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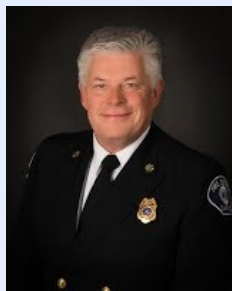
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CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON

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By Chief Scott Sorenson

It may be optimistic, but we believe the worst of the pandemic could be behind us. We're still remaining vigilant with

social distancing, getting our vaccinations and ask that you do the same. In fact, our firefighters are helping Public Health manage the vaccination program for Clark County.

As expected, the pandemic impacted our call volumes for 2020. Numbers dipped slightly as most people complied with the stay-at-home orders. However, calls for emergency medical service increased six percent compared to 2019. We are grateful for your support which means we are prepared for any emergency.

Specifically, two voter-approved ballot measures – a fire levy lid lift in 2017 and annexing the City of Battle Ground to the Fire District in 2020 – can be credited with improving emergency service levels.

These actions allowed us to hire additional personnel to form a full-time crew at Station 32 in Venersborg and add another 24-hour crew at Station 35 in Battle Ground. Adding personnel increased our ability to respond district-wide, which has improved response times.

Stations, apparatus and equipment are just as important to saving lives and property as firefighters. While daily operations are funded by a fire levy, capital items (such as fire stations) are funded through bonds. Our Strategic Plan identifies the need to build one additional fire station to better serve the community. We will let you know when we're starting planning for this capital project.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. As always, please feel free to contact me with questions at scott@fire3.org or (360) 892-2331.

Proud of Our Employees

Please join Fire District 3 in congratulating the following employees for their achievements and years of service!

Rookie of the Year | **Jacob Grindy**

Volunteer of the Year | **Branden Nohrenberg**

Excellence in Action | **Nolan Meyer**

Firefighter of the year | **Joshua Alexander**

Meritorious Service | **Michelle Eisenbeis**

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Brian George

Des Gomez

Barbara Widlund

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

Remington Becker

Zachary Shamrell

Dustin Waliezer

"more than fire..."

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Prepare for Wildland Fire Season Now

Many of the properties in Fire District 3 are located in the urban-wildland interface, which makes them vulnerable to wildfires. We encourage you to follow a few simple steps to protect your home and property from wildland fires this season and always.

- Post your address on driveway entrance and home.
- Provide good access to your home and/or shop for firefighting apparatus.
- Maintain a 30-foot defensible space around your home by cutting long grass or overgrown brush.
- Keep lawns well-watered.
- Prune or remove trees and shrubs close to your home.
- Clean gutters and roofs of any debris.
- Screen off crawl spaces, attics and decks to keep them free of debris, as well as flying embers.
- Do NOT store combustibles, such as wood piles, under your deck or near your home.

More ideas can be found through the National Fire Protection Association (www.nfpa.org) and Ready.gov (www.ready.gov/wildfires).

