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Overview:

June 2023

In May we responded to 39 calls for service. This is considerably more than May 2022. We are starting to combine call responses with Bay City, personnel staffing will increase but so does the workload. We are currently recruiting volunteer firefighters, EMS, and clerical staff. We have completed our hiring process for the full-time Firefighter/EMT position that will be funded by the Garibaldi Rural Fire District through an IGA. We have hired 2 of 3 summer firefighters funded by State Grants. This staffing grant will be paramount to our operations for the next 4 months. Adventist Health has had several employees transfer to other agencies and will be very shorthanded this summer. Our increased staffing will allow us to assist Adventist with EMS calls in our response area and provide a rapid response and initial patient care. This will also allow our staff to gain experience and further their medical skills.

Fire Season is not upon us anymore, it is here. We will be closing burning on June 30th, 2023, at midnight until an undetermined date in October 2023. Last year we generated \$38,000.00 to our equipment fund through OSFM Fire Conflagrations and staff generated \$78,000.00 of reimbursements for wages both on fires and backfilling the station. We will be responding to state conflagrations again this year and have the potential to generate an exponentially more amount of money towards our equipment fund. This fund is crucial to replacing outdated or buying new equipment. These funds will help decrease the taxpayers' costs significantly if not bring it to zero.

PUD Lot Donation:

TPUD staff and their board are working on the process and documentation needed to get the property transfer completed. We have requested from DPSST Department of Public Safety Standards & Training \$13,200.00 for

training containers to be placed on the property once it is transferred. We also will be building a roof prop with those containers as well.

Volunteer Association update:

This year we purchased an enclosed trailer to enable us to have rehab and support on local incidents and training. This trailer also will be used on State Conflagrations to carry gear, equipment and supplies to sustain the Task Force for 72 hours as required by the state. The Volunteer Association has spent \$4,000 to supply the trailer with all the necessities needed to perform its mission. The association has also purchased a titanium stokes basket and wheel to enable them to rescue victims in remote areas that do not have road systems, which also includes the beach and surrounding trails in our mutual aid areas.

2022 Grants:

We are still waiting for several grants to post awards.

- Oregon SPIRE- Low Water Rescue Boat- **AWARDED**
- OSFM Wildfire Reduction Grant- **AWARDED \$75,000**
- AFG Regional Operations & Safety- **Pending: \$264,000**

Fire District Talks:

Moving forward, Garibaldi City, Garibaldi Rural Fire and Bay City Fire have announced the new district name, this name was chosen by both volunteer associations. The new name on the ballot next year will be North Coast Fire & Rescue. The volunteers will be the back bone to this new district and were asked to create their legacy by choosing the name.

Bay City IGA:

Division Chief Paulsen and Division Chief Christensen are working to complete tasks set in the IGA and create a more streamlined and successful operation and training platform. We have had several calls testing our operational improvements that have been successful, including two structure fires, a boat fire threatening a structure and a brush fire started by the rail train that had 40 potential patients evaluated on scene. Chief Paulsen and Christensen have been working to streamline our apparatus layouts and move equipment to trucks that will better serve the community and call types. Chief Christensen has been spending more time in Garibaldi since he

has found his groove between the two entities. He will continue to work on our operations to streamline apparatus and equipment needs.

County Fire Issues:

N/A

Training:

We have 4 students who have completed EMT class and will be testing in May. We have finished up Firefighter 1 Academy having 16 students graduate from different agencies around the county. We have completed 2 burn to learns and have testing for various certifications coming up soon.

Blake Paulsen
Division Chief- Training

If you have any questions regarding this report, you may contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

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