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Dear Chief,

I very seldom respond in regards to interaction between departments, however in this case I felt compelled to reach out to you and your department. I had the opportunity on a couple occasions this month to interact on ems and fire alarms with two different crews from North Whatcom Fire & Rescue that I would like to tell you about.

On March 26th, Aid 63 was requested to respond for a CPR in progress at 5001 Bay Rd., Beachwood Park. Aid 63 was first on-scene and delivered one shock with their AED, and continued to perform CPR until District 7 units arrived along with M45. Your crew under the supervision of Capt. Johnson worked in unison with District 7 crews and medics until efforts were ceased. A63's crew was instrumental in the effort given to the individual that day.

On March 28th, E63 was requested to respond to a structure fire in progress at 6996 Birch Bay Drive. E63 was first in and was directed by command to set-up and extend attack lines to the "A" side of the structure. After E46 established a water supply the E63 crew made forcible entry, advanced into the structure under a cloud of smoke and heat quickly containing and controlling the fire. Capt. Davidson and his crew worked in a task driven manner with District 7 crews to extinguish and overhaul the fire building. The assistance rendered by E63 was instrumental in the positive outcome of the fire.

The proficiency and professional manner in which your personnel performed the duties assigned them is a direct reflection of NWF&R's culture and high standards. It is comforting to know that NWF&R crews and equipment are available when needed to protect the communities within Whatcom County.

On behalf of Whatcom County Fire District 7, please express a heartfelt thanks for a job WELL DONE to crews A63 and E63.

Respectfully,

Gary E. Russell, Chief
Whatcom County Fire District No. 7

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