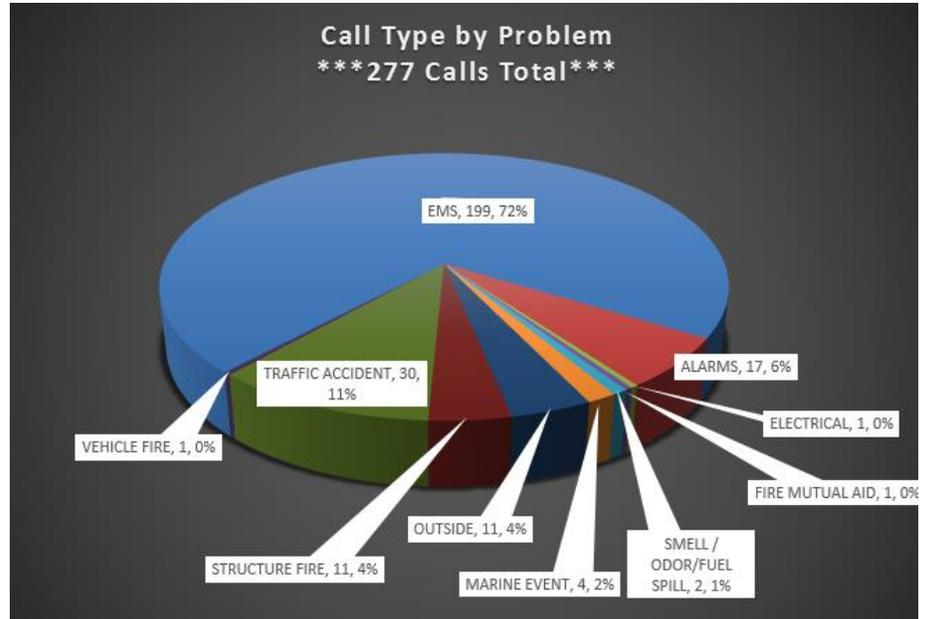
**To:** Commissioners  
**From:** Chief John Nohr  
**Date:** April 11, 2017  
**Re:** March Report

## CCF&R HOLDS COMMUNITY MEETING ON LID LIFT

CCF&R hosted a community open house at Fire Station 22 in Charter Oak on March 21<sup>st</sup> to answer questions about the possibility of a lid lift. If passed by the voters of the District, the lid lift would restore the CCF&R property tax rate from \$1.41/thousand of assessed value to \$1.50/thousand. Chief Nohr and several Commissioners were on hand to explain the need for the lid lift and ways that citizens throughout the District would benefit. In addition to staffing Station 22 on a full-time basis, funds would also be used to purchase new fire apparatus to replace some of our oldest units, critical emergency equipment, and facility maintenance and upgrades at several fire stations. Citizens in attendance asked questions on how the district provides services and why response times are critical. Chief Nohr even had the opportunity to provide a full-service tour to a family that dropped in.

## FAMILY LOSES HOME TO FIRE

A Ridgefield family lost nearly everything due to a fire in their home on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Fortunately, the six adults and three children who were in the house at the time of the fire were able to get out safely. The century-old farmhouse located at 22319 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue was heavily involved in flames when the first CCF&R crews arrived. Firefighters were forced to take a defensive stand due to the size of the fire. The older construction style allowed the fire to travel through void spaces and other channels which made for a very difficult extinguishment process. In addition, with no fire hydrants located nearby, firefighters were forced to shuttle water from a hydrant over 3 miles away. Firefighters worked through the night to bring the fire under control and to final extinguishment. A call went out through social media to help provide the family with clothes and other basic items. The community response was overwhelming. Fire Station 21 was used as a drop-off site, and off-duty CCF&R firefighters and their family members helped sort and package items for transfer to the family.



### **ILANI RESORT PREPARES FOR OPENING**

CCF&R continues to work with our partners at the Cowlitz Tribe as they make a push to open the new ilani Resort in April. The new resort will be one of the largest and most technically advanced buildings in the District. Division Chief Dawdy has been busy ensuring that the water supply and fire sprinkler systems are in service and working properly, exits are well lit and easily identifiable, and that ilani employees have received training on how to properly use a fire extinguisher. In addition, Chief Dawdy ensured that the building has a new 800 MHz radio repeater system that will allow emergency personnel to maintain radio access when deep inside the building.

### **CCFR HOLDS SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> CCF&R held a ceremony to instate personnel into their positions through a “Swearing In Ceremony”. Firefighters, Officers, and Chiefs at CCF&R take an oath to affirm that they will uphold the laws of Washington and the United States, as well as all rules and policies of CCF&R during their service to the organization. Personnel in critical positions such as Law Enforcement and Fire/EMS often take an oath to perform their duties as prescribed. This month’s ceremony included John Nohr to Fire Chief; Jason Leavitt to Fire Captain; Paul Bustamante, Matthew Cushwa and Taylor Konkright to Firefighter; Anna Jones, Dina Karpuyuk, Lorimar Valencia, Kyle Ulsh and Matthew Brandt to Firefighter-Volunteer; and Airen Elizabeth, Breta Winfield, Brian Ellis, and Jason Lattig to Firefighter-Support. Congratulations to all and “Thank you” for your service!

