

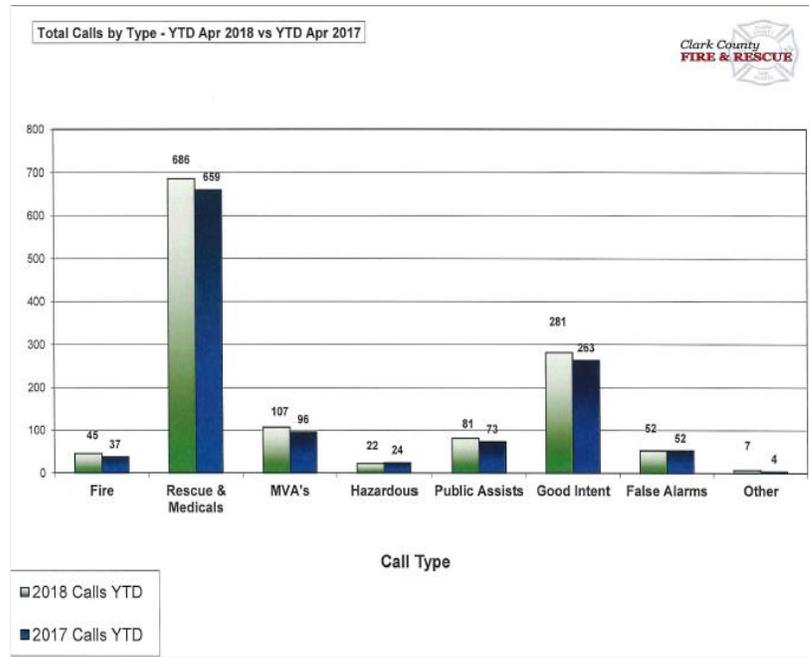


Monthly Report

To: Commissioners
From: Chief John Nohr
Date: May 7th, 2018
Re: April Report

AMBULANCE CONTRACT REVIEW

Emergency Medical Services District 2 (EMS2), which is made up of most of the service areas of CCFR, Fire District 3, and Fire District 6, receives ambulance service from a private ambulance company, American Medical Response (AMR). The City of Vancouver holds the contract with AMR, and EMS2 has “piggybacked” onto the contract. The original contract began on January 1, 2015 and runs through December 31, 2019. While the service has occasionally been spotty, with CCFR crews and our citizens waiting long periods of time for an ambulance, AMR has technically met the basic requirements of the contract. The City of Vancouver has indicated that they intend to extend AMR’s contract for an addition period of up to five years. By staying in the contract, EMS2 will continue to receive service from AMR. CCFR has been working with AMR and the City of Vancouver to secure a commitment to look at growing areas within CCFR for improvements in ambulance availability and response times. At this time, the parties have indicated a willingness to look at these issues and possible resolutions. AMR and the City of Vancouver will make an annual contract compliance presentation to the EMS2 Board of Directors, which includes County Commissioners Mark Boldt and Julie Olson, along with Ridgefield Councilor Ron Onslow, at a public hearing on May 15 at 0830 hours at the County Service Center in Vancouver.



ASSISTING OUR NEIGHBORS

Mutual Aid is the term used by fire departments across the nation when we respond to calls for assistance from our neighboring fire departments. CCFR has mutual aid agreements in place with several departments in Clark County and Cowlitz County. These agreements

help ensure that all departments can call on their neighbors for the appropriate help when it is needed. In April CCFR assisted our neighbors on two significant incidents. On April 20 CCFR units responded to Fire District 10 to search for a missing swimmer. BC21, E23, and Special Rescue 24 put in the Lewis River at Cedar Creek and located the victim in 13 feet of water. Due to the depth and swiftness of the water, CCFR swimmers were not able to recover the victim. A dive team was called in to make the recovery. On April 24 CCFR was called to assist Cowlitz County Fire District 1 with a wind driven brush fire. CCFR sent two chief officers, an engine, a brush unit, and a water tender to assist. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) also assisted by sending firefighters and a helicopter to shuttle water. The fire grew to 9 acres and threatened structures before being brought under control. CCFR is always ready and willing to assist our neighbors, and know that we can count our neighbors to assist us when needed.



ENSURING COVERAGE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

The Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) is the public safety answering point for Clark County. If someone dials 911 in Clark County, the call routes through CRESA and information is entered into the CAD (computer-aided dispatch) system. CAD makes a recommendation and one or more units are dispatched. All fire departments and law enforcement agencies in Clark County are dispatched by CRESA. When departments are very busy with one or more large incidents or multiple small incidents, there can be large coverage gaps across the county. To address this issue, CRESA has enabled the latest version of LiveMUM, which stands for “Move-Up Module”. LiveMUM is a computer program that is constantly scanning the availability of response units throughout the county. If LiveMUM notices a large “hole”, or coverage gap, it will automatically send out a dispatch message for a unit to “move up” to another station to provide better coverage. As things wind down and return to normal, LiveMUM will automatically direct a unit to return to their

normal station. The agencies in Clark County agree to a set of rules that allows the computer program to know when to move units. Move-ups are not very common, but when there is a coverage gap that risks creating very long response times, LiveMUM is ready to put the right resources in the right place.

FIRE CADETS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL EAST COAST TRIP

CCF&R Lead Cadet Instructor Dan Ferber took 28 second-year Fire Cadets from CCFR, CCFD3, and CCFD6 Fire Cadet programs to Washington DC and New York City. They visited numerous Fire Houses, the FDNY Fire Academy (known as “The Rock”), the 9/11 Memorial site, as well as several landmarks in our nation’s capital. Each year seniors participate in fundraising and work towards the opportunity to go on this trip and learn the history of the fire service. Chief Nohr received a phone call from FDNY Firefighter Shawn Lindstrom, who wanted to personally call and comment on how well the Cadets represented the fire districts. Congratulations Cadets on a successful trip!

