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Overview:

Just like April showers, bring May flowers; April training brings May trained volunteers. There is a lot of training going on in the department right now.

Incident frequency has also increased from last month. With an uptick in call volume there has also been a commercial boat fire and a couple of serious motor vehicle crashes.

Volunteer numbers are steady and still room for more.

The Volunteer Firefighters Association purchased a new “Lucas” machine for the price of \$15,000 +. This is an automatic CPR machine that does consistent compressions. The Lucas machine is now in service and ready to use.

The part time summer firefighter position has been posted. Thus far, we have one application turned in.

PUD Lot Donation:

We are still waiting on phase 2 of the environmental study that PUD is having done. Once this is completed, PUD will be able to

legally turn the property over to the city for the purpose of a public safety training facility.

Volunteer Association update:

The association members have managed the “Big G” for years. With the donation from PUD that will bring the power to the G underground with a new meter base and potentially new LED fixtures, the association members will be doing some structural repair to the base of the G before PUD does their portion of the project.

2022 Grants:

With the funds from our OSFM-WUI grant, we continue to purchase wildfire tools and Personal Protective Equipment as we prepare for a new wildfire season. We will be applying for this grant again this year if it becomes available.

Tillamook County TLT Tourism Facilities Grant was unsuccessful in obtaining funding for two new heavy lifting drones for rescues. We will continue to search for funding opportunities to fund two new drones.

We were unsuccessful in the first attempt of the DEQ Emissions Grant; this grant application period will open again in early 2022 and we fully plan to reapply. This grant will take our entire fleet into account and is designed to replace vehicles that do not meet current emission compliance. This grant is 100% funding and would bring long term success to our fire department. This grant would total **\$989,000.00/ 100% funding**

AFG Operation & Safety Grant- Submitted, RBFD and GFD regionally applied to increase success rate. GFD portion of this grant would be **\$140,000.00/ 5% match funds from FD**

AFG SAFER Recruitment & Retention Grant- Submitted and is a regional grant between RBFD and GFD. GFD would manage this grant if awarded. Requested funds are **\$698,000.00/ 100% funding**

AFG Vehicle Acquisition Grant- Submitted and replaces Brush 32 if awarded. The requested funds total **\$540,000.00/ 5% match funds from FD**

Fire District Talks:

Currently Bay City and Garibaldi are focusing on renewing our levies which will get us to a district formation. The plan is we can do this in the next couple years. With our training and operations already meshing together, we are very close to presenting a process to move to the final step.

If we can get a district formation to the voters in 2-3 years and it passes, this will stop the levies for both entities. The levies Do Not stack on top of the new district formation tax rate.

The Garibaldi Rural Fire District is also included in this regional merger. The Rural board is informed and support the regionalization. Rockaway Beach Fire Chief Hesse has been to our latest meeting and is showing interest again.

Bay City is down on volunteer numbers right now and has our 100% support for call response if needed. Our communities should be expected to see both agencies represented together on calls and training events in each other's districts more this year.

We have some joint training planned with Rockaway Beach as well.

IGA- Bay City:

Currently we are working to schedule group training as weather permits. Bay City and Garibaldi have been training together on EMS drills and Officer Training. Garibaldi and Bay City currently have a Firefighter 1 Academy and Testing Evaluation in progress for the new recruits.

County Fire issues:

Discussions continue with Tillamook Adventist with hope that we can find ways to collaborate and work together to provide the highest quality of service to our communities.

Training:

This year is off to a strong start with training; currently we have 2 members in an EMT class hosted by Rockaway Beach Fire Dept. This class will run 16 weeks and is 11 hours each week.

We also have two new members enrolled in a basic fire academy at Bay City Fire aided by fire officers from Garibaldi.

Garibaldi Fire will be hosting a county wide wildfire training at Camp Magruder. This will be a hands on, two day class aided by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

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If you have any questions regarding this report, you may contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

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