



Division of Safety & Logistics

Date: January 22, 2020

To: Chief Schwartz

From: Battalion Chief Smith

Subject: Safety & Logistics Report for the month of January 2020

Happy 2020, Directors. I am pleased to report to the Board that the Homewood Fire Station remodel project is for the most part completed. There is just a small list of exterior items requiring attention next spring after the snow melts. The station looks fantastic, and the result is a much more efficient and comfortable accommodation for our staff. I would like to commend our Facilities Coordinator Tim Schrader for his hard work and dedication to getting the project to completion.

Tim is now turning his attention in the next few months to the other District stations as there are long lists of maintenance and repair items requiring his attention. As we move towards the end of the first quarter of 2020, the Facilities staff will be preparing budget priorities for the 20/21 Fiscal Year.

I have been working with staff members to prepare a list of priority items for purchase from the Suppression Equipment budget. Quite often, these items are directly related to the activities of the Apparatus Committee and require close coordination to effectively address equipment needs of the district.

Staff is preparing to initiate District-wide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) inspections as part of the District's Safety Program. The intent of these inspections is to address any needed PPE deficiencies and to get a better idea as to the expected service life of our current PPE inventories and to assist with budgeting for future PPE purchases. These inspections are anticipated to commence in February of this year.

Additionally, staff is preparing to initiate District-wide station and apparatus inspections commencing in the month of March. I anticipate these inspections will help staff better understand the priorities for needed facility/apparatus maintenance and improvements for the coming years. In addition, the inspections should better ensure that District standards are being implemented throughout the District in a more consistent fashion.

I have been working on the two-year renewal of our Air Operations FAA Blanket Conditional Operating Authorization and Jurisdictional Conditional Operating Authorization documents. I hope to have both newly approved documents in our possession any day now. These documents allow us to fly as a public safety entity.