



MONTHLY REPORT

From: Chief Dennis Mason

To: Mayor, Council and Commissioners

Date: *December, 2007*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Commissioners Vote to Consolidate

As you know by now, the Fire Commissioners of Districts 11 and 12 voted unanimously to move ahead with consolidation. The action takes effect February 1st and essentially combines the personnel, equipment and stations of the two organizations into one large fire department. The combined department will cover over 120 square miles with a population base approaching 48,000 residents.

Including the shared station near the Clark County Fairgrounds the new **Clark County Fire & Rescue** will operate from 9 stations including Battle Ground, Ridgefield and LaCenter. Total number of fire and EMS calls is expected to exceed 4,000 in 2008.

One of the immediate changes that will occur is the utilization of the current Station 12-1 (911 N 65th Avenue, Ridgefield) as the new organizations Main Station. The Dollars Corner station will become the training station and will house the Training Division Chief, two Training Captains, a secretary/receptionist, and shift Battalion Chiefs. The Fire Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, and all administrative support staff will move to the station on 65th Avenue. We expect to make these changes by the end of February.

Battalion Chiefs On the Horizon

April 1st is the target date set to implement the shift Battalion Chief (BC) program. Three of the four BCs have been identified. We are currently recruiting to fill the fourth BC

position by the first week in March. Shift BCs work the same schedule as the firefighters (24 on, 48 off) and are typically responsible for supervising the shift firefighters and captains. Additionally, the BCs respond to all large incidents and typically assume the role of Incident Command (IC).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

Station/Engine Tours

2 adults and 3 children toured stations in December. 120 children and 80 adults participated in engine tours.

CPR/FIRST AID

The December class was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Child Safety Seat Inspections

Four child safety seat inspections were completed. Of the four inspections, three errors were noted.

Rides For Toys a Big Success

On December 14th the District held the first 'Rides for Toys' event at the Battle Ground Fred Meyer. Over 200 toys were collected and distributed to local children through the North County Community Food Bank.

Public Education Brochures Distributed

Public education brochures were distributed to the following groups:
Meadow Glade Neighborhood Association – Lady Elks - Boy Scouts of America – Battle Ground Lions – Dollars Corner Moose Lodge – Day Break Neighborhood Assoc.

Life Flight Contest to Begin

Fire District 11, Battle Ground School District and Life Flight have partnered on an educational program to promote safe driving habits for 15-20 year olds. Under the program young drivers will enter into contracts committing to safe driving practices. A drawing from all participants will select a winner who will receive a helicopter ride on Life Flight at the District's annual Open House in May.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

Old Ambulance Turned Over to Police Department

The District turned ownership of the 1995 Wheeled Coach ambulance to the Battle Ground Police Department. BGPD plans on utilizing the vehicle in their Special Operations program. The vehicle was sold to the City for \$1.

OPERATIONS

CALL SUMMARY		
2007 December Calls		211
CITY	112 (53%)	
DISTRICT	99 (47%)	
Fire	23	
Medical	182	
Public Assist	6	
Move Up	0	
2007 Total Calls		2,508
2006 Total Calls		2,395

TRAINING

No training report.

9-1-1 CENTER/RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

County Commissioners Place 911 Tax on Ballot

Just a friendly reminder that the 10th of 1% sales tax issue will be before the voters on the April 22, 2008 ballot. The revenue generated, nearly \$6 million per year, will pay for the replacement of the county-wide radio system. Motorola will no longer support the current system beyond 2012. Cost for the new system is estimated to cost \$30-\$50 million. The issue requires a simple majority.