

Jackson County Fire District No. 5

MEMORANDUM

Date: DECEMBER 19, 2017
To: BOARD of DIRECTORS, Fire District
From: CHARLES HANLEY, Fire Chief *CSA*
Subject: FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

ECISO/Emergency Communications Center of Southern Oregon – We continue to experience intermittent radio problems in the field. After some preliminary discussion and ongoing correspondence, JCFD No.5 hosted a meeting with members of Applegate Fire District, Ashland Fire and Rescue and ECISO. For all the affected agencies, there are numerous times when transmissions go unanswered and repeated attempts by the Communications Center to contact responding units are often futile. Broken and unreadable broadcasts are common. These issues are cause for serious concern.

We agreed on a process that involves migrating to shared frequencies and possibly moving a repeater as a short-term fix to determine if we can positively impact the situation. The long-term solution is laid out in the Radio Design. We are servicing our mobile and portable radios for optimal performance while we field test new generation subscriber units. We are also updating our MDC(s) to enhance capability and reception. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Risk Management – No report. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Labor Relations – The Fire Chief attends union meetings by request and has had ongoing discussions with Local 2596 President Aaron Bustard regarding District operations, roles and responsibilities and ongoing cooperative efforts between management and labor. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Fire Stations – Repairs were made to the HVAC at Station 3. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Grants – We have applied for three grants through SDIS, 2 Hawk Winery and Firehouse Subs for fire station security, rescue equipment and AutoPulse Resuscitation System. FEMA (AFG and SAFER) has not announced funding opportunities however the application period is expected to open soon. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Strategic Planning: Strategic Planning Workshops have been conducted for employees to initiate an inclusive process of creating mission centered goals. A staff meeting scheduled for early January will establish organizational objectives based on policy priorities. Strategic initiatives (goals) will be reflective of the 2018/19 Budget.
Reporting: Chief Hanley

Incident Activity – Crews responded to in and out of state incidents, structure fires, vehicle fires, wildland fires, and vehicle accidents. We continue to respond to all calls for service and rely on auto/mutual aid when necessary.
Reporting: Chief Hanley

Training – Skid Truck (EVOC), ECISO Ride-a-long, EMS, Company Evolutions, FF I skills, water tender and Type 4 wildland fire engine driver testing and examination preparation.

Rogue Valley Fire Agencies/Cooperators – The primary focus for the Rogue Valley Fire Agencies has been the extraordinary fire season we experienced and our continued development of a robust mutual aid system. Some areas of concern continue to be radio communication, training opportunities, mobilization and deployment and coordinated evacuation. We reviewed several major incidents and discussed the impacts to the communities at risk.

The Fire Chief continues to meet with Medford Fire and Rescue/Medford Rural No.2. There is a plan to include Ashland and JCFD No. 3 in further discussions regarding: the development of regional training, joint purchasing agreements/shared services and increased levels of cooperation and automatic/mutual aid in the south county. These efforts are critical to a more seamless fire protection system. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

We recently hosted the Rogue Valley Traffic Incident Management Team Meeting. This was a follow up to the November 7, 2017 OR/CA Winter Conference. Rogue Valley emergency service personnel from ODOT, CALTRANS, OSP, CHP and local fire, police and 911 transport agencies, and area tow companies met to debrief and review ways to enhance efficiency and better respond to specific incidents. The Rogue Valley has the second-highest collision rate in the state (1720 in 2016), trailing only the Portland metro area. Traffic and congestion on I-5 are a major reason for the high volume of incidents. During peak travel times, weather, incidents, congestion (special events), minor crashes, breakdowns and distracted drivers create or exacerbate hazards. ODOT and OSP use a nationally recognized strategy to limit the duration of traffic related incidents to reduce the impact on traffic flow and travel delay. ODOT staffs a 24-hour service patrol and command center to respond to and coordinate incident activities.

JCFD No.5 has worked with ODOT to place boxes that contain pre-warning devices (signs, cones, flares) to denote a wreck ahead or divert traffic and we have their frequencies programmed into our units.

Fire Prevention – Code enforcement, burn permits, driveway access and bridge safety, life safety inspections, new construction and pre-fire planning and familiarization. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Apparatus – Repairs, routine maintenance and annual services. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Budget – Budget is tracking, and overtime expenditures are due primarily to callback, summer staffing and reimbursable events. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Community Outreach/Activities – Our commitment to the community continues with Fire Station Tours, Phoenix Parade, Talent Tree Lighting and smoke alarm checks and replacements. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Recap – The Fire Chief attended the recent Phoenix City Council Meeting, the Phoenix-Talent Safe Schools Interagency Team Meeting, Talent Middle School Leadership Emergency Services Appreciation Breakfast, and other scheduled public events. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

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OPERATIONS REPORT OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER 2017

I. Emergency Responses:

October:

TOTAL THIS MONTH: 243

Alarms this year to date: 2383

THIS MONTH LAST YEAR: 226

Alarms last year to date: 2165

November:

TOTAL THIS MONTH: 238

Alarms this year to date: 2621

THIS MONTH LAST YEAR: 240

Alarms last year to date: 2405

II. Alarms of Interest:

October:

- AA-8100 Grass Fire 2909 Voorhies Rd. – Alarm #2144
- MVC/ Vehicle Fire 5437 Colver Rd. – Alarm #2291

November:

- MVC Pioneer Rd. – Alarm #2470

October/November:

Aid Given: 16

Aid Received: 20

III. Training for The Month of October & November:

- Skid Truck training with DPSST
- Walk through with AF&R “The Village” Memory Care Facility
- ECSO dispatcher toured the Fire District & Ride-a-long

October:

(Career) **A-Shift** Drills: 76
Hours: 97.5

B-Shift Drills: 72
Hours: 135.25
Attendances: 29

C-Shift Drills: 53
Hours: 82.5
Hours: 58

(Volunteers) Drills: 3

November:

(Career) **A-Shift** Drills: 70
Hours: 94

B-Shift Drills: 51
Hours: 101
Attendances: 33

C-Shift Drills: 36
Hours: 48.5
Hours: 66

(Volunteers) Drills: 4

IV. Public Relations for The Month of October and November:

- Phoenix Parade
- Station Tours
- Multiple smoke alarm checks and replacements
- Multiple Burn Permits

V. Fire Prevention for The Month of October and November:

- Property access inspections (4 -new, 6 -addition, 3 -outbuildings)
- Inspections at Phoenix/Talent schools with Deputy State Fire Marshal.

VI. Stations/Grounds for The Month of October and November:

- Lubricated 8362 Bay Door

VII. Apparatus/Equipment for The Month of October and November:

- 8303 EMS compartment door fixed.
- 8341 trash pump sent to Hubbard’s for repair.
- EMS Zoll Defibrillators service and updates performed by company Rep.