

EAST COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

2020 Fire District Annual Report



HEADQUARTER STATION 91

**600 NE 267TH AVENUE
CAMAS, WA 98607**

***“Our core values center
around providing the resi-
dents of East County Fire &
Rescue the best fire, rescue
and medical services that
our capabilities allow”***

STATEMENT FROM THE CHIEF

Board of Commissioners and Citizens of East County Fire and Rescue –

On behalf of the dedicated men and women of East County Fire and Rescue (ECFR), it is my pleasure to present the Fire District's 2020 Annual Report.

2020 was a year that none of us will soon forget. At the start of the year, we were operating and functioning at a normal pace for our Fire District when all the sudden the World was hit with a Covid-19 pandemic. This unforeseen and unexpected Coronavirus required us to take action with a focused approach on generating a safe plan to protect our patients, our residents and our first responders so they may continue to serve our community.

The CDC standards were ever-changing and our Fire District members responded by following managements recommendations without hesitation. The result of this effort has paid off nicely by not having one member get infected with the new virus throughout the year. I want to thank all of our members for their contribution, input and for their due diligence in keeping themselves and their families safe by following all safety protocols.

Firefighters and Staff did an excellent job staying within budget in all of the program areas in 2020. The Fire District is fiscally sound and continues to look for ways to effectively utilize our taxpayer funds by downsizing our apparatus fleet and by continuing to cut any unnecessary costs without jeopardizing the needs of the District.

As the Fire Chief, I am privileged to lead a Fire District that is comprised of a committed staff whose goal is to provide the highest level of service available while maintaining fiscal responsibility. I want to thank the Commissioners for their continued confidence and support of East County Fire and Rescue.

Sincerely,

Michael Carnes
Fire Chief



ECFR Commissioners

Board Of Commissioners:

**Per State Law, Fire Commissioners are elected to set Agency policy,
adopt an annual budget and oversee the Fire Chief.**

Our Board of Commissioners in addition to their regularly scheduled monthly meetings actively participate as members in sub-committees that cover various needs of the District. Some of the needed topics the designated committees worked on consisted of the following:

- Communications with our neighboring elected officials
- Ongoing review of our annual insurance coverage and costs
- Ongoing review of our safety programs
- Exploring possible outside resources of revenue
- Active participation in the East County Ambulance Advisory Board.



Michael Taggart



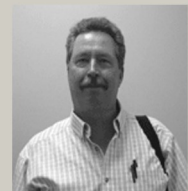
Sherry Petty



**Martha Martin
Board Chair**



Joshua Seeds



Mike Berg

A Firefighters Pledge

I promise concern for others. A willingness to help those in need.

I promise courage—Courage to face and conquer my fears, Courage to share and endure the ordeal of those who need me.

I promise strength—Strength of heart to bear whatever burdens might be placed upon me. Strength of body to deliver to safety all those placed within my care.

I promise integrity—Integrity to always conduct myself, both on and off duty, in a manner that reflects positively on myself and my Fire District.

I promise the wisdom to lead, the compassion to comfort and the love to serve unselfishly whenever I am called to duty; this is my pledge...



2020 Administration and Operations

- ♦ For the better part of the year, ECFR's main focus was to successfully operate the Fire District through the pandemic. Staff stayed in close contact with our EMS MPD (Medical Program Director) with weekly Zoom meeting updates. We, together, collaborated with Clark County Public Health, CDC and Labor and Industries to stay on top of this ever changing virus. ECFR Firefighters worked together to establish and publish a very detailed self screening program to be used daily for shift change following the CDC guidelines. We closed our fire stations to the public and put strict guidelines in place for any needed entry into our stations.
- ♦ Administrative personnel continued to report to the office to complete their daily work assignments following the same entry guidelines as the firefighters. All members did an excellent job in these unprecedented times.



- ♦ A vaccine became available for emergency use around December of 2020. The Washington Department of Health set up guidelines for how the vaccine would be distributed. They determined that health care providers would qualify early within a planned phased approach to distribution. Our ECFR first responders were part of that first phase and we were able to get 88% of our emergency responders vaccinated by the end of the year.

2020 Administration and Operations (cont.)

- ◆ Staff continues to look at our apparatus replacement needs. We continue to downsize where appropriate. We have 2 squads that are at the end of their service life and are expensive to maintain. This year we purchased one new squad chassis to replace the squad at our Fern Prairie Station 91. Our goal is to replace the squad at our Mt. Norway Station 94 in 2021. The District was able to save money by reusing the large tool boxes, water tanks and water pumps that are needed on these vehicles. The District paid cash for these vehicles using funds from our apparatus reserve fund.
- ◆ ECFR Staff has started to review our operational rules and regulations this year. It has been several years since they have been updated. We hope to have them completed by the end 2021.
- ◆ We completed a Joint Volunteer Firefighter Academy with Camas/Washougal Fire Department this year. This adventure definitely had its challenges with maintaining CDC guidelines for social distancing. ECFR career staff participated in the training sessions to support the hands-on practical sessions. ECFR provided an Engine for the Saturday drills. ECFR staff worked with CWFD staff to set up the curriculum and the training plan. The Academy was held at Station 42 so that we could utilize the training tower. There was a final written exam and a final practical exam which included a live fire burn to learn. All ECFR recruits successfully passed the testing process. We received excellent reports back from the instructors on our volunteer recruits effort and participation in this Academy.
- ◆ Staff was able stay within budget in all program areas. Staff and Commissioners continue to meet monthly to discuss operational strategies for the future that keep the fire district financially sound.
- ◆ 2020 challenged us in our goal for maintaining 24 hour staffing at both staffed stations for the entire year. Our Fire District was able to staff nearly the whole year without any “Brown-outs”. This required some overall budget adjustments that ultimately affected some of our long term strategy and goals. We will continue to look at long term staffing projections in the new year.



Safety Report

ECFR 2020 Safety Committee consisted of Assistant Chief Bob Jacobs, Volunteer Firefighter Tad Crum, Captain Danny Burch and Commissioner Mike Berg. The committee continues to meet every other month. They review accident and incident reports, near miss reports, station inspections, and shift safety meeting minutes. An on shift firefighter is also invited to attend the meetings.

ECFR had 0 on-the-job injuries in 2020. This is something to be very proud of. Our members always keep safety in the forefront of every day.

ECFR's Emergency Support Team (EST) typically trains once per month on Rehab and scene support. This year Assistant Chief Jacobs combined our Apparatus Operator Program with the EST Program. This allows us to utilize our Rehab volunteers as Tender Operators on large fire incidents. They have had several training sessions and plan to coordinate training with the on duty staff early next year. In 2020 The EST group consisted of Doug Ball, Pam Maxey, Linn Jacobs, and Assistant Chief Bob Jacobs.

Submitted by Assistant Chief Robert Jacobs



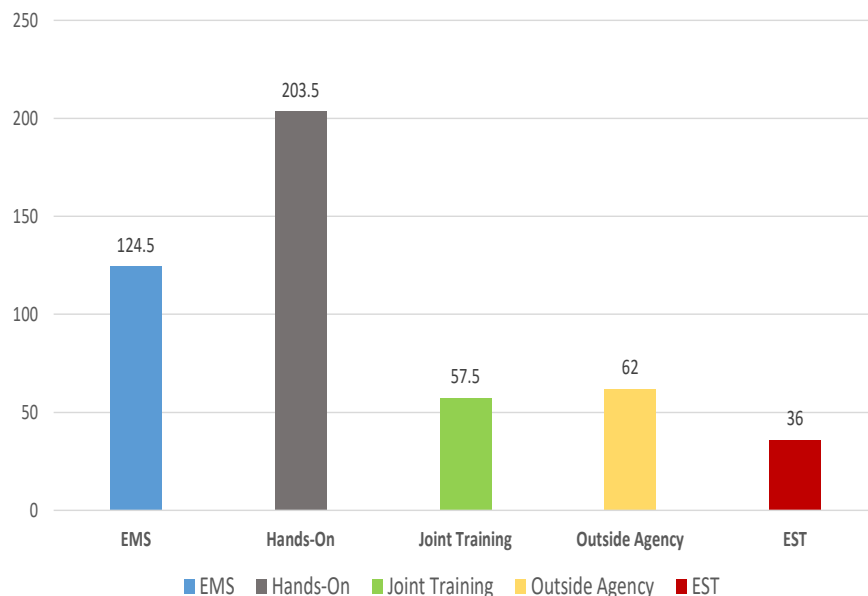
2020 Year-End Report

Submitted by Firefighter/EMT Adam Webster

1102.3 Total Hours of Training

- COVID-19 was an obstacle for members to train
- ECFR added 3 new volunteers and 1 intern
- Successful Joint fire recruit Academy

ECFR 2020 Training Hours By Type

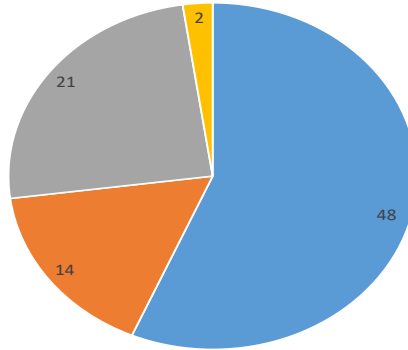


Outside Agency Training

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Conducted With Various Agencies

- FEMA National Fire Academy
- WA DOH
- Camas Washougal FD
- NWRTC



■ Fema National Fire Academy ■ Blue Card/ICS ■ Live Fire Training ■ EMS Evaluator

2020 ECFR/CWFD Recruit Academy



- ECFR Sent Line Staff on Saturdays To Assist With Teaching
- ECFR had all 4 volunteer members (3 volunteer, 1 intern) graduate
- Live fire training burn was a great success

- Recruits spent roughly one month attending the CWFD/ECFR academy
- Approximately 10 hours in the classroom
- Over 36 hours of hands-on training time (Station 42, Live Fire Burn)



2020 Staff Milestones

Zach Allen	Full-time Firefighter/EMT	10 years of service
Doug Ball	Emergency Response Team	1 year of service
Mike Berg	Commissioner	10 years of service
Mike Garrison	Full-time Firefighter/EMT	5 years of service
Martha Martin	Commissioner	10 years of service
Sherry Petty	Commissioner	5 years of service
Mike Taggart	Commissioner	5 years of service
Stephen Vera	Full-time Firefighter/EMT	10 years of service



New Members to Join the ECFR team in 2020

Jacob Davis

Drew Gustafson

Daniel Kent

Sid Fernandez

Ryan Kempf

Spencer Altfilish

Andrey Kotov

ECFR Stations

Station 91



- Engine 91
- Tender 91
- Squad 91
- Unit 92
- Unit 93

600 NE 267th Ave
Camas

Station 92



- Engine 92

4909 NE 292nd Ave.
Camas

Station 93



- Engine 93
- Tender 93
- Squad 93
- Rehab 93

121 NE 312th Ave.
Washougal

Station 94



- Engine 94
- Tender 94
- Squad 94
- Tender 95

1808 SE 352nd Ave.
Washougal

Station 95



sold this Station to the
City of Washougal in 2020

211 39th Street
Washougal

2020 Department Organization

