



Clark County **FIRE & RESCUE**

MONTHLY REPORT

From: Chief Dennis Mason

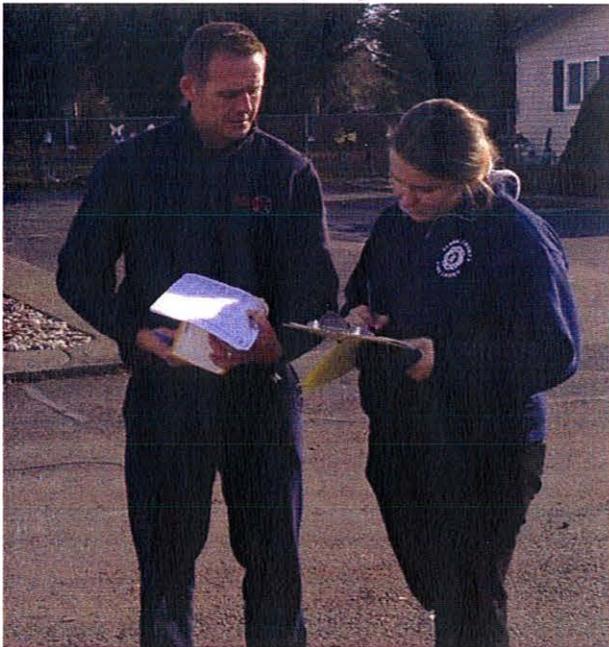
To: Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners

Date: **October, 2013**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fire District Receives Smoke Detector Grant

FEMA notified the District that it was awarded a \$10,500 Fire Prevention Grant for the purchase of smoke detectors and installation tools/equipment. The grant purchased 225 regular detectors, 10 detectors for the hearing impaired, 250 Lithium batteries, test aerosol, cordless drills, and carry bags.



Cadet Program Lead Instructor Aaron Huntington with Assistant Cadet Chief Danae Toepfer at the Battle Ground Mobile Estates

The District will first target mobile home parks within the communities it serves through the use of volunteers from the Department, the Fire Cadet Program and community groups such as the Battle Ground Lions Club.

New Battle Ground Engine Nearly Complete

The new KME fire engine is on schedule with an anticipated delivery date of late December. Firefighter Steve Streissguth and Captain Clint Granato recently returned from a pre-paint factory visit and reported the engine is progressing very well. A final inspection is planned for December 18th prior to shipping the engine to Battle Ground.

OPERATIONS

Work on New Fire/Rescue Boat Progressing

Work continues to move forward on the District's new 30' Fire/Rescue boat.

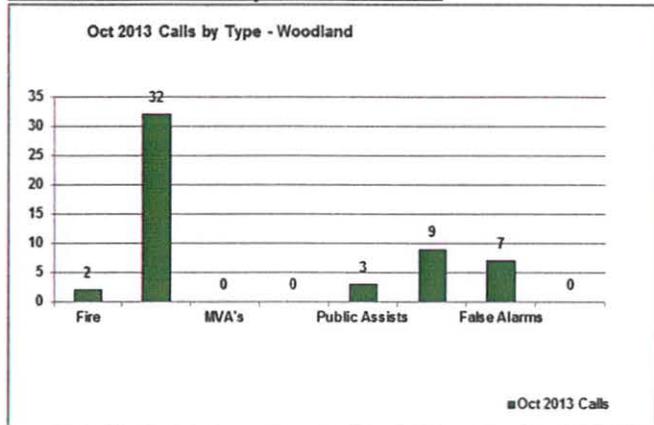


Delivery is expected sometime in early December. The new vessel will be housed in the district's new boathouse at the Ridgefield Marina. A dedication and christening ceremony will take place in late January. The name of the new vessel will be the **Mary Firstenburg** in honor of the Firstenburg

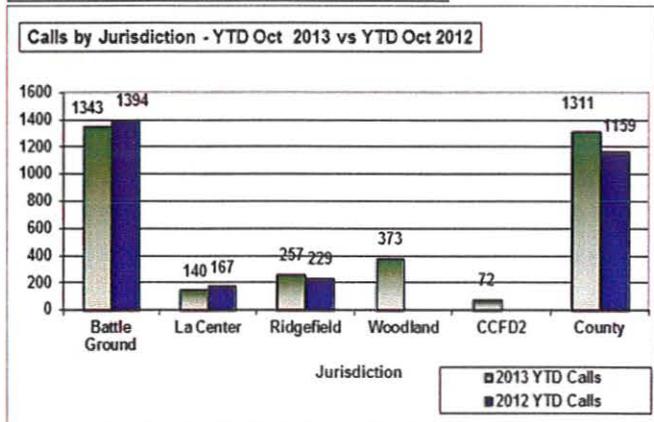
family's contributions to the Ridgefield area and the first bank location in Clark County.

The vessel was funded through FEMA's Port Security Grant Program and is one of three vessels being provided to CCF&R, Vancouver Fire and the Port of Astoria.

October Calls – City of Woodland



Year to Date Total Calls – October



TRAINING

Video Conferencing System A Big Hit

The new video conferencing system recently installed at 7 of the District's stations has proven to be invaluable to the District's training program as well as its operations. A recent example was a Post Incident Analysis (critique) of a significant structure fire. Typically those critiques would require crews to travel to a single location for the 2-3 hour meeting. Now crews can actively participate

while remaining in their fire stations and able to respond to calls in their area. The same benefits are achieved for training and other communications between crews.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AMR Contract Extended

The County has extended the current ambulance contract with AMR through the end of 2014 to allow the completion of the RFP process next year. The contract was scheduled to expire June 30, 2014. The 6-month extension will ensure adequate time to issue the RFP, evaluate bidder submittals, and choose a contractor no later than July 1st. It will be important to give the winning contractor 6 months lead time before the new contract goes into effect on January 1, 2015.

911 COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

The District conducted three station tours and six engine tours during October.

REGION IV HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL

Nothing new to report