

Coffman Cove Volunteer Fire Department Report City Council Meeting Packet – April 2017

Compliance

Reporting to the State Fire Marshal's office has been done monthly as required.

Membership & Training

The regular meeting was held on the last Saturday of the month (March 25) and other work was done throughout. Thanks to Coffman Cove EMS for their continued cross-department support. Volunteers performed general maintenance and ensured vehicles are prepared if needed. Volunteers met on April 1 for a test of the siren system and remote 911 dispatch radio mechanisms for alerting the community in the event of a fire or other disaster. Several online training modules were completed by the Chief to further increase our capacity for future in-person training opportunities and knowledge base.

Equipment

Trucks have been run regularly and are checked on a weekly basis. There are efforts (long-term) to explore opportunities for apparatus donation from other larger departments who may have vehicles available for donation.

The Department is continuing its efforts to minimize costs and ensuring maximum energy efficiency of the Ron Rusher Sr. Fire Hall. The department appreciates Mayor Olson taking the time to visit the fire hall and survey opportunities for energy efficiency improvement. Conversations are ongoing to find ways the city and CCVFD members can work together to make improvements – large and small.

* The CCVFD is committed to any and all efforts to keep all equipment operational and have the capacity to respond if needed in the event of an emergency and to ensuring that all buildings and equipment owned by the city are maintained and operated in the most cost-effective way possible.

Outreach/Prevention/Coordination

Volunteers continue to work with island-wide (and KTN, WRG, JNU) emergency service (Fire/EMS/Red Cross) providers to ensure cooperation and capacity in the event of an emergency. We continue to recruit new volunteers and to share education materials about home fire safety through social media and direct outreach to community members.