

Minutes: Community Advisory Committee, July 11, 2022

Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting, in April, 2022, were adopted as amended with a correction in the date to indicate July 2, 2022 as the date of the 2022 Tahuya Day parade.

WSRB: The Washington State Survey and Rating Bureau has done a very detailed audit of our equipment, our water districts, and dispatch services, etc. We currently are rated as a 5 or 6 in our area. Water districts must do hydrant maintenance. As CAC members have commented, the RFA will see about being involved in hydrant testing—perhaps we can offer that expertise as a trade for services they offer us. Hydrants are painted with reflective paint, must be identical so there is no confusion; it was mentioned in the past some were painted as cartoon characters.

Tahuya Day Update: The recent celebration was the first one in two years; the weather was good, plenty of people came out, and there was lots of participation in the parade. We made \$2,400 from the sale of burgers, to go toward the purchase of a sign at the new headquarters station. Web TV recorded the event.

Burn Restrictions: Mason County announced burn restrictions that included no permitted land clearing fires, prohibition of yard debris fires, but allowed recreational fires (firewood) in appropriate pits. Comments from CAC members included ongoing concerns about fireworks and the need for better community signage concerning what is permitted.

July Fourth: The holiday weekend was pretty busy and included two fireworks injuries, one of which was severe enough to require an airlift to Harborview. There were 35 incidents total, 34% of which were medical calls. We had extra staff on duty at Collins Lake and Tahuya, so we were well covered.

New Tender: Assist Chief Cooper and Lieutenant Anthony Rhead did a site visit to inspect the new tender in South Dakota, following a severe storm there and amid very humid weather. The vehicle is a year and a half late due to Covid delays. It will pump 1250 up to gallons per minute. After the inspection, there is a list of things the manufacturer must still do. When completed, it will be shipped to Spokane; the dealer will drive it here. We expect to have it at the end of July or early August. At that time we'll do in-service training. We will surplus the 1975 tender.

RAP Update: The Resource Access Program receives referrals from crews concerning how to help patients get basic, non-emergency needs met by connecting them to appropriate resources so they don't need to call 911 or go to the ER with requests for non-emergency help. An example of assistance, when requested by a patient, would be an inspection of a home for hazards so a person with a disability could continue to live there safely. In addition, connecting that person to helpful resources could be done. With an aging population, the prevention of falls is highly important.

Summerfest: The Hood Canal Summerfest and Car Show (formerly Taste of Hood Canal) will be August 13 this year.

Comment on Phone Boxes: There has been some stealing of copper from phone boxes in some areas which has disrupted service.

Next CAC Meeting: October 10, 2022 at the new headquarters station. A Zoom option will be available.