



Fire Department Report, July 2016

In June, We responded to 16 calls for service; 7 Medical, 3 Assist Law Enforcement, 1 Mutual Aid, 3 public assists, 1 unauthorized burn, and 1 hazard call. The Department completed 385 training and response hours in June. Additionally, We completed 132 admin hours bringing the departments total hours for June 517. We are continuing along a trend to once again set a response record in 2016.

Fire Chief Hours and availability to respond to calls:

In June, I completed a total of 160 hours even with a week out of town. I am still trying to find a way to reduce my hours, however we are in fire season. I am still struggling with the ability to separate from service for dedicated days off. I have started to simply leave required tasks incomplete. Unfortunately some of these tasks sneak up and force me to complete them.

Garibaldi steering committee:

No meeting in July.

Fire Conditions:

We continue to see lots of fuel growth adjacent to roads and structures. Some of this rapid fuel growth is in trees and brush adjacent to streets and rights of way. In several areas, tree branches are encroaching into the roadway to the extent that they are striking vehicles. These road conditions pose a danger to our apparatus, and can significantly impact our timely response to structure and especially wildland urban interface fires. We are also seeing brush growing into and covering some of our hydrants which could also delay fire suppression efforts in an emergency.

The overall fire weather estimate for the local area is for a milder fire season then the last couple of years. We have already been out on a couple of outside fire calls so far this year.

Recruiting:

We are continuing to look for volunteers, particularly volunteers that may be able to respond during Mon.-Fri. business hours. We are training 4 adult volunteers to become firefighters. This training will require about 200 hours each, and may well take over a year to complete.

We currently have 18 adult members and 1 cadet. Our Fire staff breaks down as follows, 14 entry level firefighters, 4 trainees, and 1 cadet. These 14 FFs are also used in Officer and Apparatus Operator roles.

If you know of anyone that would possibly be interested in a position within our volunteer staff, please let them know that we are in need of a couple more members.

Respectfully,

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