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**Vernonia RFPD Chief’s Report**

**November 2024**

**Operations:**

1. Total calls for service in November: EMS- 38. MVC- 3 Fires- 2 Rescue- 1 Others- 13. Total- 57
2. Unusual calls:
	1. Swiftwater Rescue- Rock Creek- turned out all kayak occupants ok.
	2. Building fire- Scap-Vern Hwy. Building, one vehicle and two trailers complete loss. Total loss nearing $100,000. Investigation- too much damage to determine cause. Possibly very old Christmas lighting.
3. All apparatus in good operating condition. Possibly a light switch issue with one rig. Being addressed.

**Training (internal and external)**

1. Training EMS assessment, commercial gasoline tanker “hands-on”. Building walk-through old theater. Driver training. Public education. Training hours slight decrease due to building move-in.
2. Total man-hours of VFD training in November: 119

**Administrative**

1. Two volunteers are “pulling shift”, meaning they are spending hours working with our career Lieutenants . In November, two volunteers donated a combined 63 hours of shift work. This is outside regular drill hours. Very much appreciated!
2. Station move going well. Expect to be in excellent shape by Open House/Pancake feed December 14th.
3. Chief attending Oregon Fire Chief Association “small department roundtable” in January. Meeting is in Eugene.
4. Many items disposed from the back shop. Most had no value. Attempts were made to offer items elsewhere, but most items were deemed unsafe, useless or outdated. See attached list.
5. New phone system- Up and running. Everything is good so far. Ziply phone service to be dropped December 11th.
6. Online burn permits- Going great,
7. Chief and Board President gave district presentation to senior center.
8. I attended Vernonia School’s “community outreach” event.
9. I also attended an Oregon Government Ethics Commission course on Public Meeting law.
10. SDAO Conference information discussion.
11. Will be looking to surplus old military trailer generator, two controlled drug safes, and some barely-used tires next board meeting.
12. Board Policies. I have received policies from 4 other smaller districts (Stayton, Seal Rock, Banks and Silverton Fire). I will begin to bring several policies to review starting next month.
13. \*\*Late Addition\*\*- I will be signing new Columbia County Fire agency Mutal Aid agreement. The only change is addition of terminology that we will utilize national ICS standards.
14. VFD purchased new padded chairs for classroom use to replace uncomfortable old plastic chairs
15. Online burn permits live- very good results.