



Fire Department Report, December 2021

In November, the Department responded to 18 calls for service: 9 Medical, 7 Mutual Aid (6 fires, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident) and 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents in Bay City. Department Members completed a total of 448 hours in the month of November. Total hours consisted of 159 training, 137 responding to calls for service, and 152 in the Station or Meetings.

Volunteer Activity and Status:

10 volunteers responded to calls for service in November. 5 volunteers were very active in responding to calls for service with response rates above 25%.

Firefighter J. Griffith responded to 100% of our calls for service again in November. Fire Marshal Kapiniak responded to 79% of our calls for service, and Firefighters Stacey and Saindon responded to 53% and 47% of calls for service last month. Great Job.

Firefighter J Griffith led the volunteers with 67 hours for the month. Fire Marshal Kapiniak volunteered 45 hours in November.

In November we received notice that we will be losing another active volunteer.

We remain critically short of volunteers especially volunteer officers.

Training Program:

In November, we participated in one Burn to Learn and two Officer Development classes in Garibaldi.

We will be promoting J. Griffith and D. Stacey to Lieutenant. K. Anderson will continue to participate in Officer Development toward his promotion as well.

Our two newest Officers will be attending a National Fire Academy Strategy and Tactics for initial Company Officers class the first weekend in December.

We are continuing training in several Fire and EMS topics to maintain our current skills.

In the beginning of 2022, we will be sending our new officers to an Incident Safety Officer Class, and a First Due Officer size up and responsibility class that we are currently developing.

We conducted EMS training in November and covered the administration of naloxone.

Our driver's training track continues with our two newest officers driving whenever possible to complete their training and a minimum of 10 hours of supervised driving time before being allowed to respond code 3 without another Officer present.

We are continuing to participate in the Tillamook County Training Association.

Administrative:

In November, I worked a total of 163 hours in the station, meetings, and responding to calls for service. I also covered 448 hours as the Duty Officer. My hours breakdown as follows; 20 training, 26 responding to calls for service and 117 in the station, meetings, and other administrative activities. Fire Marshal Kapiniak covered 126 hours as on-call Duty Officer in the month of November.

I began my announced schedule; Mon 8-12, Wed 730-1130 & 1700-2200, and Fri 8-12. In addition, I will also attend several monthly meetings. This has allowed me to reduce the time I spend in the station as evidenced by the reduction of admin hours on November's Payroll and Attendance report. It has however increased the hours I spend as on call duty officer, and I have yet to figure out how to account for all of the calls and texts I receive on days I am not in the station.

I have been finding it difficult to accomplish all that is needed under the above schedule, but I intend to try and maintain this to try and push my burn out as far into the future as I can, hopefully until we can hire another employee to assist with response and operational issues.

I request that the City Council authorize me to Promote Fire Marshal Kapiniak to acting Assistant Fire Chief for the duration of the current Assistant Fire Chief's Absence.

Pre-Hospital EMS.

The ambulance shortage continues to be a concern for Bay City Fire as well as other Fire Departments in the County. It is not uncommon to be notified that one of the County's Ambulances is out of Service or downgraded to QRT status do to personnel shortages. Add to this the current call volume and we often hear medical calls dispatched for the, closest available Ambulance, or the next available Ambulance which means all ambulance are on calls or transports.

In November, we submitted our first case for review by our Medical Director, and our medic received a great review for his thoroughness and charting.

We are continuing to meet our EMS requirements with equipment and training. EMS training continues toward meeting our scope and the needs of our responder base.

We have an opportunity to increase our EMS capabilities with the purchase of a Lucas Device to provide mechanical CPR compressions during code calls. This device can continuously provide chest compressions as long as battery or shore power is available. This capability will improve the quality of CPR we can provide to our Patients, and help reduce the number of responders required to provide high quality compressions for the duration of a call.

Permits, Development, and Fire Life Safety:

We have been discussing a permit intake and tracking scheme to ensure good customer service for applicants, and to avoid creating gaps in review by various parts of our permit process.

Long Term Concerns;

- 1) The Kennel on McCoy Ave. The second RV has been moved off of the lot. I continue to have concerns about the status of several unpermitted and un inspected structures being used to house animals, and offered as a business open to the public. This remains an issue for Code Enforcement and Land Use review.
- 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. Again, this is an issue for the Building code Official and possibly some Zoning and Land Use action. City Manager Welch has drafted a letter to address the parking concerns along Bay Front Lane.

3) McRae and Sons Precision Wood Working. The Fire Sprinkler System for their facility is currently impaired. They have had an inspection completed, however the inspection includes a statement that the check valve between the Fire Department Connections and the Sprinkler Riser(s) is not working and that the owners will fix. This check valve is an NFPA 25 issue that continues to place their Fire Sprinkler System in the impaired status. A Deputy State Fire Marshal and I will be scheduling an inspection of this occupancy as soon as current covid-19 and holiday issues allow.

4) Residency and un-permitted construction at 9120/9140 5th Street, Art Space. Current residential occupancy continues, and I have recently noticed a wood stove being used in the occupancy. I don't remember the stove in the past? This is a matter for a land use review with regard to conditional use, and change of occupancy. How did it change from a restaurant to a residential occupancy?

5) Un Permitted Construction and residency at Center Market, 9320 5th St. Deputy Fire Marshal Dugan and I conducted an inspection of this occupancy and the Manager admitted that they had added an apartment. They were advised to contact the City of Bay City for Zoning and Land Use review, and that they would then have to apply for permits with the County for the work that had been completed.

Current Observations and concerns;

1) Parking continues to be of concern. We continue to see numerous conditions of on street parking on City Streets and Right of Ways. This trend seems to be increasing and is affecting traffic patterns and roadway visibility.

2) Parked and/or abandoned Vehicles present so long they are becoming entangled in brush.

3) An increase in the number of RVs and trailers being used as permanent dwellings.

4) As of this report, the homeless camp on Patterson Creek Road has moved out of the City, and further into the woods. They are now located at Electric Creek and the first gate.

Fire Season:

As of October 1st, Fire Season is over. Debris burning is once again allowed with a valid permit. Permits are available at City Hall.

Fire Protection Continuity:

The Fire Committee has met to discuss messaging for the recruitment of Volunteers to meet our current dire volunteer numbers. As of the writing of this report, we have a completed flyer that we will be distributing during our December 11th candy cane distribution

Bay City and Garibaldi are continuing to discuss inter operations and the possibility of further IGAs toward sharing resources. Our next target will be an IGA for sharing Volunteers and Equipment. We are also looking at a model to share Duty Officers.

Recruiting:

We remain critically short of Volunteers. We need 12 additional volunteers to continue to offer 24 hour coverage. Our biggest opportunity is with Bay City Residents. Currently we only have two active volunteers that live in the City Limits of Bay City.

Respectfully,

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Date	Public, Off-Officers, MFG, Training	n = No Points	Call Type	Anderson Karl	Bentley, Aaron	Brennan, Shannon	Carr, Joseph	Cronk, Christopher	Franske, Angela	Gingerich, Joshua	Griffith, Darrell A	Griffith, Darrell M	Griffith, Jacob	Harris, David	Huseby, Jace	Kapiniak, Jon	Klay, Paul	Paulsen, Blake	Saindon, Evan	Sigman, Bridget	Stacey, David	Wakefield, James Jr	Wakefield, Timothy			
11/3/2021	D						3	3	3		3	3	3			3				3	3					
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11/30/2021	T			2								2	2			2										153
on line training									6																	6
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11/21/2021	C	Med										1	1			1			1	1	1					
11/22/2021	C	MVA										2	2			2			2		2					
11/26/2021	C	Med											1			1			1							137
Station/Meetings												117	12			3		20								152
Hours			17	0	2	9	12	26	0	11	163	67	0	0	45	0	30	32	6	28	0	0				448
% of calls			26%	0%	0%	0%	16%	21%	0%	10%	79%	100%	0%	0%	79%	0%	NA	47%	10%	53%	0%	0%				
Min Drills			y	n	n	n	n	y	n	y	NA	y	n	n	y	n	NA	y	n	y	n	n				
W/C #			y	n	y	n	y	y	n	y	fc	y	n	n	y	n	NA	y	y	y	n	n				10
RATE			EL	A.Chief	EL	EL	EL	EL	LT	FF1	N/A	EMR	EL			OPS	EL	IGA	EL	FF1	EL	Capt.	Lt.			
Stipend amount			20	0	0	0	0	20	0	25	N/A	20	0	0	400	0			20	0	20	0	0			525
Point @ \$5 ea			10	0	1	3	6	10	0	6	N/A	29	0	0	23	0			16	4	15	0	0	123		615
Duty @ \$50				0.00					0.00		N/A					5.25						0.00	0.00	5.25		262.50

