



Monthly Report

To: Commissioners
From: Chief John Nohr
Date: April 11th, 2018
Re: March Report

CCFR HOLDS AWARDS SOCIAL

The annual CCFR Awards Social & Dinner was held on March 9th at the Summit Grove Lodge. Approximately 80 District firefighters, staff, and family members attended the event, which was emceed by Battalion Max Konkright. Members receiving recognition for their service to CCFR included Commissioner Bob Johnson (25 years), BC Brett Graham (25 years), FF Matt Hieter (25 years), CPT Abe Rommel (20 years), CPT Ben Meacham (20 years), Commissioner Jerry Kolke (15 years), CPT Blaine Dohman (15 years), CPT Clint Granato (15 years), FF Ian Fagan (15 years), FF Dan Ferber (15 years), FF Matt Woodford (15 years), Chaplain Sam LaPore (15 years), FF Aaron Huntington (10 years), FF Joe Talarico (10 years), Training Support Specialist Airen Elizabeth (10 years), Commissioner Ken Ayers (5 years), Commissioner Dave Lester (5 years), FF Travis Mayer (5 years), and FF Valencia Lorimar (5 years). CCFR thanks all of our members for another year of outstanding service to our communities.



E24 MOVES TO STATION 21 DURING CONSTRUCTION

The crew of E24 (Downtown Ridgefield) has temporarily moved to Station 21 while construction personnel place cellular phone antennas on the roof of Station 24. Verizon Cellular has leased the space from the district, with the hopes of providing better cell service in the downtown Ridgefield area. CCFR will benefit from the installation of a new generator to run the fire station and cell towers in a power outage, as well as a new exit stairway from the crew's quarters directly to the outside. The temporary move will allow CCFR to analyze response time changes in the western end of the district. Crews will return to Station 24 when the construction is completed in late May-early June.

SMALL AIRCRAFT CRASHES NEAR LA CENTER

CCFR crews responded to an aircraft crash south of La Center on March 11. Initial reports indicated the plane had crashed into trees near a private airstrip, with the pilot entrapped in the wreckage. Crews had a difficult time accessing the crash site. Once on scene, they determined that the pilot was deceased. Crews laid down a blanket of foam to prevent ignition of spilled aviation fuel and assisted with extrication of the victim.

On March 7, crews responded to a report of house on fire in the 29900 block of NW 71st Avenue. Chief Nohr and Division Chief Yager arrived on scene first to discover the upper floor of the house heavily involved in fire. While Chief Nohr assumed Incident Command and directed incoming firefighting crews, Chief Yager removed the occupants from the house, who had been inside attempting to fight the fire with a garden hose. Fire crews were able to mount an aggressive fire attack and extinguish the main body of fire within 10 minutes. Unfortunately, the structure sustained heavy damage and was not able to be occupied after the fire.



CAPTAIN PROMOTIONAL PROCESS

An assessment center process was held on March 7-8 to create a new Fire Captain promotional list. Eleven candidates participated in the process, which included a written exam over selected district policies, public presentation, interview panel, tactical exercise (running a simulated emergency incident), and “in-basket” (workflow prioritization). Feedback from community members and personnel from other departments that assisted indicated it was a well thought-out process. Many candidates echoed the same feedback. Fire Captains are front-line supervisors who work as part of an emergency response crew. They are responsible for the actions of the crew and ensuring that all activities and responses are carried out according to District policies and expectations. CCFR will appoint six new Fire Captains on May 1.