

Thank you Madam Mayor, Council, and Mr. Sweet.

I have Mr. Lair here with me tonight. He is the President of our Fire Department association. He will be able to answer any questions that any of you may have tonight pertaining to association matters.

Last month we had a total of 54 calls

We ended the month on call 515. Last year at the end of September we were on call 377. That puts us 138 calls ahead of last year.

Last months breakdown is as follows:

- Inside the city - 33
- Inside the district - 41
- We received aid from Seaside once (I will expand on that in a moment)
- WE SENT AID 7 TIMES -
- Aid to Seaside - 5
- Aid to Lewis & Clark - 1
- Aid to OSFM - 1 (Wildland Mobilization Cougar peak fire in Lakeview, OR.)

The call we received Mutual aid for was a water rescue call in the Ocean. I want to discuss a couple things about this call.

We respond to calls on the beach because it is in our coverage district. It may not be in the city limits, but it is in our coverage area. We are not going to NOT respond to a call for help. If someone is in danger, and we can do something about it, it would be wrong for us to ignore it.

We receive aid during water rescues for a couple reasons. Currently, protocol for the entire county is that Seaside comes to our areas with water rescue equipment and trained personnel.

They handle the scene operationally, while we provide ground support, lookout, and radio communications. We now have the needed equipment to perform these rescues, and our training is almost finished, which will allow us to actually enter the ocean for a rescue. Moving forward in the near future, we will be the main agency handling water rescues in Gearhart.

Seaside will still come as they are more complex in rescue capabilities, but they will mainly be supporting us during these calls just as we will go to seaside and support them when they are in the same situation. Coast guard is another agency that responds to these types of calls. They will also continue to come moving forward. It takes the coast guard at least 20minutes to get airborne after they are called, if they are not already in the air and happen to be in our area.

Coast Guard sector columbia river provides coverage for almost 900 square miles. They cannot be the sole entity taking care of these calls, being how it takes them longer to arrive on scene.

Coast guard is usually called right away, or even before we arrive on scene one reason is because of their response time. The majority of the time about 95%, like what happened with this call. We had the victim out of the water before coast guard was even on scene. Time is extremely important when it comes to survivability with water rescues. So, response, locating the victim, and rescue needs to happen very quickly.

I hope that helps clear up some confusion.

Is there any questions about that call?

I wanted to address a letter that was sent into the daily astorian by Mr. Zimmerman.

In the letter, it addressed a regional training and response headquarters at camp rilea

- There is nothing like that at camp rilea. What they have is an Auxillary Communications building, which houses communication equipment primailary ham radio. When we use camp rilea to perform training events, We don't even use the Auxillary Communication building. Our communications go straight from our radios to who we are communicating with.

Questions?

Continuing on, the letter also questioned water rescues being handled by the U.S.C.G.

- I believe I already discussed that when I walked us through our call last month that we received aid for.

Questions?

The letter talked about us being a small community with no fires.

- In 2020 we had 507 calls for service. Out of those calls...
- 293 were in home medical calls
- 62 were "fires" (30 were structure fires // 13 were wildland fires)
- 49 were motor vehicle accidents
- The rest of the 507 calls were smoke complaints, smoke detectors, good intent calls, other rescues, weather related calls, etc.

Questions?

The letter stated that most medical calls needed no more than an ambulance ride into seaside.

- We are on scene about 95% of the time before medix arrives. We provide life saving measures before medix is there. Because of our equipment and training, we have saved multiple lives. Ths includes 2 of which our lucas device saved. Which was purchased with a grant from Lighthouse Christian church. We will continue to provide aid and support durning the call while medix is on scene. Then there a numerous times we will ride in with medix continuing to provide support during the ambulance ride. Weather it be with life saving efforts such as CPR. Or, anytime medix personnel needs an extra set of hands during transport.

Questions?

The letter said homes 2 miles away from a fire station will not be covered by most insurance companies.

- Home insurance companies will not deny insurance.
- Home insurance companies base their home premium RATES off of ISO ratings.
- Gearhart has an ISO class 3/C rating (depending on which company you use. They use numbers or letters for ratings). The ratings is out of 10 being the worst and 1 being the best.
- That class 3/C rating is because multiple things. I went into more detail with ISO rating I believe in last months report. But just to name a few of the reasons we have such a good rating is becvuase of
 - How many volunteers we have
 - The certain certifications our volunteers carry

- The apparatus and equipment we have
- How much mobile water we have. Or, how much we carry in our apparatus.
- How far your homes are away from hydrants.
- The only concern ISO has with distance from a fire station they are concerned about is anything over 5 miles will drop your rating. That distance is how the road drives. Not how the crow flies. Downtown Gearhart is 2.14 miles from the proposed new location. So, that location should not have any effect on the ISO rating and making us have a worse rating, effecting insurance premiums.

Questions?

The letter stated that the highlands location will not be any better in a tsunami than our current location.

- Based off of site elevation alone, it is apparent our equipment will be much safer at the highlands location, which is notably higher in elevation.
- If we were to stay at our current location there is a much higher probability that our equipment will be under water, not just normal water, but salt water and sand. The equipment will not be usable after the water recedes.
- People will evac to assembly areas. Then they will preced to locations as high or higher than the assembly areas. Such as the new proposed fire station location. Where the equipment will most likely be un hurt and un damaged from the sand and ther salt water.
- Additionally we need to look at where our volunteers are. We are loosing volunteers around our current station location. Moving potentially to the new proposed location. There is much more volunteer options there. As that is not a deciding factor for the new location, it is a benefit to the new location.
- There was a question brought up aksing if we would still need the hertig sub station.
 - We will still need our sub station as our coverage goes all the way north to Sunset lake road. We also have volunteers that live up that way. So, it is a benefit to have volunteers to be able to respond to that station and bring equipment to the scene. This also helps provide faster response times.

Questions?

Mr. Zimmerman did call me the other week. We had a very good phone call. I was very appreciative that he called. If anyone does have any questions or concerns I encourage you to call me and I would love to help educate and gain understanding. I was glad that he called and we had a good conversation.

If there are no further Questions?

That concludes my report.