

First Quarter Safety Committee Meeting

Date: 2/7/2019 1323 - 1440

Attending: Division Chief Jason Van der Veen, Training Captain Kris Jorgensen, Lieutenant Kevin Biery, Kelly Freeman

Old Business:

- Gross Decon WA 296-305-04001(8): Completed. Ongoing through training department and encouraged to set up on fire scenes.
- Mask Wipes: Completed on all first due out engines.
- Station 63 Flooring: Completed. Non-slip mats purchased for station 63 & station 69.
- Post collision drug and alcohol testing policy: Ongoing. Division Chief Van der Veen will continue to look into this. Kelly Freeman contacted Care Medical Group and they conduct drug and alcohol testing during operational hours. Kelly Freeman will contact St. Joseph's hospital to confirm their hours and protocol for afterhours drug testing post collision or incident. What type of collision triggers a drug and alcohol test? **over a certain amount of damage or bodily injury? Consistency is key. Division Chief Van der Veen will take a look at other district's policies; goal is to create a policy that protects both the department and the member.
- Investigation Committee: Ongoing. Still working on getting an investigation committee in place. Members should include Division Chief of Operations, Labor Member, Safety Committee Member. Assess damaged apparatus/property and organize conducting drug and alcohol testing. Trooper Brandon Lee at one time offered to give training regarding what to look for in an investigation. Contact Sheriff's department to see what their procedures are.
- Update Injury/Illness Reporting Form: Ongoing. Kelly Freeman looking into an updated and streamlined form.
- Signature Page on Injury/Illness Form: Kelly Freeman to send an email to all members with attached example of signature pages.
- Initial Attack: Conversation regarding relieving initial attack engine with manpower rather than apparatus during a structure fire. DC Van der Veen will relay this information to officers and crews.
- Medic Unit on Structure Fires: DC Van der Veen will contact Bellingham FD regarding a medic unit or EMS1 or EMS41 responding to structure fires.
- Bunker Gear Purchase: The 2018 budget was amended at the last commissioner meeting to add in the funding for eight sets of bunker gear. When bunker gear reaches five years old the district will purchase a new set of gear. The goal is to have all members have a second set of bunker gear to provide a clean set of gear post structure fire. Safety Committee will contact Ken Cunningham to double check to that this was completed.

New Business:

- Hearing Protection Station 12: Per email from Captain Davidson; station 12 compressor area is in need of two sets of hearing protection. Kevin Biery will check on this and the Safety Committee will order two more sets.
- CO Testing on Air Compressors: Per email from Captain Davidson; Braun rep was out to station 12 for a training and during the training he brought up CO Testing on our compressor. The Braun rep recommended quarterly CO testing on both compressors at station 12 & 63. It was recommended to complete this testing when we test our quarterly air samples. A 10 Step test is being sent to the shop at station 63. Captain Jorgensen will speak with Danny Jensen to see if compressors are still his collateral duty. Is CO testing being done currently? If not we need to be conducting this testing process. Contact the Bauer rep to come in and do a formal training. Captain Jorgensen will email Bauer. Check RCW/WAC standards/law. Recommended to have Danny and one back up, possibly David Comp to conduct testing.
- Air Intake for Station 12 Compressor: Per email from Captain Davidson; Kevin Biery will check the area for air intake at station 12. If necessary a "no idle" zone sign or markings will be put up to avoid exhaust near the air intake.
- Outside Lighting at Stations: Captain Joregensen will check outside lighting at all the stations. Birch Bay is especially dark around apparatus bay and East side of the building. Check the lighting around the apparatus bay doors at all station. Need for more lighting in the parking lot at station 69.
- Door Cameras at Career Stations: Conversation regarding possibly having cameras set up at doorways at career stations so crews could see who is approaching a door.
- Pole Light at Station 12: The light on the pole above the garbage area at station 12 has been out for months.
- New Driving Requirements: EVIP – checking driver's license and doing driving reports every year. Must have proof of EVIP, Marcia is making little cards showing that members passed EVIP. Possibility of having the card put on the ipad or on the engine computer. Per DC Hollander we have not been checking driving records since date of hire. WAC coming up requires annual checks.
- Lost /Damage Reports: Reviewed 1 Lost/Damage report. Will pass on to Shaun Ward.
- Injury/Illness Report: Reviewed 2 Reports (2018), 4 Reports (2019)
- Exposure Reports: Reviewed 3 Reports (2018)

The second quarter Safety Committee Meeting will be scheduled for May 2019.

Approved:



Divison Chief of Operations Jason Van der Veen