



## Fire Department Report, April 2021

In March, the Department responded to 24 calls for service; 15 Medical, 1 Beach Fire, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident, 1 Fire Alarm, 1 Assist Law Enforcement, and 5 Mutual Aid Fires. The Department completed a total of 768 hours in the month of March. Total hours consisted of 466 training, 144 responding to calls for service, and 158 Administrative.

### **Volunteer Activity and Status:**

11 volunteers responded to calls for service again in March, down from 13 in February.

The Volunteer response rate remains high for just over half of our volunteers. We had 6 members respond to 50% or more of our calls for service.

Firefighter Jacob Griffith led the volunteers with 104 hours for the month. Fire Trainee Cronk was a close second with 100 hours for March. Jacob Griffith responded to 96% of our calls, followed by Captain Kapiniak, Firefighter Stacey and Firefighter Anderson with a response rate of 54%. Great Job, keep it up.

Our roster remains at 14 as of this report.

### **Training Program:**

Three Volunteers attended Rockaway Beach's Academy. This Academy spanned 4 weekends and covered NFPA FF 1 and Hazardous Materials. Firefighter Jacob Griffith and Firefighter Stacey assisted in the Academy.

The online training program is continuing to provide Covid-19 safe training opportunities for our members. In March, we had a total of 8 hours of online training accomplished by our members.

Our in-house training is continuing to focus on structural fire skills, Pre Hospital Emergency Medical Service Delivery, Personal Protective Equipment Inspections and use, and Fire Equipment Inspections.

In April, we will begin to add additional Wildland Fire subjects into our training to address FF Type 2 and Wildland Urban Interface subjects.

The County Training Association is looking toward coordinating class offerings for Structural and Wildland firefighting as well as overseeing the supervision of our EMS training and quality improvement programs.

**Administrative:**

In March, I worked a total of 201 hours in the station, meetings, and responding to calls for service. Additionally, I was the on call Duty Officer for an additional 192 hours. Volunteer Officers covered 294 hours as on Call Duty Officer.

As of this report, I still have not met with a representative of the City Council to discuss important Fire Department Issues. This makes communication with Council extremely difficult. There are pressing needs for change in the department, and I feel like it is being left entirely to my device. I would like to ask the Council for a Representative to become Fire Department Liaison, or the addition of a monthly meeting dedicated entirely to the Fire Department to cover Fire Protection, Pre Hospital EMS, Permit issues, both burn permits and zoning permits, and finally Code Enforcement within Bay City.

Public Works Director Markee and the Public Works crew have completed the addition of a mailbox for 5525 b St, Thank you.

We are down to two scheduled maintenance issues. One truck service, Engine 41-11 and a repair to our Generators Automatic Transfer Switch. The Generator repair is scheduled, and the Engine service will be completed in April.

### **Budget:**

With the adoption of the supplemental budget, I will begin the process of transferring account numbers, and past spending to the appropriate lines to get a look at my budget and begin to calculate carry over. I will be requesting ledger reports for all of the Fire Department Lines once they are updated with the new numbers 100-30- ####. This is going to be time consuming as I accounted for my budget under 2 different sets of numbers and will have to reconcile with the general ledger to ensure all current spending is accounted for. I will also have to account for a few current orders that may not arrive before the end of the budget year. We are awaiting Structural Fire Turnouts and Equipment that was ordered months ago, but delayed because of supply chain issues.

I would like to see a budget calendar for the upcoming budget process. This year is going to be more difficult because of the issues above, and the need for additional Fire Funding. I would like to hire a part time Firefighter/Training Officer/Responder to take the pressure off of myself. I can no longer maintain my pace, and without additional response capabilities we cannot maintain our current standard of cover. I will be requesting an additional \$50,000 of funding and some of the permit fees. This is a larger discussion than this report allows, but without a liaison, I am forced to cover it here.

### **COVID-19 Emergency**

Most of our members have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Following covid-19 guidance remains a topic of many discussions on the part of our volunteers and myself. Recently, we have been faced with a decision by Oregon OSHA to not follow CDC guidelines with regard to post vaccination mask use. This decision has caused a lot of discussion among many groups, including

Special Districts, Oregon Fire Chief's, and all of the Fire Service Associations. Hopefully some clear guidance will follow soon. In the interim, we continue to use masks and n-95 respirators whenever practical. My main concern on the Department is when do we switch from sedentary (mask required) to strenuous (mask not required) and back again.

We continue to follow Covid-19 guidance regarding cleaning, use of PPE and using as minimal group size for all tasks and training evolutions whenever possible.

We currently have sufficient PPE, Supplies, and Equipment in inventory for our current operational tempo. Our supply chain is robust with a few vendor streams for re supply of critical items.

#### **Pre Hospital EMS;**

We have had our first meeting with our new Medical Director and all responders via zoom. This meeting was well attended by the County's Fire Departments and instructive in the introduction of our responders to our new medical director and his assistant.

Pre-hospital EMS reports continue to take additional time as our volunteer staff become familiar with this new requirement and report structure.

### **Permits, Development, and Fire Life Safety:**

I am continuing to devote considerable time on Permits, and Fire Life Safety Issues.

Currently I have several Major Concerns; 1) The Kennel on McCoy Ave. appears to be increasing in size and now has what may be an accessory dwelling adjacent to the public occupancy of the Kennel and Grooming Business. 2) Bay Front Lane, 1 ongoing building permit with unmet permit conditions, including adequate Fire Access and Water Supply, and Another possible building permit with the same issues. 3) Mixed use Occupancy at Precision Wood Working. This is currently an auto detailing facility within a 44,000 sq foot Flammable Storage warehouse. 4) Apparent residency and un-permitted construction at 9120/9140 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Art Space. And 5) an RV Residence in the Bay Ocean Boys Self Storage, 6755 Spruce St.

As you can see the list changed. Two issues are in the process of being addressed via permit conditions, and two new issues have been added to the list.

### **Fire Season:**

Fire Season is quickly approaching. Unless conditions force an earlier closure, Open Burning will close on July 15<sup>th</sup>, and all burning will close on August 1<sup>st</sup>. We are continuing to honor 2020 burn permits until the current restrictions are substantially lifted. Residents without a 2020 permit can print and complete a 2021 permit, available online, mail it in and we can return it via mail upon completion. Requests for large burns, greater than 6' x 6' x 3' can be directed to the Fire Department Phone number and I will follow up with the resident as soon as I am able.

**Emergency Management:**

The Fire Department will try and assist where appropriate, but I am not able to be the Emergency Manager for the City.

**Fire Protection Continuity:**

Bay City Fire has continued to adapt operations to match our neighbors. Hose loads are all switching to a new model so hopefully we will all be using the same finish.

We met in March and will meet again in April. Garibaldi and Bay City are in relatively good synchronization, and we are working closely with Rockaway Beach with regard to training and response procedures.

**Staff Vehicle:**

I received a donation of a brand new radio that will reduce the cost of this project, and I have scheduled the installation with a local provider. It appears that with the radio donation, we will get this project done at the bottom of my original estimate.

I still have to create a guideline on the staff vehicle's use before it can be deployed as an on call duty officer vehicle.

The EMS equipment for the staff vehicle has begun to arrive, and I am slowly creating the kits and placing the equipment in the vehicle.

**Recruiting:**

We remain short of Volunteers. We need an additional 6 volunteers to be at full strength.

Respectfully,

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Date	D=Drill, OM=Officer's MTG, T=Train n = No Points	Call Type	Anderson Karl	Bentley, Aaron	Brennan, Shannon	Carr, Joseph	Cronk, Christopher	Gingerich, Joshua	Griffith, Darrell A	Griffith, Darrell M	Griffith, Jacob	Harris, David	Huseby, Jace	Kapniak, Jon	Sigman, Bridget	Stacey, David	Wakefield, James Jr	Wakefield, Timothy		
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3/27-3/28	T	Academy			18	18	18			9	9									458
on line training							5						1	2						8
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3/7/2021	C	MA-71-F		2			2	2		2	2			2		2			2	
3/7/2021	C	MVA	1	1			1	1		1	1						1			
3/7/2021	C	A-LE	1	1			1	1		1	1						1			
3/8/2021	C	MA-71-F	1	1			1	1		1	1			1						
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Station/Meetings				4						150	2			2						158
Hours			24	29	85	74	100	28	15	201	104	0	0	33	10	39	12	14		768
% of calls			54%	38%	21%	0%	50%	63%	21%	88%	96%	0%	0%	54%	0%	54%	0%	17%		
Min Drills			y	y	y	y	y	y	y	NA	y	n	n	y	y	y	y	y		
W/C #			y	ac	y	y	y	y	y	fc	y	n	n	y	y	y	y	y		12
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RATE			EL	A.Chief				LT	FF1	N/A	EMR	EL		OPS	FF1	EL	Capt.	Lt.		
Stipend amount			20	500	0	0	0	50	25	N/A	20	0	0	400	25	20	50	50		1160
Point @ \$5 ea			18	13	25	9	24	24	10	N/A	37	0	1	18	4	20	4	7	214	1070
Duty @ \$50				1.25				9.75		N/A				1.25			0.00	0.00	12.25	612.50