



Monthly Report

To: Commissioners
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Re: November Report

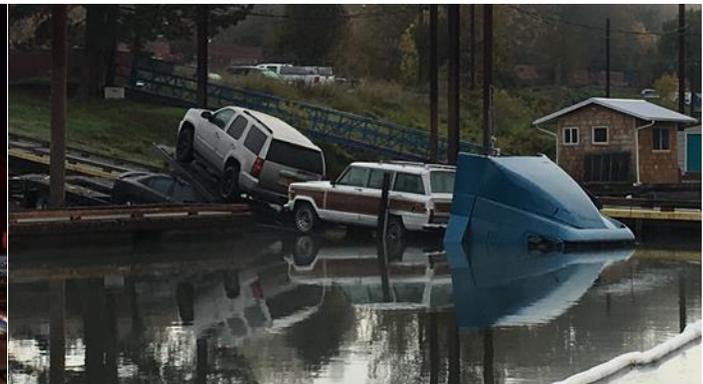
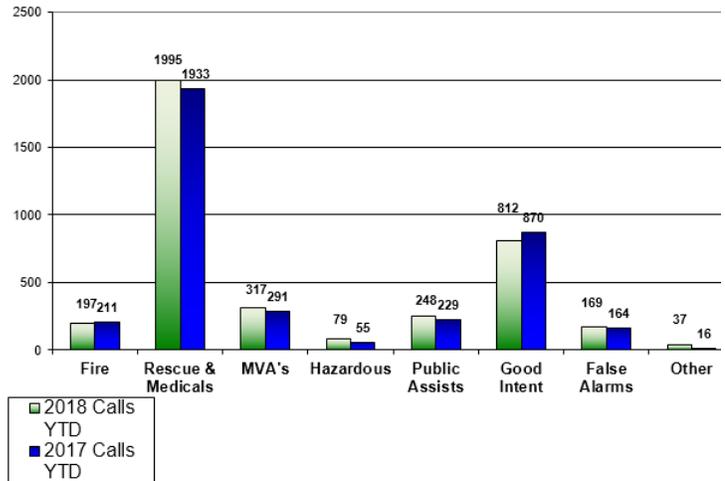
CCFR CREWS BUSY IN NOVEMBER

CCFR responded to 320 emergency incidents in November, including ten fires, 21 motor vehicle crashes, and 176 medical/rescue calls. On November 6th multiple crews responded to the Ridgefield

Marina where a tractor/trailer hauling cars was struck by a train. The truck had become stuck (“high-centered”) on the tracks, and the truck driver had stepped out of the vehicle to assess the situation. In the meantime, an approaching freight train was unable to stop in time and struck the trailer portion of the vehicle. This broke the trailer free from the truck, and the truck rolled down the hill and into Lake River. CCFR crews assessed the driver, checked the train for fuel leaks, and assessed the truck in the river. Crews used Fire Boat 24 to place absorbent booms in the river to capture leaking diesel fuel from the truck. This is a scenario that crews have trained on and are prepared to carry out. The Washington Department of Ecology replaced the booms for CCFR.

On December 5th CCFR responded two engines, a water tender, and the on-duty Battalion Chief to a motor home fire at the south bound Gee Creek Rest Area on I-5. The BC arrived first to find a fully involved motor home with two potential smoke inhalation patients. The occupants were assessed and found to be uninjured. Crews utilized 2500 gallons of water to extinguish the blaze. A water tender was called to the scene due to the difficulty of using the single fire hydrant located at the rest area. The Clark County Fire Marshal’s Office investigated the fire. The vehicle was a total loss. The American Red Cross assisted the motor home occupants with housing.

Total Calls by Type - YTD Nov 2018 vs YTD Nov 2017



POLICE OFFICERS ASSIST WITH CARDIAC ARRESTS

On December 1st, crews were dispatched to a cardiac arrest victim at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. Upon arrival, they discovered an officer from the Ridgefield Police Department providing care and utilizing an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to treat the patient. CCFR crews provided advanced life support care and prepared the patient for transport to the emergency room. The quick use of the AED by the police officer likely saved the victims life. The Ridgefield Police Department received several AEDs as part of a grant earlier this year. All RPD police cars now carry an AED. The initial AED training was provided to RPD by Airen Elizabeth from CCFR.

On December 2nd, Woodland PD Sergeant Jim Keller provided CPR to a cardiac arrest victim in Woodland. After the crew from Tower 29 arrived to begin care, Sgt. Keller continued CPR compressions until the second CCFR unit (E23) arrived to take over CPR. Cardiac arrest incidents require multiple interventions to occur simultaneously, and usually require two or more response units. By continuing CPR compressions, Sgt. Keller freed up the TO-29 crew to provide airway management (breathing for the patient) and medication administration. CCFR thanks the officers of our partner organizations for their assistance!



ARSONIST STRIKES IN RIDGEFIELD

In the early morning hours of November 28th, CCFR crews responded to a reported structure fire in Ridgefield. RPD officers arrived first and reported heavy fire from a building under construction. Officers also noticed a bystander recording the event on their phone. Crews extinguished the fire and determined that it was likely an arson. The fire was located in the center unit of a four-unit townhouse. Due to the construction features, that included a firewall between

units, fire crews were able to hold the fire to unit of origin. Fire Investigators from the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office were called to the scene and confirmed that the fire was intentionally set. The next day, officers from the Ridgefield Police Department interviewed the bystander and then arrested him for arson. CCFR was assisted on this incident by CCFD#6.

6 SW WASHINGTON COUNTIES AGREE TO STANDARDIZED EMS PROTOCOLS

The Clark County Medical Program Director, Dr. Lynn Wittwer, spearheaded a project to bring six SW Washington counties into agreement for standardized EMS protocols. All CCFR responders are certified as EMTs or Paramedics. They provide care under a set of protocols provided by the county medical director. In the past, these protocols could vary widely between counties. By bringing the standardized protocols to the region, responders can more easily work with crews across county lines during medical emergencies, because they will all be working from the same "play book". This will lead to better patient care for our citizens. Dr. Wittwer provides medical oversight to eight fire/rescue departments and one private ambulance provider in Clark County.