



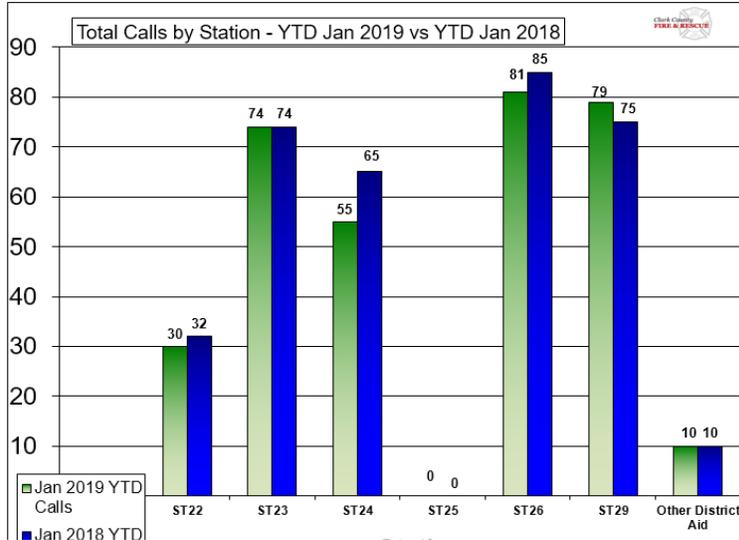
# Monthly Report

**To:** Commissioners  
**From:** Chief John Nohr  
**Date:** February 13th, 2019  
**Re:** January Report

## CHIEF NOHR APPOINTED TO CRESA BOARD

The fire chiefs of Clark County have appointed Chief Nohr to represent the fire agencies on the Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) Administrative Board.

CRESA is the regional public safety agency that provides 9-1-1 dispatch, technology services and emergency management to local law enforcement, fire and EMS agencies. CRESA's service area includes each of the seven cities within Clark County – Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal and Yacolt – as well as the unincorporated areas of the county. The Administrative Board meets monthly and governs the majority of CRESA's services.



## CCFR WELCOMES FIRE INSPECTOR JOSH TAYLOR



Josh Taylor joined CCFR as a Fire Inspector on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Josh previously worked as a fire inspector for the Vancouver Fire Department, and an inspector for the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office. CCFR began providing Community Risk Reduction (CRR) services to Woodland, La Center, and Ridgefield in 2018. Inspections of existing and new businesses for fire and safety hazards are part of the CRR program. After mastering inspections, Fire Inspector Taylor will be learning about plan review, sprinkler systems, and fire investigations. Having a full-time fire inspector on board at CCFR is a major step toward delivering fire and life-safety programs to our communities. If you see Josh around CCFR, please welcome him aboard!

## EMS DISTRICT 2 RENEWS AMBULANCE CONTRACT

The Board of EMS District 2 met on January 29<sup>th</sup> to renew the ambulance transport contract with AMR Ambulance. EMS District 2 is made up of Ridgefield, La Center, Battle Ground, Woodland, and parts of unincorporated Clark County. The current service agreement will be extended until 2015. Chief Nohr attends the monthly ambulance compliance meetings as a representative of the small cities and fire districts. Chief Nohr will be assisting EMS District 2 in monitoring

ambulance responses and studying how growth in the local area may be effecting ambulance demand and response times.

### **RIDGEFIELD HOUSE PROVIDES FIRE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

CCFR volunteer firefighters, intern firefighters and C-shift career firefighters participated in a “Burn-to-Learn” training fire on January 16<sup>th</sup> in Ridgefield. The structure was a 1920 square foot ranch house built in 1969. Crews worked on victim rescue techniques, hose line operations, fire suppression, and ventilation. The rescue technique, known as vent-enter-search (VES), required



firefighters to make entry into a bedroom from a window and ventilate the smoke, secure the inside door to stop fire and smoke from entering the room, and remove a victim back out through the window. Due to the extreme danger to firefighters and fire victims, this rescue technique is only used in situations when there is no other way to reach the victim. Once the training was complete and all of the interior rooms had been burned out, crews let the house free-burn until it was fully destroyed. During the free-burn stage of the fire, crews can watch and learn about fire behavior, ventilation profiles, and the effects of fire on the structure. In this particular training fire, crews did a great job of letting the fire burn, while also protecting nearby structures.

### **FIREFIGHTER SURVIVAL TRAINING**

CCFR firefighters, along with crews for Clark County Fire District #6, participated in hands-on firefighter survival training in Woodland in January. The location was an old funeral home and mortuary. Firefighter survival training is designed to give firefighters the skills necessary to rescue themselves or each other if they become entrapped inside a burning structure. Skills included following a hose line to find your way out in blacked out conditions (it is much harder than it sounds!), supplying breathing air to a trapped firefighter, rescuing a firefighter who is trapped in a basement or other below-grade location, and many more.



The drills also provided an opportunity to work with mutual aid crews from FD#6. Due to the amount of mutual aid that local fire agencies provide to each other on structure fires and other incidents, it is critical that we all practice these life-saving skills together.