



BUDGET MESSAGE

Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020

The District leadership continues to refining business practices, training, and response. The refinement has increased the number and quality of the people interested in becoming members; we have developed a reputation from off-Island residents who want to be a part of our organization. This is both a pleasure and a challenge. The Board has worked with leadership to set parameters and requirements for such members. Call volume has been in flux over the past year due to the passage of the alcohol ban on ODFW land. This has changed the landscape of incidents during our busy months. The District is adjusting to meet the changes. It is with pleasure that I share some of the accomplishments from the past year.

Some of the accomplishments for FY19 include:

- Emergency Preparedness has been a focus for the Island under the leadership of the Fire Department. Members have become certified to teach Neighborhood Emergency Team training to Island residents
- Research continues for the purchase of 2 brush rigs as the current market doesn't have what works best for us at the budgeted prices. These purchases will be rolled into FY20.
- Our roster remains constant with dedicated and active members. One of our cadets became a full member and is college pursuing a career in firefighting and EMS.
- We were able to provide 2 CPR/AED courses to the residents of the Island and are planning additional.

This year will bring about the following anticipated budgetary expenses:

- Sealing on the inside of the tanks on the Tenders is needed to prolong the life of the tanks.
- Safety Personal Protective Equipment for EMS only responders is added this year as opposed to issuing expensive turnouts while maintaining an appropriate level of safety. This is rolled from FY19.

The Board of Directors and District leadership reviewed the Strategic Plan for future, anticipated expenditures. Funds continue to be reserved for future purchases such as: replacement of the SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus), replacement of the Squad (ambulance style apparatus), and extrication power equipment. The goal is to replace as much equipment with reserve funds as opposed to bonding for capital replacement. The District remains confident in their financial practices and focus on fiscal responsibility and transparency to the residents of Sauvie Island. This goal and success was demonstrated by a positive audit review from a new auditing firm.

On behalf of the Sauvie Island Fire District membership, I thank you for your continued support and willingness to allow us to serve your community in this vital role.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norvin Collins".

Norvin Collins
Fire Chief
Sauvie Island Fire District