



Fire Department Report, January 2022

In December, the Department responded to 15 calls for service: 7 Medical, 6 Mutual Aid (4 fires, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident, and 1 Medical), 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents in Bay City. Department Members completed a total of 433 hours in the month of December. Total hours consisted of 232 training, 73 responding to calls for service, and 128 in the Station or Meetings.

In 2021 the Department responded to 254 calls for service. A record for us. Our calls break down as follows; 114 Medical, 16 Fires, 15 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 78 Mutual Aid calls, and 31 Miscellaneous calls for service which included 5 animal rescues. The Department completed 5855 hours in 2021. 2573 training, 1595 responding to calls for service and events, and 1687 administrative hours.

Volunteer Activity and Status:

11 volunteers responded to calls for service in December. 8 volunteers were very active with response rates above 20%.

We started 2021 with 16 on our roster and increased our volunteer number to 20 by mid-summer. Unfortunately, we ended 2021 with 11 active volunteers. Our greatest opportunity remains in Officer Corps. We started 2021 with 6 experienced officers and ended the year with 2. We have promoted 2 junior officers and are working toward developing their experience and training to allow them to assist with calls for service and duty shifts.

Lieutenant Jacob Griffith and Firefighter Evan Saindon responded to 87% of our calls for service in December. Assistant Fire Chief Kapiniak responded to 47% of our calls for service. Lieutenant Stacy and Firefighter Anderson both responded to 40% of our calls for service in December.

Lieutenant J Griffith led the volunteers with 65 hours for the month. Assistant Chief Kapiniak, Lieutenant Stacey, and Firefighter Saindon each volunteered more than 30 hours for the month of December. volunteered 45 hours in November.

We remain critically short of volunteers especially volunteer officers.

Training Program:

In 2021, We completed 2573 training hours. We participated in lots of regional training opportunities including; wildland fire, vehicle extrication, 2 Fire academies, several burn to learns, Officer Development classes in Garibaldi and Bay City, NFPA Driver, NFPA Instructor 1, and Strategy and Tactics for initial Company Officers, and a day of Task Performance Evaluations for certification to NFPA Firefighter 1.

Our two newest Officers will be attending an All-Hazards Incident Safety Officer class in January or February.

We will continue training in Fire and EMS topics to enhance our current skills.

Our first EMS case review and Medical Director class of 2022 will be January 26.

We conducted EMS training in December 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 December, I worked a total of 142 hours in the station, meetings, and responding to calls for service. I also covered 552.5 hours as On Call Duty Officer. My hours breakdown as follows; 28 training, 14 responding to calls for service and 100 in the station, meetings, and other administrative activities. Assistant Fire

Chief Kapiniak covered 78 hours as on-call Duty Officer and Division Chief Paulsen covered 60 hours in the month of December.

I am continuing to try and ration my hours in the station, but as the numbers show a reduction in hours in the station is simply becoming an increase in on call duty officer hours.

In 2021, I worked 2041 hours in the station, meetings, and responding to calls for service. I additionally covered 3144 hours as on call duty officer between February and December 2021.

In 2021, We completed the implementation of the following programs: Crew Force Computer aided dispatch, including tablets in 2 engines, 1 Rescue and 1 Staff vehicle. Emergency Reporting, a records management system and portal for NFIRS reporting, including training all officers to be responsible for their own reports. Active 911, a dispatch and accountability phone app. And the acquisition and outfitting of a Staff Vehicle, including radios and equipment. Beside the above example, we were also able to increase our capabilities with additional EMS and Rescue Equipment including a new set of vehicle stabilization struts to align us with the equipment used by neighboring agencies.

Beside the above operational projects, We also implemented a Fire Chief Workgroup between Tillamook, Bay City, Garibaldi, and Rockaway Fire Departments. The purpose of the group was to streamline operational capabilities while also finding solutions for the issues that we all share including budget and volunteer shortfalls toward strategies to ensure fire protection for the Citizens of Bay City and the greater Tillamook Bay Area. This group made several changes to procedures to streamline operations, and to tighten training bonds between neighboring agencies. The final outcome of this group was the request for a new fire levy, and a long-term target for the formation of a Fire District with Bay City, Garibaldi, and the Garibaldi Rural Fire District.

I continue to struggle with administrative, operational, as well as fleet and equipment management time. I am not able to accomplish all that is required with the hours I am currently working, and I will not be able to maintain this pace for much longer.

Pre-Hospital EMS.

The ambulance shortage continues to be a concern for Bay City Fire. We continue to be fortunate and receive timely ambulance coverage.

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 also ordered a Lucas Device to increase our capabilities in providing Quality CPR and Resuscitation if the need arises.

Permits, Development, and Fire Life Safety:

We continue to discuss 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. David Mattison has been a great addition to the city and is proactive in communicating with myself about Fire Code requirements.

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 continues to meet to discuss communication and out reach strategies.

Bay City and Garibaldi are continuing to discuss inter operations and the possibility of further IGA s 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. We are also looking at an AFG/SAFER grant for a recruitment and retention coordinator for Bay City Fire.

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, On-Officers, MFG, Training	n = No Points	Call Type	Anderson Karl	Brennan, Shannon	Carr, Joseph	Franske, Angela	Griffith, Darrell A	Griffith, Darrell M	Griffith, Jacob	Harris, David	Kapiniak, Jon	Klay, Paul	Paulsen, Blake	Saindon, Evan	Sigman, Bridget	Stacey, David		
12/1/2021	D			2			2	2	2	2		2				2	2		
12/8/2021	D			2	2		2	2	2	2		2		2	2	2	2		
12/15/2021	D			2	2			2	2	2		2			2	2	2		
12/22/2021	D			2			2	2	2	2		2		2	2	2			
12/29/2021	D			2			2	3	3	3		2			2		2		
12/1/2021	OM								1	1		1					1		
12/8/2021	OM								1	1		1		1					
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12/21/2022	E				2				2	2					2				227
on line training																	5		5
12/4/2021	C		Med						1	1									
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12/5/2021	C		Med						1	1				1					
12/7/2021	C		MA/71/F	1			1		1	1		1			1		1		
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12/8/2021	C		MA/71/MV	1					1					1	1		1		
12/10/2021	C		MVA	1			1		1	1		1		1	1				
12/13/2021	C		MA/71/F						1	1		1			1				
12/16/2021	C		MA/71/F		1		1	1	1	1		1			1	1	1		
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12/23/2021	C		MVA						1	1		1		1	1	1	1		
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12/28/2021	C		MA/31/F						1	1					1				
12/31/2022	C		Med	1					1	1		1		1	1		1		73
Station/Meetings									100	8				20					128
Hours				16	18	2	23	12	142	65	0	32	0	37	34	14	38		433
% of calls				40%	6%	0%	27%	6%	93%	87%	0%	47%	0%	33%	87%	20%	40%		
Min Drills				y	y	n	y	y	NA	y	n	y	n	NA	y	y	y		
W/C #				y	y	n	y	y	fc	y	n	y	n	y	y	y	y		10
RATE				EL	FF1	EL	FF1	FF1	N/A	LT.	EL	A Chief	EL	IGA	FF1	FF1	LT.		
Stipend amount				20	25	0	25	25	N/A	50	0	500	0		25	25	50		745
Point @ \$5 ea				11	8	1	12	6	N/A	25	0	16	0	5	22	8	12	126	630
Duty @ \$50									N/A			3.25		2.50				5.75	287.50

