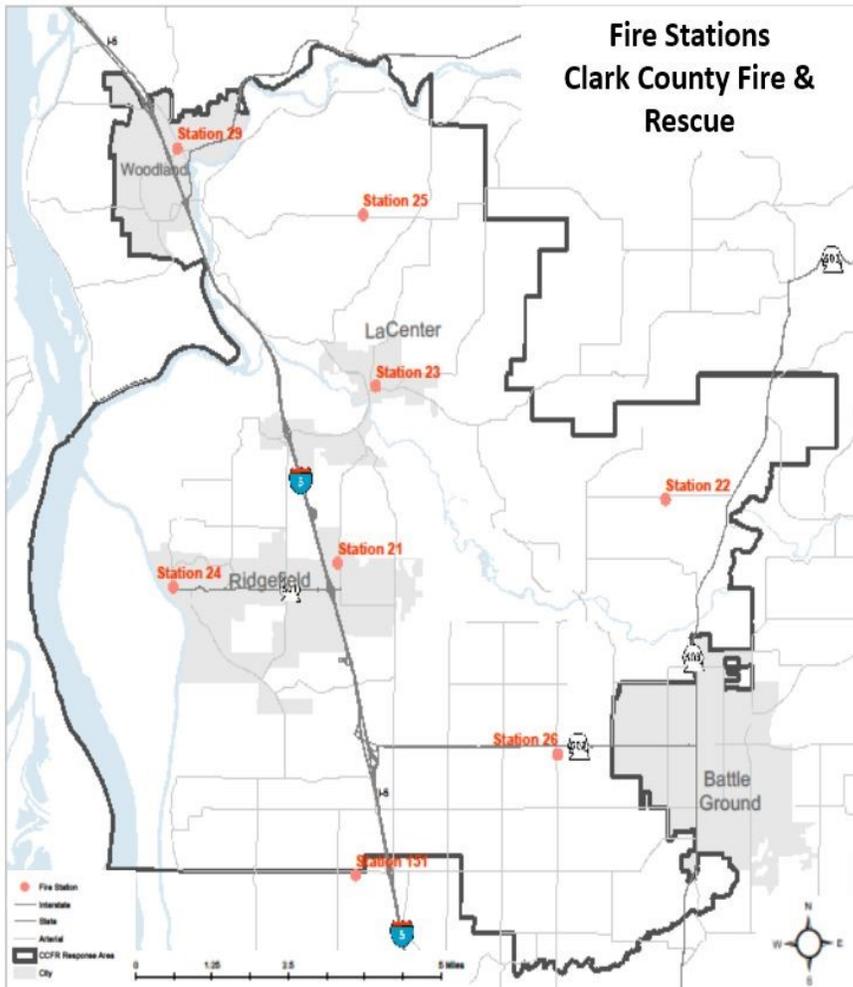
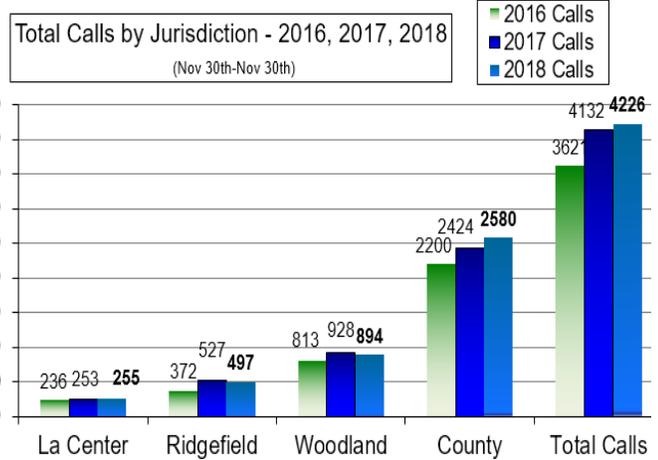


Did you know CCF&R provides fire & life safety services to 45 river miles including the North & East forks of the Lewis River, the Columbia and Lake River system? We are able to do this through our various resources which include a Fire Boat, Rescue Boat and self-bailing raft. All of these are deployed from our boat house at the Ridgefield Marina. We also have 15 rescue swimmers who complete specialized training. In May of this year, CCF&R conducted its annual Rescue Swimmer recertification which allows our personnel to enter inclement and flood water conditions to include swift water rescues. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Firstenburg Foundation who recently awarded CCF&R a three-year grant for Marine Training. It's community support like this that helps make these trainings possible and helps keep our waterways safe!



CCFR PROVIDES COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION SERVICES TO CITIES:

The cities of Woodland, Ridgefield, and La Center have chosen to have community risk reduction and fire prevention services provided by CCFR. Fire prevention and plans review services were previously provided by the Clark County Fire Marshal's office. DVC Mike Jackson developed the new program and made presentations to the city councils. We will now provide plans review, site access, water supply, and inspection services to the cities. This will allow for greater involvement by CCFR from the beginning of the permitting process through the construction process. Emergency response crews will now be able to keep closer tabs on the construction process and maintain awareness of challenging or hazardous construction sites. In addition, customers will see quick turn-around times for the permitting process. For information on our Community Risk Reduction programs, contact Division Chief Mike Jackson at 360-887-4609.

COWLITZ TRIBE RECEIVES GRANT TO BUY FIRE ENGINE FOR CCFR

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe has received a Department of Homeland Security grant to help make their reservation more resilient to natural and manmade disasters. A portion of the grant will be used to purchase a new fire engine for CCFR. The cost of the fire engine is expected to be around \$650,000 and will take approximately one year to build. CCFR is the fire and emergency medical service provider to the Cowlitz Indian Reservation, which includes the ilani Resort. CCFR is proud to be the first public agency to contract with the Cowlitz Tribe. We recently reached an agreement to renew the contract for service for an additional ten years. CCFR thanks the Cowlitz Tribe for our continued partnership and for securing a new fire engine that will benefit all of our citizens.

MEET KATHY STREISSGUTH, CCFR FINANCE SPECIALIST

Finance Specialist Kathy Streissguth has been with the fire district for over 19 years. In 2016 she earned the nationally recognized Certified Professional Finance Officer (CPFO) designation. Kathy is one of 513 active CPFOs in the US and Canada. There are only 9 CPFOs in the state of Washington. This program, established in 1997, is obtained through the Government Finance Officers Association and specifically tailored to government financial leadership positions with the goal of enhancing fundamental skills and increasing knowledge of best practices and the latest trends in government finance. Candidates must pass a series of five exams within seven years covering the major disciplines of public finance, which include government auditing, accounting, and financial reporting; operating and capital budgeting; debt management; treasury and investment management; and retirement and benefits, risk management, and procurement. Kathy passed her first exam in 2014. To maintain the certification, she participates in a minimum of 30 hours of continuing professional education each year. Kathy also holds a BS in Business Administration from Portland State University. Ongoing monitoring and correct reporting of the department's financial condition is a priority of Chief Nohr and the CCFR Board of Fire Commissioners. Clark County Fire & Rescue supports and encourages the professional development of its employees and we are pleased to employ a number of highly trained personnel, of which Kathy is just one.



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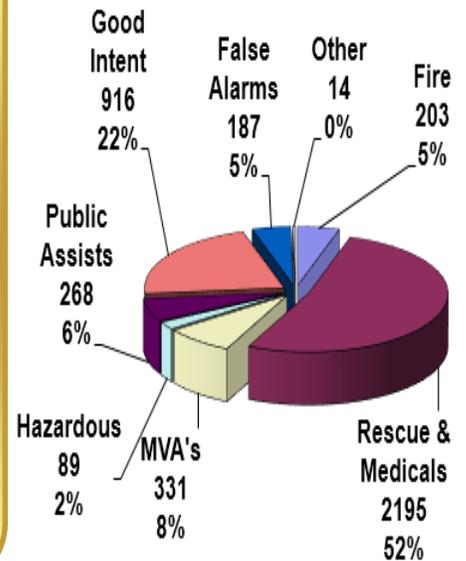
Welcome to the Clark County Fire & Rescue Fall 2018 newsletter. We are an all-hazards fire and rescue agency serving over 40,000 citizens in northwest Clark County and southwest Cowlitz County, including the cities of La Center, Ridgefield, Woodland, the Cowlitz Indian Reservation, as well as the unincorporated areas of Meadow Glade, Sara, Dollars Corner, Charter Oak, Duluth, and Pine Grove. CCFR responds to over 4200 calls for fires, emergency medical service, motor vehicle crashes, and hazardous materials releases each year. This is a 29% increase in incidents over the past 5 years.

I would like to thank voters for returning the tax levy to \$1.50/per thousand of assessed value in 2017. The lid lift, along with our firefighters agreeing to work 96 additional hours per year per person without a raise in pay has allowed CCFR to open a fire station in the Charter Oak area that was closed in 2010 due to the Great Recession. In addition, the lid lift will help CCFR to purchase property for a new fire station in Ridgefield and replace aging fire engines.

CCFR has made great strides in reaching goals outlined in our 3-year Strategic Plan. We had multiple citizens and elected officials on our planning committee. In late 2019 we will create an updated Strategic Plan that will guide our progress over the next three to five years. If you would like to be a part of that process, please let me know.

I am proud of the men and women who make up CCFR. We are working hard to provide you with the highest level of service possible. If you have any questions or comments about CCFR, please contact me at john.nohr@clarkfr.org or 360-887-4609.

November 2017- November 2018 Calls



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In the world of business, having the right name for your organization or product can mean the difference between success and failure. How many people know that Google was originally called BackRub.com? Or that a microwave oven was originally known as a radar range?

While the success or failure of a fire department is usually not based on its name, it is generally accepted that the name of the department reflect the communities that it serves. Clark County Fire & Rescue is not part of Clark County government. We are a special district with a board of commissioners elected from our local area. CCFR represents the merger of eight different fire departments and communities over the years. These mergers have led to lower administrative costs and better service to our citizens. In addition to serving unincorporated areas of northwest Clark County and the cities of Ridgefield and La Center, we are also serving the City of Woodland in Cowlitz County and the Cowlitz Indian Reservation. Over the next several months, CCFR will be considering a name change that would more accurately describe our response area and the communities we serve. If you would be interested in participating in the process or have a suggestion, please contact Chief Nohr at john.nohr@clarkfr.org or 360-887-4609.

DID YOU CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERY?

According to the National Fire Protection Association(NFPA), 96% of homes in the United States have smoke alarms. That is a very high achievement. However, when fires occur in these homes, the smoke alarm worked just under 50% of the time. The most common reason is because of dead or missing batteries!

Clark County Fire & Rescue encourages you to check and change the batteries in your smoke alarms when you change your clocks to Daylight Saving Time in the Spring and back to Standard Time in the Fall. Did you check your batteries on November 4th?

Statistics show that most fire deaths occur in the middle of the night while everyone in the home is sleeping. Working smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every sleeping room more than doubles your chance of surviving a home fire.

- Follow these fire safety tips to keep your family safe:
- Test your smoke alarms monthly, by depressing the test button, to be sure they are working properly.
- Keep batteries in your smoke alarms at all times.
- Change the smoke alarm batteries when you change your clocks, unless you are using a 10-year, lithium powered smoke alarm.
- Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.
- For our citizens, Clark County Fire & Rescue will test, replace batteries and install new detectors at no cost, if needed. For additional information, call 360-887-4609.