Public Safety Committee
AFD Report – June 7, 2023
Chugiak Volunteer Fire and Rescue
CVFRD
Scott Fisher
Fire/EMS Chief
• Serving since 1952
• 47 square miles
• 11,000 population
• 105 dedicated volunteers
• 60,000 volunteer hours per year
• 5 Paid Staff
  • Fire/EMS Chief
  • EMS Training Coordinator
  • Fire Training Coordinator
  • Maintenance Specialist
  • Administrative Specialist
• 5 Fire Stations
  • 3 Engines
  • 4 Tender/Engines
  • 3 Ambulances
  • 3 Brush Trucks
  • 1 Heavy Rescue
  • 1 ALS Response Vehicle
  • 4 Command Vehicles
  • 3 Utility Vehicles
  • 2 Snow Machines
  • 1 Boat
  • 1 ATV
Fire Station 31 – 17124 Old Glenn Highway
(Latimer)
Fire Station 32 – 19437 Inlet View Drive (Gilmore)
Fire Station 33 – 21616 Settlers Drive (Hill)
Fire Station 34 – 20581 Birchwood Spur Road (Wallace)
Fire Station 35 – 14080 Old Glenn Highway (Lowe)
Cook Inlet Operations

- MOA Cold Water Rescue and Recovery Plan was last updated in 2007
- On May 10, a multi-agency tabletop exercise was conducted to affirm roles and responsibilities for aircraft incidents in Upper Cook Inlet
  - Participants included:
    - United States Coast Guard
    - Alaska Rescue Coordination Center
    - Alaska Air National Guard
    - Alaska Army Guard
    - State of Alaska Office of Emergency Management
    - Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport
    - Alaska State Troopers
    - MOA Office of Emergency Management
    - Anchorage Fire Department
    - Kenai Fire Department
    - Cook Inlet Tug and Barge Company
    - Alaska Airlines
Cook Inlet Operations

• Key observations
  • Anchorage small boat launch is unusable much of the time
  • Cook Inlet Tug & Barge Co. has 12 personnel on duty on site 24/7/365
  • JBER aerial assets will assist as available
  • Patient collection point will be at TSAIA
  • AFD and mutual aid ambulances will transfer patients to area hospitals
  • AFD’s rescue boat can be slung into Cook Inlet
Cook Inlet Operations

- Determinations and next steps
  - Update Plan – In progress
  - AFD Rescue Boat is trailered indoors at POA
  - AFD will continue to provide mud rescue within the AFSA
  - GFD and CVFD will continue to provide mud rescue
Suspected Use of Methamphetamines (AFD EMS Transports), Opioids (Treated with Naloxone by AFD), Public Access Narcan® Use
12-Month Trend (June 2022 - May 2023)
Substance Abuse Report

- Fentanyl use documented in patient care reports is trending upwards.

- Reference in patient care reports to “fentanyl” in powder form for inhalation, smoked, or in pill form has increased. Reference to “heroin” use has decreased.

- Noted increase in the documentation of “blue pill”. These fake prescription meds with fentanyl were first noted in patient care reports starting in 2018.

- AFD EMS administration of naloxone dosage levels required to reverse respiratory arrest/depression with patients does not appear to have noticeably increased from previous quarters.

- Public Access Narcan (Gone on Arrival) is obtained from AFD Dispatch notes from the 911 caller reporting Narcan use, but individual had left location prior to public safety arrival.

- Public Access Narcan use considerably up in 2023.
  - APD is now carrying Narcan; this appears to be a driver in the increased numbers.
Northern Lights & Sirens Girls Camp

- **2 Day Camp**
  - Saturday June 3 and Sunday June 4
- **Second Hosted Camp in Alaska**
  - 2021 and 2023
- **22 Campers**
  - 16 High Schools
  - 8 Different Communities
- **10 Stations over 2 days**
  - Fire and EMS skills based
  - Career Development
- **34 Volunteer Staff**
  - Alaska – California - Washington