Cover photo: Firefighter D. Baer during Confined Space Training (reversed), October 2007, photo by A. Braunstein
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Message from the Chief

Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, tragedy struck the department and community with another fire fatality. In December 2006, an adult female received burns from an accidental fire in a multiple family dwelling. In January 2007 she died from her injuries. As with the loss in 2006, our thoughts and prayers go to the family.

Review of 2007 statistical data, projects, and events reflect how active and rewarding the year was for the department. Overall incident response numbers were less than previous years. Fire losses were at an all time low. Hundreds of fire and life safety inspections were conducted. Required annual testing and maintenance of apparatus and equipment were completed. Thousands of hours were spent training personnel honing existing skills and learning new ones. Several thousand citizens received training in fire safety, First Aid, and emergency preparedness.

It is not my intent to provide the specifics of the department’s accomplishments in 2007 as I believe the information submitted by each division for this annual report does well doing just that. My message and focus is about the members who made it happen.

Each works hard meeting the goals of the department and the needs of our citizens. Each brings strengths and skills that produce excellent customer service. Each watches over one another as safety is our highest priority. Working together, they make a great team.

As members of the Oak Harbor Firefighters Association, they perform several charitable projects unrelated to department activities. Christmas Shopping with a Firefighter, Santa’s Delivery’s, Washington State Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up, Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and Lunch With a Firefighter are but a few.

Their devotion to the department is exceeded only by their desire to serve their community. As you can see, our people are our most important asset.

Our 2008 major projects include:

- Replacing two engines.
- Implementing a technical rescue program
- The construction of a technical operations training prop site. This is a collaborative effort with the Public Works Department.
- Hiring of a Public Educator.

May we meet the needs and expectations of a growing community is our goal.

Mark Septich
The **VISION** of your Oak Harbor Fire Department is:

to continue to be recognized as consistently providing quality services in an efficient manner to our growing community.

Our **MISSION STATEMENT** is:

to provide professional and cost effective services by maintaining highly trained and highly motivated career and paid-on-call staff, combined with sufficient apparatus, equipment and facilities.

Our **OBJECTIVES**:

- To respond to fire, rescue, medical and hazardous incidents on land or water;
- To conduct fire and life safety inspections of existing businesses, multi-family dwellings, and public assembly facilities;
- To review plans and conduct on-site inspections of new developments and buildings to ensure fire and life safety code compliance;
- To provide public education in the areas of fire prevention, CPR, first aid, life safety, accident prevention, and disaster planning preparedness;
- To provide disaster equipment such as generators, lighting, mobile command units, and multiple casualty units during natural and manmade disasters;
- To provide training and technical support to fire and city personnel;
- To provide classroom facilities and assist with the instruction of the Juvenile Fire-Setter Intervention Program;
- To provide career opportunities with a Firefighter Pilot Program for high school students;
- To provide training facilities and assist at the Island County Recruit Academy;
- To conduct investigations of all fires to determine their cause and origin;
- To maintain the mutual aid agreement with all emergency service providers on Whidbey Island;
- To maintain and operate an Emergency Operations Center for the city;
- To conduct and participate in county-wide training at the department’s training facility;
- To provide a back-up facility for I-COM, Island County Emergency Dispatch Center; and
- To provide meeting facilities for non-profit organizations.

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**2007 Statistics**

**General**

- Area Served in Square Miles .......... 9.41
- Miles of city streets ................ 67.62
- Population (as of 4/2007*) .......... 22,690
- Assessed Valuation........$1,918,845,229
- General Fund Budget ............$1,892,384
  Expended.....$1,868,422
  Balance ............ $23,962
- Fire Control Expended ...$1,839,621
- Emergency Services Exp... $28,801
- Capitol Outlay Expended ..... $8,298
- 1998 LTGO Fire Bond ..... $177,412
- Engine Bond 230 .............. $32,707
- Department Revenue......... $66,484

**Personnel**

- UNIFORMED FULL TIME .................. 10
  Number of Shifts .................................. 2
  Full Time Firefighters per Shift....... 3
  Average Hours Per Week .............. 43
- UNIFORMED PAID-ON-CALL ........... 33
  Number of Shifts .................................. 2
  POC Firefighters per Day Shift....... 1
  POC Firefighters per Night Shift..... 4
- Administrative Support .......... 2

**Emergency Incident Responses**

- Fire Insurance Rating........................... 4
- Incident Responses (all) .............. 1392
  Fire.............................................. 80
  Medical ................................................. 698
- Fire Loss ............................................ $34,610
- Injuries ................................................. 2
  Fire Service, Full Time .............. 1
  Fire Service, POC ................. 0
- Casualties, Civilian ................. 1

* Source: www.ofm.wa.gov/popdpoprends/popdpoprends_07.pdf
Oak Harbor Fire Department

Area Served: 9.41 square Miles
Population: 22,690
Fire Insurance Rating: 4
Fire Stations: 1
Type of Department: Combination

Fire Apparatus
1 Aerial Ladder Truck
4 Engines
1 Medical Unit
1 Support Unit
1 Command Unit

Staffing
1 Full Time Fire Chief
1 Full Time Battalion Chief
4 Full Time Lieutenants
4 Full Time Firefighters
33 Paid-On-Call Firefighters (includes 1 part time pre-fire plans)
1 Full Time Administrative Assistant
1 Full Time Office Assistant

Mark Soptich
Fire Chief
Dir. of Emergency Services
20 years of service
Member Since 1987

Ray Merrill
Battalion Chief
Fire Prevention / Code
18 years of service
Member Since 1989

Romy Velasquez
Administrative Assistant
18 years of service
FT Member Since 1990

Angela Braunstein
Office Assistant
2 year of service
Member Since 2005

Mike Engle
Lieutenant
A Shift
10 years of service
Member Since 1997

Corky Bridgeford
Lieutenant
Maintenance Division
11 years of service
FT Member Since 1996

Mike Buxton
Lieutenant
B Shift
15 years of service
Member Since 1992

Mike Buxton
Lieutenant
Dir. of Emergency Services
20 years of service
Member Since 1987

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CERTIFICATIONS
obtained by OHFD personnel in 2007

Emergency Medical Technician
Shannon Carroll
Justin Day
Richard Gonzales
Joe Lebaron
Robert Lemme
Ryan Malarkey
Al Nieboer
Jonathan Oleson

Officer Development Program
Don Baer
Tom Cross
Jeff Heiserman
Jason Lamar
Steve McCalmont
Paul Schroer
Pedro Velasquez
Ramon Villafor

Confined Space Rescue Technician
Craig Anderson
Don Baer
Corky Bridgeford
Mike Buxton
Andrew Carroll
Tom Cross
Rich Cuevas
Mike Engle
Joe Lebaron
Steve McCalmont
Paul Schroer
Dennis Wright

PAID-ON-CALL CAPTAINS

Ron Hancock
Captain
Paid On Call
34 years of service
Member Since 1973

Bob Wallin
Captain
Paid On Call
21 years of service
Member Since 1986

Paid-on-Call Firefighters Year of Service*
(Average = 9.35 years)

- Less than 5
  54%
- 5 - 9
  10%
- 10 - 15
  10%
- 16 - 19
  3%
- More than 20
  23%

* Reflects service years of Paid-On-Call Firefighters with Oak Harbor Fire Department (does not include career firefighters) and may not reflect all years of fire experience.
“Words can’t begin to tell you how thankful we are to all of you for the kindness and concern you have shown us. The care you gave [my husband] when responding to our 911 calls, honoring him as pallbearers, the beautiful flowers at his service and all of the other things you did at the time of his passing will never be forgotten.”

“[my husband] was proud to have been part of the OHFD and thought of many of you as friends. We, his family are proud of his years as a firefighter too.” – M. Peterson and family.
The Oak Harbor community is at our core and all that our organization does and strives to do is for their benefit.
“Thank you.
For all you do everyday,
for everyone.” P. Dyer

By Angela Braunstein, Office Assistant

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Total 2007 Revenue $66,483.50

All revenue generated by the Fire Department is deposited into the City of Oak Harbor General Fund with the exception of FEMA grants which are applied to applications specified by the grant award.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANCE GRANT (EMPAG)

This grant funded a new Cummins generator, transfer switch, 80-gallon fuel tank, startup service, operational and basic maintenance training, and a 5-year comprehensive extended coverage. Backup power is provided to the City’s computer network system and phone system during power outages and emergency operations to maintain these vital communication systems.

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<td>Oak Harbor Fire Dept. - equipment rental to lift generator</td>
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OIL SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT GRANT

This grant funded a new 7’ x 18’ cargo trailer, navigational boom lights, anchor systems, decontamination kit, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, gear bags and operational training. Oil spill response equipment is provided to protect our community and priority resources.

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PREHOSPITAL PARTICIPATION GRANT

This grant helped verified prehospital services meet State of WA Department of Health (DOH) requirements to provide prehospital services to the public.

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STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Grants and Training (G&T) provided funds to enhance the capability of state and local government to prevent, deter, respond to and recover from incidents of terrorism. Funding was provided to 9 Regional Homeland Security Districts (Regions) to address unique equipment, exercise, training, planning and administration needs of local emergency responders.

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GRANTS - 2007 TOTAL

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<td>ALL HAZARDS ALERT BROADCAST (AHAB) WARNING SYSTEM FOR ISLAND CO.</td>
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<td>This grant funded 1 AHAB Warning System, which is battery powered to operate regardless of primary power outages. The system provides both tone and voice alert and notification devices for any hazardous situation. This state-of-the-art warning system is the first phase to a system that will notify the populace of the surrounding area of a natural or man-made disaster. Oak Harbor is the first site of, hopefully, multiple sites throughout Island County where AHAB Systems will be installed.</td>
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<td>Oak Harbor Fire Dept. - conditional use permit, utility pole installation</td>
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On May 17, 2006, a federal disaster was declared for 11 counties in Washington State as a result of severe winter storms which occurred from January 26 through February 4, 2006 and which resulted in damage to coastal infrastructure in western Washington. During the winter storms, the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated. Chief Sopthic, Director of Emergency Services (DES), oversaw the City’s emergency response efforts. Information on federal assistance was disseminated to City departments and 4 Project Worksheets (PW), for public assistance totaling $88,463.34, were compiled by the Fire Department, Parks Department, Water Department and Public Works.

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<td>Dike Repairs (200’ existing rock seawall)</td>
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<td>61,018.60</td>
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*Filter-Fabric are considered mitigation, so are included in the Hazard Mitigation (HM) Proposal. Project Worksheet cost do not change.
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**PROJECT WK.151 PKG.14 (1 OF 2)**

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<td>42.91</td>
<td>32.18</td>
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**PW 151 Eligible** | 4,077.86 | 3,058.40 | 509.73 | 509.73 |

**PROJECT WK.150 PKG.14 (2 OF 2)**

| Emerg. Response | Labor ** Fire Dept | 628.02 | 471.02 | 78.50 | 78.50 |
| Emerg. Response | Labor PubWorks, Water, Parks | 1,496.29 | 1,122.22 | 187.04 | 187.04 |
| City Wide       | Equip Fire Dept Apparatus | 712.40 | 534.30 | 89.05 | 89.05 |
|                 | Equip PubWorks, Water, Parks | 743.20 | 557.40 | 92.90 | 92.90 |

**PW150 Eligible** | 3,579.91 | 2,684.93 | 447.49 | 447.49 |

**PKG.14 (2PWS)**

| 2PWS (151, 150) | 7,657.77 | 5,743.33 | 957.22 | 957.22 |
| Admin. Exp.     | 229.73 | 229.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

**PKG. 14 TOTAL** | 7,887.50 | 5,973.06 | 957.22 | 957.22 |

**PROJECT WK.150 PKG.14 (2 OF 2)**

| 2PKGS (20, 14) | 85,886.74 | 64,415.06 | 10,735.84 | 10,735.84 |
| Admin. Exp.    | 2,576.60 | 2,576.60 |        |        |

**GRAND TOTAL** | 88,463.34 | 66,991.65 | 10,735.84 | 10,735.84 |

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**ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER DIRECT DEPOSIT**

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**TOTAL** | 77,727.50 |

**Jan. 1, 2006-May 31, 2006 POC Firefighters $7.63/Hr, Minimum Wage**

**Fire Chief / Dir of Emergency Services and FD Administrative Services**
On February 14, 2007, a federal disaster was declared for 19 counties in Washington State as a result of a severe winter storm, landslides and mudslides which occurred on December 14-15, 2006. During the winter storm, the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated. Chief Sopricht, Director of Emergency Services (DES), oversaw the City’s emergency response efforts. Three (3) Project Worksheets (PW), for public assistance totaling $18,300.23, were compiled by the Fire Department, Water Department and Public Works.

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**ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER DIRECT DEPOSIT**

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*** Fire Chief / Dir of Emergency Services and FD Admin Services
Photos this page, Top: December snow storm, 2006—by R. Velasquez.
Center and bottom: February 2006 wind storm, photos by R. Merrill.
2007 was a good year. Fire losses dropped to an all time low of $34,610, compared to $199,250 in 2006. There was one civilian fatality (the result of injuries sustained in a December 2006 fire) and one firefighter received minor injuries while on duty.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, during 2006:

- fire departments nationwide responded to 1,642,500 fires.
- Of that amount 524,000 fires were structure fires, the remaining were vehicle fires, wild land, marine, and trash fires.
- Seventy-nine percent (412,500) of the 524,000 structure fires were in residential occupancies.
- 3,245 civilians lost their lives due to fires, additionally
- 16,400 persons were injured.

The Oak Harbor Fire Department responded to a home workshop fire, a fire on the exterior wall of a home, roof fire, a mattress fire, and two kitchen fires. All sustained minor damage. Additionally the department responded to four vehicle fires, two of which were arson. Two suspects were arrested and charged for setting one vehicle on fire. The department also responded to; a boat fire, grass fires, port-a-potty fires, and fire works related incidents.

During 2007 the fire department conducted 910 Annual Fire and Life Safety Inspections. That equates to a 93% annual inspection ratio to total number of commercial occupancies within the City. The department also conducted 32 new occupancy inspections and 75 re-inspections of the annual Fire and Life Safety Inspection. This number has steadily declined over the past five years. The decline is attributed to the property owners or managers either not having as many violations or correcting the violations in a timely manner.

The goal of the Annual Fire and Life Safety Inspection is to provide a safe environment for the residents, the occupants, the employees and the businesses inspected. The most common violations were:

1. extensions cords used in place of permanent wiring,
2. illegal power cubes or power taps,
3. holes in fire resistive walls / ceilings and
4. burnt out or non-functioning exit sign lights or emergency exit lighting.
New Developments in Oak Harbor

- Walgreen’s Drug Store (with fire sprinklers),
- Harbor Station: five new buildings at SR20 and NE 7th Ave. (two of which have fire sprinklers),
- Candlewood Suites (fully sprinkled) a new hotel located on SR20,
- Wildcats Memorial Stadium (with fire sprinklers),
- apartment/condo complexes (fully sprinkled),
- townhouses and single family homes,
- and new businesses retro-fitting existing buildings.

Types of Commercial Fire Suppression Systems used in Oak Harbor

2007 Total Fire Loss by Month (Total loss = $34,610)

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Wet Sprinkler Systems 114
Dry Sprinklers 41
Hood and Duct Suppression 53
Fire Alarm Systems 264
Oak Harbor Fire Department responded to 1,392 emergency incidents in 2007. Of those incidents, just over half, 698 incidents, were EMS calls — situations involving a medical emergency.

Examples of incidents type:
False Call: automatic alarm station sounding, smoke detector activation-no fire, bomb scare, etc.
Good Intent: dispatched and cancelled en route, smoke scare-odor of smoke, etc.
Service Call: Public service, unauthorized burning, water problem, etc.
Hazardous Conditions: gasoline spill, natural gas leak, carbon monoxide incident, etc.
Explosion: air or gas rupture of pressurized vessel, excessive heat or scorch burns with no ignition.
Severe Weather: wind storm, natural disaster.

FIRE INCIDENTS: Cause of Ignition
OHFD responded to 80 fire incidents in 2007, 73 fires were investigated and it was determined that 16 fire were intentionally set, 44 fires were unintentional and 10 started after some type of equipment failure. Three fires remain under investigation.

2007 Fire Investigation: Cause of Ignition

Unintentional Fires
- Arcing: 1 (2%)
- Chemical: 1 (2%)
- Fireworks: 2 (5%)
- Other: 2 (5%)
- Hot ember or ash: 5 (11%)
- Heat from Powered Equipment: 6 (14%)
- Smoking materials: 13 (30%)
- Radiated Heat from operating equip: 14 (31%)

Total: 44
By Ray Merrill, Battalion Chief

January
SW Nienhuis—Vehicle fire, arson, exterior damage. Fire loss: $100.00
N Oak Harbor St. Vehicle fire, electrical problems with charging system, shorted electrical system. Fire loss $2,000.00

February
NW Harvest Dr—Fire in detached workshop/storage shed. Fire caused by wood stove exhaust pipe being placed too close to wood frame stud walls. Fire loss: $7,000.00

March
W Whidbey Ave.—Fire on stove top, confined to container. Fire loss: $60.00

April
NW Hiyu—Fire on exterior wall of single family structure. While home owner was operating a gasoline powered pressure washer, the exhaust was placed too close to the combustible siding. Fire loss $5,000.00

May
NW Crosby—Fire on a mattress in bedroom of apartment unit. Resident used a straighten / curdling iron, placed iron on the mattress, left the residence. No structural damage, damage contained to mattress. Fire loss $600.00

June
SE Pioneer Way—Vehicle fire, vehicle parked in parking lot, arson, suspects arrested and charged with arson. Fire loss $5,100.00

July
SW Klickitat—Roof fire, cedar shake roof. Fire caused by fireworks, minor damage to roof, no structural damage. Fire loss $2,000.00

August

September

October
SW London Terrace—Fire in child’s play fort. Child playing with lighter, ignited play fort on fire. Fire loss $2,600.00

November

December
“...thank you ... for making us feel like celebrities with [an] official escort into town, it was one of the best parts of coming home.” – B. Stanek, OHHS Cheer Squad Captain

2007 Incidents by Month
Total incidents: 1392

Incident Count
10-Year Trend (1997-2007)

2007 — OHFD Annual Report 20
“...a special thank you to [Oak Harbor Fire Department] for all the help and care you gave [us] when we needed you most. To have you here so soon was a blessing to us both.” – the Shepard Family

POC FF Velasquez (left) and FF Baer (right) during marine hazmat training; May 2007. Photo by R. Velasquez

Agencies training together at the October 2007 MCI Drill. Photo by R. Velasquez
Of Oak Harbor Fire Department’s 1,392 calls in 2007, 48% (673 incidents) involved a neighboring agency through Mutual and Automatic Aid agreements.

- Aid was received in 7% of calls (93 incidents)
- Aid was given in 42% of calls (580 incidents)
- Mutual Aid accounted for 39% of calls (542 incidents)
- Automatic Aid accounted for 9% of calls (131 incidents)

Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid agreements are contracts between emergency service agencies in Island County to provide assistance to each other in an effort to better serve the community.

**What is the difference between mutual aid and automatic aid?** Mutual aid is requested by an agency when they determine their needs have exceeded their resource capacity. Automatic aid does not require a formal request, an agency is dispatched to assist another agency automatically following a predetermined plan for specific incident types and locations.

**An example of a mutual aid call:** Oak Harbor Fire Department is dispatched to an emergency incident. The Incident Commander determines the incident requires additional equipment or personnel and then requests mutual aid to support the on-scene crews to mitigate the incident. Additional mutual aid companies may stand-by at the fire station in the event a second or third emergency response is required.

**An example of an Automatic Aid call:** In the report of a fire on Main Street in Coupeville, a commercial, two-story building appears to be on fire. ICOM automatically dispatches Central Whidbey Fire & Rescue apparatus and personnel AND Ladder 81 from Oak Harbor Fire Department.

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In 2007, Oak Harbor Fire Department responded to 698 Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls; 72% (505 incidents) were in response to mutual aid requests from Whidbey General Hospital.

The only EMS calls to which Oak Harbor Fire automatically responds are calls in which CPR is in progress and to motor vehicle accidents (MVAs). In Oak Harbor, MVAs account for 17% of EMS calls (121 incidents).

It has been estimated that OHFD’s call volume would double with automatic response to all EMS calls in the City limits.
The difference between life and death depends largely on response time—the time it takes firefighters to get to the scene. Response time is what a person perceives as the time they finish dialing the last 1 in 911 to the time the fire department gets there and knocks on the door. Seven minutes can feel like an eternity while you are watching your home burn, your loved one gasp for breath or your child in pain.

With the City’s population rising, the fire department is constantly looking for ways to improve its response time. It takes 90 seconds (average) for the Island County 911 dispatch center, ICOM, to answer an emergency call and dispatch the appropriate agency, apparatus and personnel. The remaining time is consumed by personnel getting into their gear, into the apparatus and driving to the scene.

On average it takes 90 seconds for a 9-1-1 call to be dispatched to the appropriate agency, apparatus and personnel. Response times listed here include 90 seconds of dispatch time.
OHFD Incident Count by Quadrant - 2007

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Overall Average Response Time:
6 minutes, 22 seconds (includes a 90 second dispatch average)

Notes:
- Incident count includes 130 incidents without specific quadrant information that have been equally divided among the quadrants.
- Station 81 is located in the SE quadrant of the City.
- North Whidbey Fire & Rescue headquarters, Station 25 is located in the NW quadrant of the City.
- Whidbey General Hospital Ambulance Quarters are also located in the City’s NW quadrant.
- Much of the City’s growth is taking place in the City’s SW Quadrant.
The safety of our community continues to be the driving force behind the Oak Harbor Fire Department’s commitment to training. In 2007, the department continued its strong tradition of conducting hands-on, intensive training that allowed us to expand our ever increasing base of knowledge. While maintaining our proficiency in areas of fire suppression and emergency medical care, our department enhanced its capability to respond to emergencies involving confined space and technical rescue operations.

Nationally renowned instructors were brought to our location and provided expert instruc-

Confined space and rope rescue training. Photos by R. Hancock and A. Braunstein.
tion at a fraction of the cost that it would have taken to send our personnel away to attend comparable training. This specialty training was also attended by three members of Public Works and provided an invaluable opportunity for us to work together and enhance our partnership in providing the highest level of service in response to our community’s needs. Our “real world, hands-on” approach to perfecting our skills through training will continue to allow us to deliver results on the emergency scene, which is where the public truly benefits from our dedication in **training our best for the possible worst.**
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Above: volunteer “victims” at the October 2007 Mass Casualties Incident Drill. (Photo by R. Velasquez)
Above: confined space rescue training, October 2007. (Photo by R. Hancock). OHFD and Public Works employees working together.

“Thank you for the lunch and the tour! My favorite part was the attic. Thanks guys!” – B. Germano

Dinner with Firefighters and Station Tour, October 2007. Photo by D. Germano
### HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

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<td>VQ-2 Safety Stand Down</td>
<td>350 Adult Students</td>
<td>NAS Theater</td>
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<td>VQ-1 Summer Safety Stand Down</td>
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### CPR / FIRST AID

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### MEDICAL TRAINING

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<td>Vanderzicht Memorial Pool</td>
<td>20 Adult Students</td>
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### SPECIAL EVENTS

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<td>OHHS Work Based Learning</td>
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<td>Jun 4th</td>
<td>Home Fire Safety for Disabled</td>
<td>3 Students (4-10 y/o) 1 Adult</td>
<td>at Fall Creek Lp</td>
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<td>Aug 4th</td>
<td>Challenge Series Race</td>
<td>75 Students (2-14 y/o) 75 Adults</td>
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<td>250 Students (K-5) 30 Adults</td>
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**Total Number of Citizens Educated:** 3,859  
(2186 Students (age 2-18) and 1673 Adults)  
**Total Number of Hours Spent Educating Citizens:** 101.50 hrs

**Trend in Number of Citizens Trained by Year**

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Special Ops Trailers
OHFD maintains trailers designed to meet the needs of various types of incidents.

The Air/Rehab Unit carries air bottles providing the capability to recharge up to 120 SCBAs at the scene of a fire. It also contains materials to provide rehabilitation fatigued personnel.

The Spill Containment Unit is specifically designed for marine hazmat containment.

The Technical Rescue Unit carries equipment for confined space rescue and materials and tools to shore damaged or collapsed structures.

OHFD maintains two MCI Trailers designed for instant deployment in the event of a natural or man made disaster in which there are many injuries occurring simultaneously (Mass Casualty Incident).

OHFD Maintenance Division 2007 Accomplishments:

By Lieutenant C. Bridgeford

- Tested 400 feet of ladders.
- Pump tested for Oak Harbor Fire Department, Central Whidbey Fire and Rescue, Puget Sound Federal Fire & North Whidbey Fire and Rescue conducted here at the training tower.
- Annual Aerial inspection resulted in a major repair to the deck swivel.
- Hydrant maintenance on 813 hydrants conducted by A and B shift personnel.
- Preventative and regular maintenance on vehicles and small gas engines.
- Small repairs as needed on hand tools and salvage equipment.
- Semi annual Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) inspections completed.
- Improved capabilities of the Air Supply Unit.
- 13,250 feet of hose tested by A and B shift personnel.
- Completed semi-annual testing of communications equipment.
- Updated computers in the engines and ladder truck.
- Replaced control units, brain pack, and doors in the apparatus bay.
- Completed preventative maintenance on scheduled equipment.
- Replaced shock and hydraulic struts on E81.
- Replaced power steering pump and several valves on E812.
- Replaced one 5" Steamer port and repaired three more.
- Placed the Oil Spill Containment Trailer into service.
- Revamped the equipment lists between Fire Department and Public Works to coordinate numbering systems.
- Updated the RTA Maintenance system with our License Numbers.
- Licensed all of department’s rolling stock, with the exception of two generators.
OHFD has four Engines, each equipped with 1500 Gallons Per Minute pumps, hose, ladders, fans, tarps, air bottles, tools and enough medical and other equipment to operate alone for a limited period of time. The NFPA requires an annual pump test on each fire engine that responds as a pumper. The test averages three hours and if the pump fails, repairs must be made, and the pump retested.

In December 2007 the purchase of two new engines was approved by City Council. OHFD will take delivery of the new E-One engines in late 2008 and will retire and sell 28-year-old Engine 814 and 19-year-old Engine 813.

Command 800 & 801
2004 Chevrolet Tahoe
Driven by Command 8, usually first on scene and carries supplies necessary to direct the incident, as well as specialty equipment, such as: medical supplies, thermal imaging and photographic equipment.

Ladder 81
100ft. Aerial ladder
1992 Seagraves
Carries volumes of equipment ranging from mass casualty medical supplies to ladders, ventilation fans, saws, lighting, salvage and rescue gear.

AID 81
1989 Ford
Diesel
Designated response vehicle for medical calls. AID 81 is driven by paramedics and EMTs and carries supplies needed for immediate medical treatment and extraction equipment (necessary at some motor vehicle accident scenes).

Support 81
1986 Chevrolet One Ton
Supports other apparatus by carrying portable Cascade air system, generator, lights and water vacuums.

Passenger Van, 1996 Ford
Training Division

Engine 81, 1998 Seagraves

Engine 812, 1998 Seagraves

Engine 813, 1988 E-One

Engine 814, 1979 Seagraves

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The number one thing to know about Emergency Preparedness is that you are responsible for your own preparedness.

Preparing Makes Sense. The likelihood that an individual will survive a house fire depends as much on having a working smoke detector and an exit strategy, as on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving a terrorist attack or other emergency. We must have the tools and plans in place to make it on our own, at least for a period of time, no matter where we are when disaster strikes. Just like having a working smoke detector, preparing for the unexpected makes sense. Get ready now.

The message on display in the lobby of station 81 includes examples of the personal preparedness knowledge and items OHFD would like each citizen to have in their head, hand and home:

**What to have in your HEAD**

(HOUSEHOLD DISASTER PLAN)

- What to do
- Where to go
- When to act
- How to find each other
- How to communicate in an emergency
- Workplace / School emergency plans
- Copies of plans to all family members
- Wallet-size reference cards

**What to have in your HAND**

(PERSONAL GO BAG)

- A backpack filled with items needed when you must evacuate immediately
- Copies of important documents
- Emergency cash, ATM cards
- Food and water
- First-Aid kit and medications
- Flashlight and Radio
- Other necessary items

**What to have in your HOME**

(72 HOUR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT)

- Water (1 gal/day for each person)
- Food (non-perishable, can opener if necessary)
- First-aid, medications and bleach
- Flashlight and Radio (extra batteries)
- Extra clothing, blankets
- Sturdy shoes, gloves
- Personal needs (infants, elderly)
- Other supplies and tools
- Customize your kit to fit the needs of your household.
- Store in portable container (duffle bag, plastic tote, etc.)
The Washington State Military Department and Department of Heath jointly prepared an excellent guide to preparing for emergencies in Washington State. This 44 page booklet outlines simple steps individuals can take to prepare for the types of disasters and emergencies that threaten our area. It discusses:

- Personal Preparedness
- Prevention
- Terrorism
- Biological Agents
- Preparing in the Community
- Preparing in the Home, and
- Natural and weather disasters.

Oak Harbor Fire Department has distributed nearly 600 of these booklets to the Oak Harbor community in the past year and has the publication available on the department’s website.

**PREPARE IN A YEAR**

Another preparedness resource developed by the Washington State Emergency Management Division is a program designed to help individuals and families be prepared for emergencies in 12 months time. It outlines 12 simple steps that can be completed by spending one hour each month on the task of the month.

The twelve steps are:

- Action Plans—learn what to do in an earthquake, tsunami, volcano and chemical release.
- Out-of-Area Contact—establish who will be called when family members are separated.
- Water—it’s essential for survival. Learn how to calculate and store all you’ll need.
- 72-hour comfort kit—your supplies in one, grab-n-go container.
- Important Documents—prepare ready access to your insurance, financial, and tax documents.
- Extended Events—reduce inconvenience and discomfort by preparing.
- Under the Bed—ready to respond, day or night.
- Utility Safety—all household members must know how to shut of gas and electricity.
- Drop, Cover & Hold—conquering the instinct to run during an earthquake.
- Fire Safety—pre-planning is the key to your safety.
- Shelter in Place—create a safe room in your home.
- Home Hazard Hunt—identify potential home hazards.

Learn more about these twelve steps and download fact sheets to guide you at: www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep_prepare_year.shtml.
Thank you so much for allowing us to use the department’s generators at the Military Appreciation Picnic, and for the time volunteered by you and your crew. Your bike helmet tent was a hit, and the ladder truck and flag made such an impressive addition to the picnic. You enabled us to show our local military families how much we truly appreciate the sacrifices they have made for our country. – B. Munns, National Director Navy League of Oak Harbor

JANUARY – Incident Responses 150
• 4 PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS (POC FFS) hired: Avance, Malarkey, Nieboer, Oleson
• FIRE OFFICER State Accredited course (7-month) began for OHFD
• FIRE CODE course (3-month) began for OHFD
• EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) course (5-month) began for 6 POC FFS: S.Carroll, Day, Gonzales, Lebaron, R.Lemme, Nieboer
• POC FFS RECRUIT PRE-REQUISITE TRAINING (3-month) began for 3 POC FFS recruits: Avance, Malarkey, Oleson
• REGIONAL INVESTIGATIVE TEAM at Heller Road incident (Dec’06) with 1 civilian fatality in January 2007
• YEARS OF SERVICE
  POC FF R. Rodgers - 32 yrs
  Admin Assistant R. Velasquez - 17 yrs
  POC FFS J.Day, R.Gonzales, M.Kugler, J.Lebaron - 1 yr

FEBRUARY – Incident Responses 91
• FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARED on Feb 14 for 19 WA State counties (includes Island) as a result of Dec 14-15, 2006 severe winter storm, landslides and mudslides. OHFD, Water Dept and Public Works request $18,300 in public assistance from FEMA
• WA STATE MILITARY DEPT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANCE GRANT (EMPG) $26,540 awarded OHFD for a backup generator with 5-yr extended coverage, transfer switch, fuel tank, and operational and basic maintenance training
• YEARS OF SERVICE
  Lt E. Bridgeford - 11 yrs
  POC FFS B.Bebee, D.Martin - 5 yrs
  Office Assistant A. Braunstein - 2 yrs
  POC FFS S.Carroll, J.Heiserman, R.Lemme - 2 yrs
  POC FF A.Figgs resigned, off-island relocation

MARCH – Incident Responses 137
• WA STATE DEPT OF ECOLOGY $25,000 GRANT awarded OHFD for oil spill response equipment which includes 18’ trailer, 800’ standard containment boom and training
• FULL TIME FIREFIGHTER R.Cuevas hired to fill position vacated in Feb 2006
• POC FIREFIGHTER S.Lemme hired (prior OHFD service 2002-2004)
• EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (EMT) course through NAS, began for 2 POC FF recruits: Malarkey, Oleson
• ISLAND CO RECRUIT ACADEMY, State Accredited Academy (3-month) began at OHFD
• OHFD also hosted the City Wellness Cmte Luncheon, participated in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and kicked-off Lunch with a Firefighter public education / mentoring program at OHSD elementary schools
• YEARS OF SERVICE
  POC FF D. Wright - 15 yrs
  POC FFS A.Carroll, T.Cross, P.Velasquez, R.Villaflor - 2 yrs

APRIL – Incident Responses 116
• WA STATE DEPT OF HEALTH (DOH) PRE-HOSPITAL PARTICIPATION GRANT $1,439 awarded OHFD to help meet DOH requirements to provide prehospital services to the public
• ISLAND CO DEPT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT: ALL HAZARDS ALERT BROADCAST (AHAB) WARNING SYSTEM, City of Oak Harbor property is the first installation site for Island Co
• STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) $33,857 awarded OHFD for equipment, training exercises, planning, and administration needs of local emergency responders
• CHANGE YOU CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN, reminder to change smoke detector batteries
• In addition, OHFD participated in Earth Day cleanup and cleanup of HWY20 and Firefighter Park, participated in the Holland Happening Parade and public education at NAS Summer Safety Stand Down
YEARS OF SERVICE:
- FF S. McCalmont and POC FF J. Goodin - 7 yrs

MAY – Incident Responses 117
- EMPAG BACKUP GENERATOR in-service, tests completed
- WA STATE SURVEY & RATING BUREAU FIRE PROTECTION ENGINEERS REVIEWED/INSPECTED RECORDS at OHFD
- DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) inventoried DNR equipment at OHFD
- DECEMBER 2006 SEVERE WINTER STORM, LANDSLIDES, MUDSLIDES finalize Project Worksheets for $18,300 in public assistance, FEMA representatives meeting with OHFD
- TEMPORARY FULL TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT hired (full time Office Assistant on FML)
- ISLAND CO RECRUIT ACADEMY GRADUATION. FIREFIGHTER I CERTIFICATION, 3 POC FF recruits Avance, Malarkey, Oleson
- DOE GRANT: OIL SPILL RESPONSE TRAINING, classroom and Oak Harbor bay waters
- CONFINED SPACE RESCUE TRAINING, OHFD and Public Works personnel
- WA STATE DEPT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES: LOGISTICS WORKSHOP, OHFD, Public Works, Marina and Senior Ctr personnel
- OHFD personnel also setup the City team site for Relay for Life, provided FD generators for Relay for Life, setup and participated in Honoring Our Military Ceremony at Flintstone Park, and participated in Coupeville’s Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony
- YEARS OF SERVICE:
  - POC FF D. Faris - 22 yrs
  - POC FF R. Mirabal - 1 yr

JUNE – Incident Responses 111
- SPILL CONTAINMENT TRAILER, preparations began to place in-service and continued throughout the summer
- TECHNICAL RESCUE TRAILER, preparations began to place in-service and continued throughout the summer
- YEARS OF SERVICE:
  - POC FF J. Hornsby - 29 yrs
  - FF D. Baer - 4 yrs
  - POC FF RECRUIT Malarkey resigned, out-of-country relocation

JULY – Incident Responses 145
- POC FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT (5 month) began
- FIREFIGHTER II CERTIFICATION test for OHFD personnel
- HAZARDOUS MATERIAL TRAINING for OHFD personnel
- STATION APPARATUS BAY DOORS replaced, old doors salvaged
- In addition, OHFD personnel participated in the Fourth of July Parade, crews were positioned by the fireworks display site, and additional crews covered the city during July 4th festivities.
- YEARS OF SERVICE:
  - Lt C. Anderson - 12 yrs

AUGUST – Incident Responses 110
- ANNUAL PHYSICAL AGILITY REQUIREMENT began for POC FFS
- ANNUAL CUSTOMER COMMENT CARDS sent to inspected occupancies and new commercial construction sites
- FIRE OFFICER I CERTIFICATION test for OHFD personnel
- OHFD also provided an EMS station at the Annual Challenge Series Race and participated in National Night Out where children were fitted for bicycle helmets, an emergency scenario was played out, and literature was provided on Emergency Resources, Preparing for Pandemic Influenza
- YEARS OF SERVICE:
  - POC Capt R. Hancock - 34 yrs
  - POC Capt R. Wallin - 21 yrs
  - POC FF C. Garden - 21 yrs
  - Chief M. Soptich - 20 yrs
  - POC FF J. Breilein - 17 yrs
  - Lt M. Engle - 10 years
SEPTEMBER – Incident Responses 103
- **ANNUAL PHYSICAL AGILITY REQUIREMENT** continued for POC FFS
- **ADA COMPLIANT OHFD WEBSITE** project began
  - OHFD also hosted an appreciation luncheon for NAS EOD, and participated in the annual Military Appreciation Picnic where children were fitted for bicycle helmets, emergency preparedness information distributed and FD generators provided
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
  - POC FF D. Jansen - 27 yrs
  - Battalion Chief R. Merrill - 18 yrs
  - POC FF P. Schroer - 13 yrs
  - FF J. Lamar - 10 yrs
  - POC FF J. Heilman resigned, off-island relocation

OCTOBER – Incident Responses 106
- **PUBLIC EDUCATOR/PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER (PE/PIO)** began testing process for part-time position
- **NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**: Practice Your Escape Plan
- **MASS CASUALTY INCIDENT / FULL SCALE MULTI-AGENCY EXERCISE** to an airplane crash, a bus into building, and a building collapse. Participants included OHFD, Navy Region NW Fire & Emergency Services, North Whidbey Fire & Rescue, Central Whidbey Fire & Rescue and Whidbey General Hospital.
- **CONFINED SPACE TRAINING**: rope training, repelling and confined space rescue for OHFD personnel
  - OHFD also hosted a second appreciation luncheon for NAS EOD, participated in Home Depot's Annual Safety Fair, and the testing process began for establishing an eligibility list for POC Firefighters
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
  - Lt M. Buxton - 15 yrs

NOVEMBER – Incident Responses 89
- **CHANGE YOU CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN**, reminder to change smoke detector batteries
- **CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT**, OHFD participated in transporting a 20' Douglas Fir to downtown Oak Harbor
- In addition, OHFD personnel participated in cleanup from the Elk’s Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner for the community
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
  - None
  - POC FF M. Kugler resigned, out-of-state relocation
  - POC FF RECRUIT Nieboer resigned

DECEMBER – Incident Responses 117
- **CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 2 NEW FIRE ENGINES** for purchase
- **ANNUAL WELLNESS REQUIREMENT** for full time suppression personnel
- **CPR INSTRUCTOR RECERTIFICATION CLASS** for 4 OHFD personnel: Lt Anderson, Lt Buxton, Lt Engle, POC FF Rodgers
  - The 18th Annual OHFD Family Christmas Party & Banquet was held at Station 81 and OHFD participated in the City Wellness Cmte Food Drive benefiting the local Help House
- **YEARS OF SERVICE:**
  - POC FF J. Roberts - 11 yrs
Looking forward to 2008

In addition to meeting our obligations to complete fire and life safety inspections, maintenance and training requirements and respond to calls for service, our goals include completing the following projects.

Implement Technical Rescue Operations - 2007 was a busy year training several fire personnel in confined space operations. Public Works personnel also participated in the training. Equipment and a trailer were purchased with funding provided from the Streets, Waste Water, and Water Divisions of Public Works. The unit will respond to technical rescue type calls for service.

Emergency Preparedness - For many years, the department has made improvements to assist the city in responding to major incidents. Communications hardware, computers and networking capability, National Incident Management System training for city personnel, emergency preparedness classes to the community, and conducting our annual full scale exercise are a few of the accomplishments. 2008 will bring additional training for city personnel and our citizens, a technical rescue training prop, additional improvements in the Emergency Operations Center, and our annual full scale exercise.

Hire a Public Educator - This position will enhance our ability to focus and expand the programs we provide to our citizens to better prepare them for emergencies. It will also free up time for our Training Officer to focus on the growing training requirements for department personnel.

Department Re-Organization - Over the years, the demands for services we provide have grown not only in emergency responses but in administrative functions. No new positions have been added to the department since 1997. A new department structure will be provided for the Mayor’s and City Council’s consideration.

We look forward to the opportunities and are preparing for the challenges forthcoming in 2008.
Fires are no accident and many are predictable and preventable. Through education and knowledge, residents can prevent fires from starting in their homes. The leading causes of fire fatalities are highlighted below:

- **Smoking** is the leading cause of fire fatalities in Washington State. Most often, fires began when upholstered furniture, mattresses, or bedding was ignited. Smoking should be done outside and smoking materials fully extinguished.

- **Home heating** fires are often caused when items that can burn are placed too close to a heat source. Caution should be taken when using fireplaces, space heaters, candles, and wood/pellet stoves. Anything that can catch fire should be 36 inches from a heat source.

- **Electrical** fires are most often started from electrical distribution, wiring, and appliances. Be sure outlets and electrical systems are adequate to prevent overloading. Discontinue using electrical cords that are damaged or frayed. Extension cords are no substitute for permanent wiring.

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