



Fire Department Report, June 2016

In May, We responded to 10 calls for service; 5 Medical, 2 Assist Law Enforcement, 2 Mutual Aid, and 1 good intent call. The Department completed 253 training and response hours in Feb. Additionally, We completed 159 admin hours bringing the departments total hours for February in at 412. We have had a total of 79 calls for service as of May 31, this puts us well ahead of busiest year to date.

Fire Chief Hours and availability to respond to calls:

In May, I completed a total of 148 hours. I am still trying to find a way to reduce my hours, however we are entering our fire season. I am still struggling with the ability to separate from service for dedicated days off.

Budget:

As you are aware, our budget was presented to and approved by the Budget Committee, and is awaiting Council Approval before it is finalized.

Garibaldi steering committee:

No meeting in May or June. Press release still in the works.

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.

The overall fire conditions 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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