

PHILOMATH FIRE & RESCUE

CHIEF'S REPORT

December 7, 2020

1. Personnel:

- Local 4925 filed a grievance against me regarding wages during the Fire/Wind Event. I met with the union president on 3 occasions and resolved the issue which cost the district \$260 in overtime wages.
- Seven personnel attended a Hazardous Materials Incident Command Class on December 5 & 6 at Station 201.
- The district's Temporary COVID-19 Policy has been updated once again. We are continuing to adjust as the state does.
- No reviews were performed this month.

2. Volunteers:

- The Linn-Benton Fire Academy continues but was delayed a week due to the governor's "freeze." Its still scheduled to end in January 2021.
- Two more EMS Community Volunteers joined our ranks.
- The volunteers are working on getting the plaques in the conference room updated.

3. Apparatus Update:

- Tender 241 has new tires that were purchased per the 2020-21 Budget. 224 had tires replace because of delamination but this was an unbudgeted item.
- Old Engine 1 once again was front and center for Santa Claus during the "Drive by" Tree Lighting last Friday.

4. Equipment Update:

- Mill Creek has backed out of our contract to inspect our mechanical equipment semi-annually. They do not have personnel with the proper credentials to continue. We are in the process of looking for another contractor to do that work.
- The extrication tools for Engine 232 have been ordered and should be installed before Christmas.
- We have received our "real" SCBA masks and making the switch over to them; they should be on the apparatus by end of the week.
- The 3-inch fire hose has arrived, and we will be adding it to the fire trucks soon.

5. Building Update:

Station 203 has new interior paint, new furniture, and the floor is stripped and waxed. 2 RVs have agreed to move in and staff that station.

6. Meetings:

- Attended that Volunteer Business Meeting and gave a full report.
- Conducted an Officer's Retreat at the Wren Community Hall. We wrapped up this year and prepared for next year by picking new goals and discussing future plans.
- Department of Air Quality and State Fire Marshal have come out with new requirements for outdoor burning. We are making adjustments in this area. The big changes are that any burns within 3 miles of Station 201 need to have a permit issued by us. We are educating the public and will enforce it more next season after the word has disbursed a little more.
- Attended 911 Service District Executive Advisory Board Meeting
- Linn-Benton Fire Defense Boards have agreed to regionalize some of our policies to ensure seamless responses between fire districts. The first meeting was held last month. Captain Victor Haney was assigned to that taskforce.

7. RunTracker:

53 calls for November: 12 Fire, 41 Medical. Year End projection is 775 calls for 2020.