

FIRE FLASH



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FROM THE DESK OF FIRE CHIEF KEN CARDINALE

Chief Brief - Flash Forward -

A lot has occurred since our last edition of Fire Flash. We would like to begin by offering information on a more frequent basis - COVID has changed our world and upended everyone's "normal". We continue to face some unique challenges. Our agency continues to seek creative ways to meet our mission, objectives, and serve our community in this difficult time.

We miss the opportunity to interact with the public as we normally do. For general questions you can always call our station phone number - if no one is available at the time of your call - we will get back with you as soon as possible. **We want to remind you to call 9-1-1 if you have an emergency.**

I am excited to serve the community as Chief of Fire District 6. I am committed to providing you information to best understand Fire District 6 service delivery. We will be adding statistical data to our report for your review. In the Fire Service, we commonly use NFPA standards for service delivery performance measures. These are based upon studies, industry best practices, and are consensus based - through the work of technical committees. Expect to see information in future reports that will support strategic planning and community growth/calls for service.

While we navigate the holidays and the change in seasons, we would like to offer additional resource information. This year has been fraught with many unknowns. We continue to be encouraged by vaccine news, and continuous updated research related to therapeutics and treatment of COVID-19. Medical oversight for this agency has been consistent in messaging that social distancing, handwashing, and use of masks remain strategies in reducing exposures. Updated local Public Health information can be found here:

<https://phsscovid19.lewiscountywa.gov>

<https://lewiscountywa.gov/covid19/>

Wishing you and yours a **SAFE** and **HAPPY** Holiday Season!

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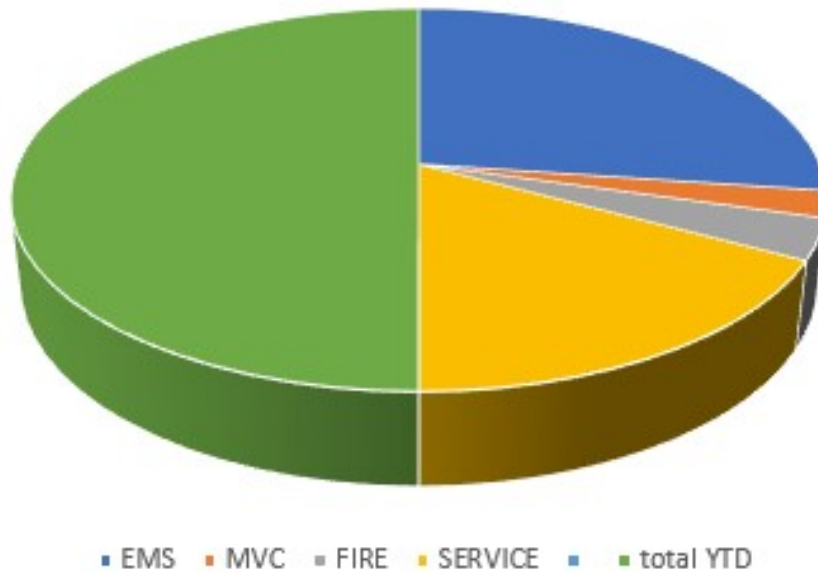
Stay tuned for the next edition.

The Log Book will include updates from crews and address frequently asked questions. We will highlight trends and offer tips and strategies to reduce risk.

Training delivery and operations have been significantly impacted by COVID. We continue to seek innovative solutions to adapt to guidelines and provide quality service.

2020 calls YTD raw total

EMS	436
MVC	36
FIRE	55
SERVICE	274
total YTD	801



These totals are less than YTD for 2019, and are roughly categorized. Final totals with more specific detail will be included in the January volume.

COVID CONCERNS

Stresses related to the pandemic and resulting isolation are difficult for everyone. It continues to weigh heavily on our youth and our elderly populations. Finding ways to connect and keep safe are affected by any number of circumstances. In addition to physical health concerns, maintaining positive mental health is crucial as we continue to battle the enormous amounts of information and unknowns. There are resources available for those who may benefit from additional help. If you need help—or want to help others—click on the link below.

<https://lewiscountywa.gov/covid19/>

https://lewiscountywa.gov/media/documents/Sept_2020_Health_Beat_-_suicide.pdf

PUBLIC EDUCATION

Is it time to replace your smoke alarms? Are the alarms in your home placed in recommended locations? The National Fire Protection Association - nfpa.org/smoke alarms details the following: “Make sure they are installed inside each bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and on every level in the home”. Track your alarm life span—alarms with 10 year non-replaceable batteries have an expiration date and should be replaced accordingly.

<https://www.nfpa.org/~media/files/public-education/resources/safety-tip-sheets/smokealarms.pdf>

If you don't have an Exit plan, meeting place, or adequate alarms, now is the time. Let us know if you have any questions or need help. Below are some links to help plan yours today!

https://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/fief/home_fire_protection_plan.pdf

Practice your exit drill with your children over Holiday break!

E.D.I.T.H. - (exit drills in the home)

<https://www.nfpa.org/~media/Files/FPW/Educate/2019/FPW19Grid.ashx>

****** Chimney Cleaning******

With expected cold weather make sure you are prepared to heat with your wood stove. The link below includes NFPA Safety tips to help reduce risk.

<https://www.nfpa.org/~media/Files/Public-Education/Resources/Safety-tip-sheets/WoodPelletStoveSafety.ashx>

Cold weather, icy roads, and freezing fog make for difficult driving conditions. Make sure you plan ahead, give yourself adequate time to travel, and keep your vehicle safety go kit stocked in case it is needed. Check out ready.gov for kit items and other disaster kit checklists.





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Vision Statement

Our vision for the future growth and development of the organization is through adherence to our values. This will allow us to live out our Mission and be viewed as leaders in the service and protection of our patrons.

Mission Statement

Dedicated to the protection of life, property, and the environment through professional service to the patrons of our community.

VOLUNTEERS HIGHLIGHTED

Fire District 6 is a combination fire district, employing career firefighters and supplemented with volunteer firefighters. Four stations span 145 square miles, nearly 8,000 citizens, and over 900 calls for service annually.

Meet David Layden—Fire District 6 Volunteer Coordinator

Dave Layden has been a volunteer firefighter for 5 years. He is currently the Volunteer Coordinator for the Fire District and enjoys the challenge of introducing people to the fire service. When he is not volunteering, he is actively outdoors, hiking with his wife. He also enjoys running and has a true love for obstacle course races. Dave likes to travel with family and friends and as a retired Military Veteran has been all over the world. As an Adna resident, Dave has supported youth athletics at the Middle/High School as a wrestling & cross country conditioning coach, and considers coaching one of the most rewarding experiences of his life.

Dave coordinates new volunteer processes making sure new applicants gain necessary training and experience. Dave is a tremendous asset to Fire District 6 and his community. We are thankful for his service and expertise.

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