



# MONTHLY REPORT

From: Chief Dennis Mason

To: Mayor, Council and Commissioners

Date: *July, 2007*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Update on Consolidation Study

The first draft of the **Survey of Organizational Systems** has been distributed for review and comment/corrections. The draft is a side by side comparison of District 11 and District 12 and covers over 300 separate issues such as governance, budget, tax base, personnel, training, operations, vehicles, policies, etc. and is a critical component of the study.

ESCi is still projecting a late summer or early fall completion date for the report to be submitted to the Fire Commissioners.

### New REHAB Unit

The Fire District took delivery of a 30' REHAB bus purchased from C-Tran. The vehicle will replace a 1986 24' Champion bus and will be equipped with auxillary power and restroom facilities.

The REHAB unit provides a cool place in the summer and a warm dry place in the winter for both emergency personnel and the public to get out of the elements during extended operations. For families who have been displaced by a fire, the REHAB unit provides a quiet place to get warm, get refreshments, and simply get out of the elements until the Red Cross or other family members arrive to assist.

The initial cost of the unit (a used C-Tran bus) was \$3,000. The C-Tran shop painted the bus fire engine red for the Fire District for free. We only had to buy the paint.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

### Station/Engine Tours

7 adults and 25 children toured stations in July. 700 children and 350 adults participated in engine tours. This included Harvest Days, the Cruz-In event, and the new Manor Farmer's Market.

### Fireworks Displays

The annual Care Facilities Fireworks Displays were held at Parkway North on July 1, Colonial House on July 2, and Mallard Landing on July 3. Approximately 140 residents attended the three events. The fireworks were donated by a number of service organizations including the Battle Ground Lions and the Lady Elks.

## OPERATIONS

CALL SUMMARY	
<b>2007 July Calls</b>	<b>220</b>
CITY	117 (53%)
DISTRICT	103 (47%)
Fire	48
Medical	163
Public Assist	7
Move Up	2
2007 Year to Date Calls	1,421
2006 Year to Date Calls	1,355

## TRAINING

Nothing new to report.

## 9-1-1 CENTER/RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

### REMINDER - BOCC Schedules Workshop on 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% Tax

The Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a workshop for August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. to discuss *Communications Issues* with the primary focus being whether or not to place the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% sales tax issue before the voters. If approved by voters the \$6 million per year raised by the tax would pay for \$35 million in radio and CAD upgrades to the current emergency communications system. Fire District 11's share of those upgrades will be about \$300,000.

The funds could also pay for the majority of emergency radio operations which would help relieve police and fire agencies annual operational payments to CRESA. The annual operational costs to District 11 would be in the range of \$90,000-\$100,000 by 2012.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

### AMR and County Ready for Possible Walkout

The Strike Contingency Plan developed by the CRESA in cooperation with county fire agencies is ready for implementation should AMR employees decide to walk off the job. The current contract expiration date has been extended a number of times as both sides continue to try to hammer out an agreement.

We will keep the Fire Commissioners, City Manager and City Council informed on an ongoing basis and will immediately notify you should a walkout occur.