



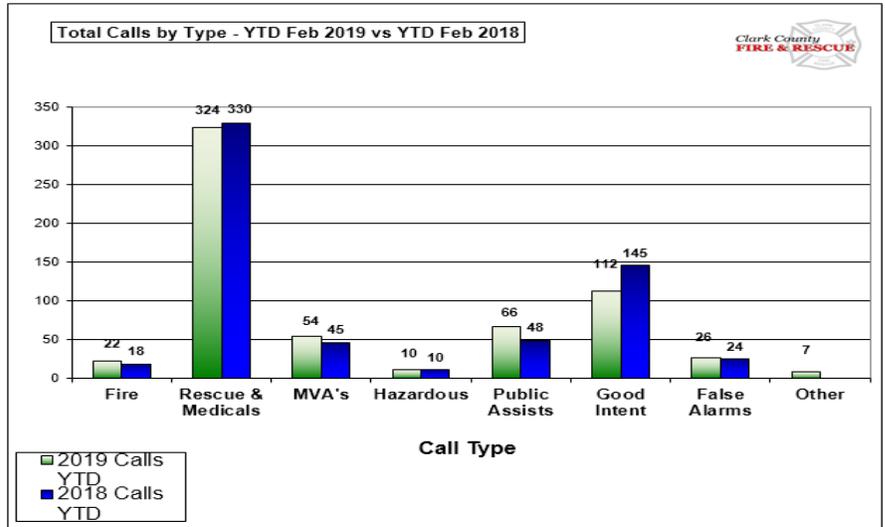
# Monthly Report

**To:** Commissioners  
**From:** Chief John Nohr  
**Date:** March 12th, 2019  
**Re:** February Report

## RESPONSES KEEP CCFR BUSY IN FEBRUARY

CCFR crews responded to 287 incidents in February, including 157 EMS incidents, 14 fires, and 26 motor vehicle crashes. On the evening of February 5<sup>th</sup>, Fire Boat 24 responded to a mutual aid fire involving

three house boats in a marina in St. Helens, Oregon. Crews had to navigate across the Columbia River and into the marina area in the dark by utilizing night vision and thermal imaging equipment. FB-24 pumped fire streams from the river and helped keep the fire from spreading to more homes. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, crews responded to a fully involved shop building in the Pekin Ferry area north of Ridgefield. A single unit was initially dispatched to smoke in the area, but soon upgraded the response to a full "structure fire" response, which includes four engines, two water tenders, and a Battalion Chief. First arriving units focused on keeping the fire from spreading to an occupied residence, before fully extinguishing the fire. On February 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:15 AM, crews were dispatched to a report of a house on fire near Aspen Avenue in La Center. The first arriving unit found a fully involved house under construction. The initial actions focused on protecting a nearby house. As other units arrived, crews deployed additional hose lines to bring the fire under control. Both structure fires are under investigation by the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office.



### **CCFR VOLUNTEERS ENCOURAGE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

Support Volunteers Jon Babcock and Jack Bothwell have been attending home owner association and community meetings to spread the word about disaster preparedness. The presentation lasts between 30 and 60 minutes and can be tailored to meet the needs of the group. It includes demonstrations of safety, sanitary, and survival equipment. Attendees are also presented with a disaster preparedness manual that provides information on what to do during a disaster, how to build and maintain a multi-day survival kit, and other resources. Citizens interested in scheduling a presentation should contact CCFR at 360-887-4609.

### **RESPONDERS PRACTICE FOR ACTIVE THREAT EVENTS**

CCFR responders conducted several drills in February that focused on incidents involving an active shooter or other hostile event that result in multiple victims. While we certainly hope this type of event never happens in our area, our firefighters must be prepared to address the issue if it does occur. Responders practiced on scene management, treating a sucking chest wound, utilizing a tourniquet for hemorrhage control, and using pressure bandages to stop the bleeding. CCFR thanks Captain/Paramedic Dave Bridges and Firefighter/Paramedic Todd McCabe for identifying the need for responders to be prepared for these incidents, developing the trauma kits, and creating the necessary training.

### **NEW FIRE ENGINE READY TO ORDER**

The Apparatus Committee has completed the arduous task of creating a comprehensive set of specifications for our new fire engine. Fire apparatus, such as engines and ladder trucks, remain in service for 20 to 25 years, so it is critical to get the specifications correct from the beginning. It involves reviewing all portions of an apparatus, from cabinet size to cab configuration and everything else between the front bumper and the rear tailboard. It even means choosing the desired color from over 200 shades of red (because no one would ever choose something other than red for a fire engine☺). CCFR thanks Volunteer Firefighter Steve Streissguth, Capt. Scott Galster, Capt. Clint Granato, and Division Chief Dan Yager for their work in developing a new set of “specs” for our next fire engines.

### **PARAMEDICS PRACTICE ADVANCED AIRWAY PROCEDURES**



On February 28<sup>th</sup> CCFR hosted an advanced airway course for paramedics at Station 21. The class was taught by Dr. Lynn Wittwer, Clark County Medical Program Director, and Dr. Preston Fedor, Emergency Room physician at PeaceHealth Southwest Hospital. Students focused on how to secure a way to breathe for a patient. Paramedics often practice “airway” skills to ensure they are able to properly treat a critical patient who is unable to breathe on their own or who have a blocked airway. Three personnel from Fire District 6, as well as the FD#6 EMS Training Officer also attended the training.