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City Council

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Thursday, May 12, 2022

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, will conduct a special meeting in the Longview City Hall Training Room, 1525 Broadway, Longview, on Thursday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. The topics of discussion follow. Final disposition shall be taken on no other matter. The meeting is also available by Zoom.

Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89153520980>

Telephone options (you may need to try more than one number if you receive a busy signal):

Dial any of the following numbers:

1 253 215 8782
1 346 248 7799
1 408 638 0968
1 669 900 6833
1 301 715 8592
1 312 626 6799
1 646 876 9923

Webinar ID: 89153520980

The City Hall is accessible for persons with disabilities. Special equipment to assist the hearing impaired is also available. Please contact the City Executive Offices at 360.442.5004 48 hours in advance if you require special accommodations to attend the meeting.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **WORKSHOP**
22-000299 EXPANDED EMS SERVICES
3. **ADJOURNMENT**

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.



EMS Workshop

MAY 12, 2022



Council Initiative

Enhance Public Safety & Emergency Response

Strategy E: Reduce the gap in EMS Services



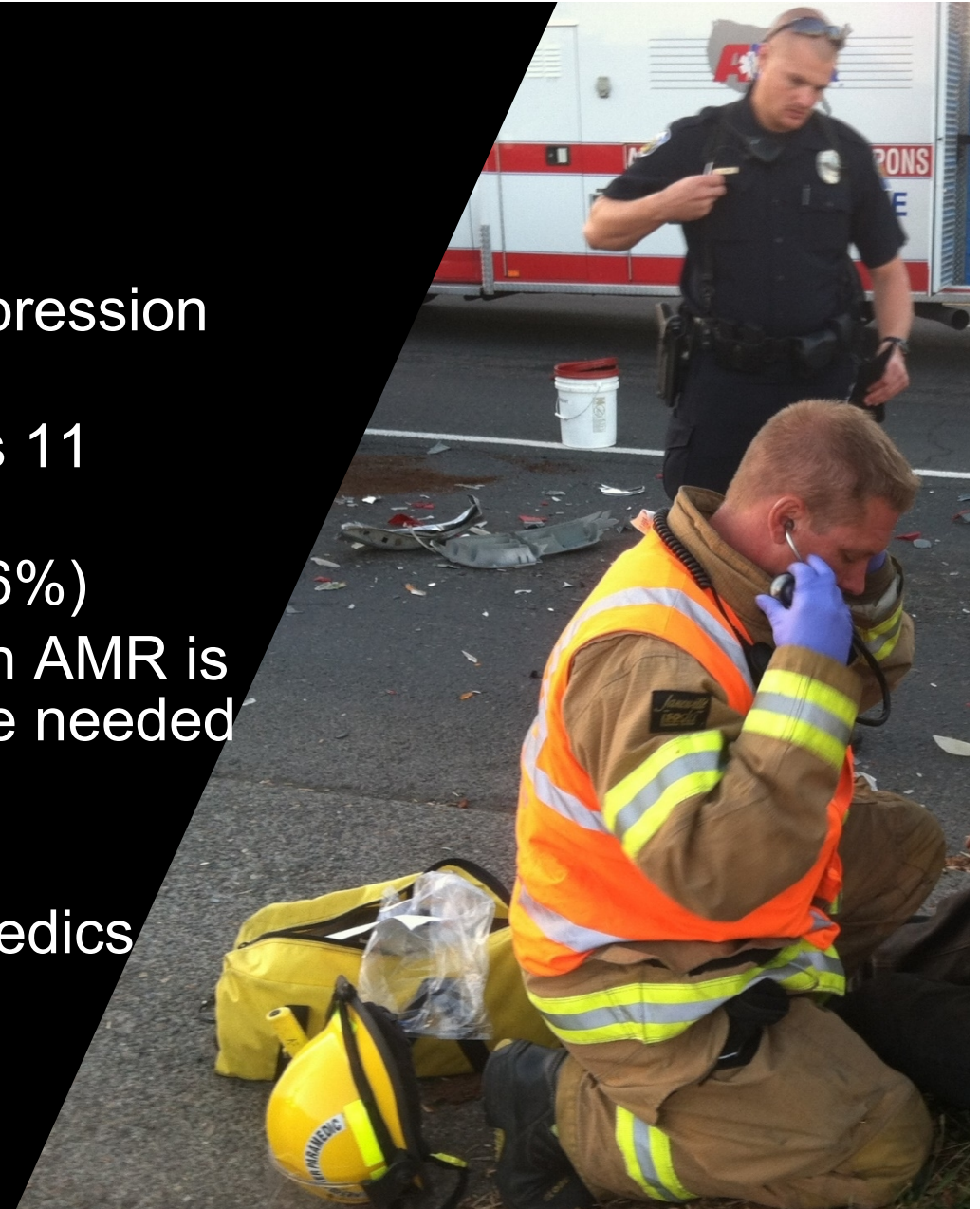
Background

- Longview uses private ambulance for patient transport
- LFD started EMS/First Aid services approximately 1980
- LFD firefighters became EMT's
- 2009 LFD no longer responds automatically to non-emergent EMS calls (more availability for emergent calls)
- 2011 started Advanced Life Support(ALS) services and hiring firefighter/paramedics (FF/PM)
- Purchased a used ambulance as back-up for AMR
- Continued to hire firefighter/paramedics through attrition

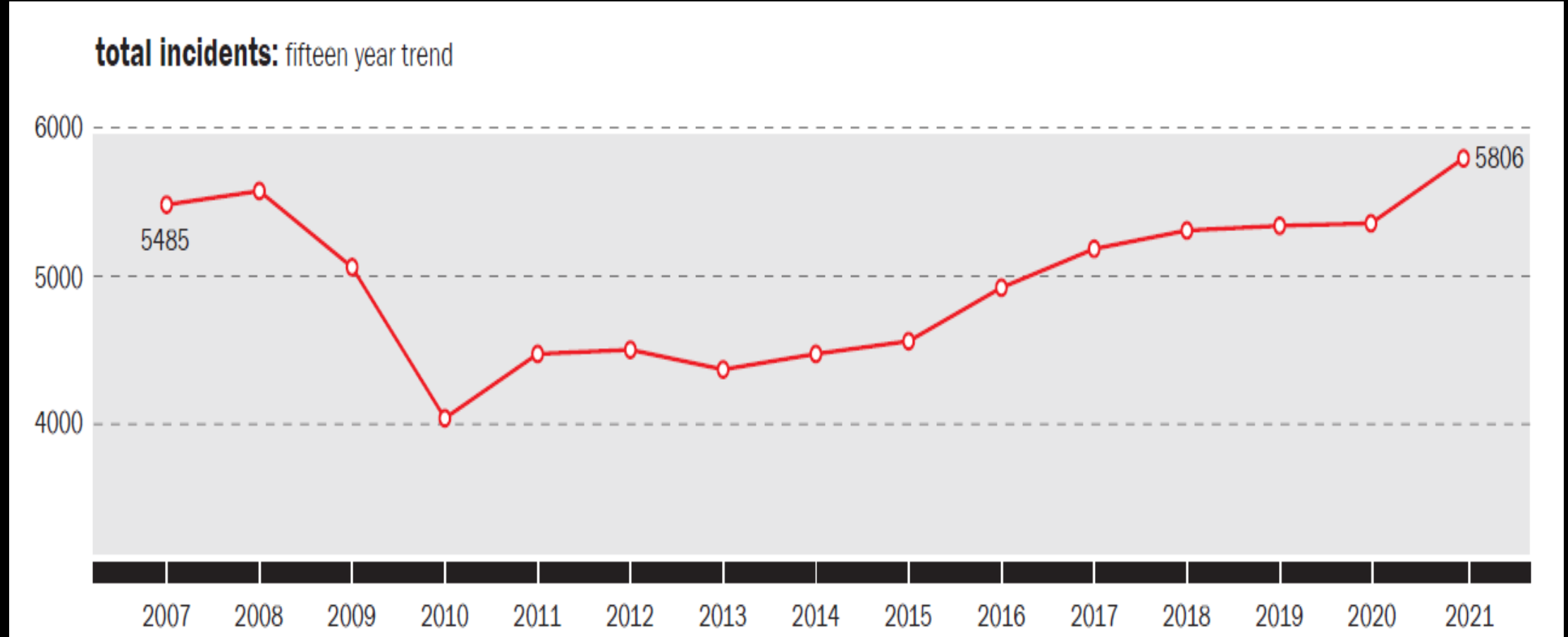


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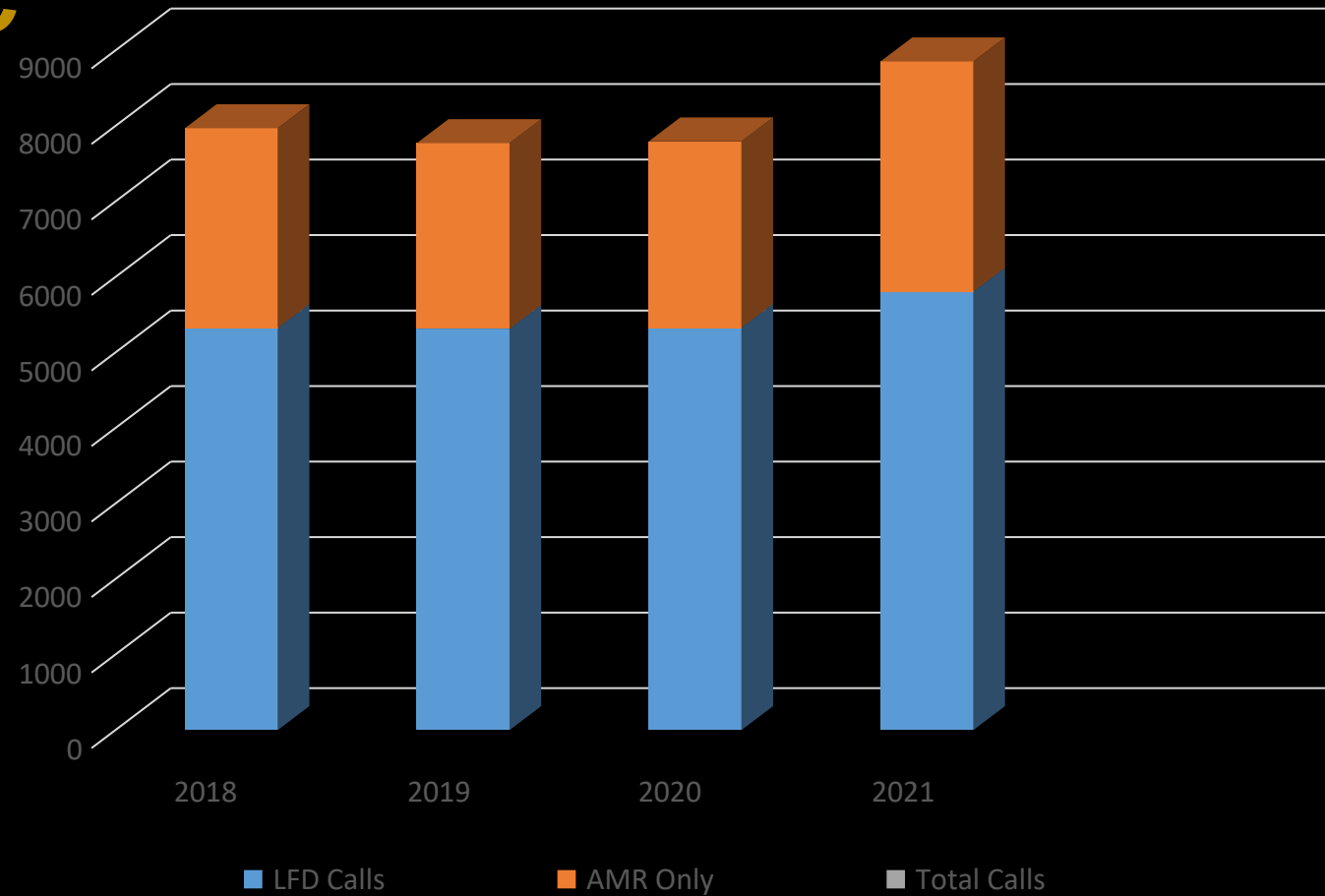
- Minimum staffing is 9 firefighters on 3 suppression units
- LFD Medic 82 is in service when staffing is 11 firefighters
- Medic 82 was staffed 170 days in 2021 (46%)
- Medic 82 only responds to EMS calls when AMR is level zero or when additional resources are needed
- Medic 82 also responds to fires and other hazardous calls
- Goal is to maintain 12-15 firefighter/paramedics
- AMR maintains:
 - 3 daytime ambulances (~ 7am - 9pm)
 - 1 modified day ambulance (~ 10am - 8pm),
 - 2 night ambulances (~ 7pm - 8am)



LFD 15 Year Incident Trend



LFD & AMR Combined 911 Call Volume



2021 M82 Level Zero Coverage

- AMR reported 1,028 level zero's
- M82 covered 246 patient transports during level zero occurrences when staffed
- Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue (C2FR) covered 25 ALS only transports when AMR and M82 were not available (\$804 per transport). No BLS (non-emergent) transport available.



Recommendation

Staff M82 100% of the time

Benefits:

- Improved patient care and outcomes
- Timely resolution to the incident
- Puts other LFD units in service sooner
- Allows C2FR to remain in their service area
- Adds LFD firefighters to working fires and other hazardous calls
- Preparedness for AMR staffing shortages



Resource Needs

- Three (3) additional firefighter/EMTs
- Reserve medic unit
- Administrative assistant enhancements
- Incidental equipment and supplies



Expenses and Revenue

Expenses

Resource needs	Amount
(3) Firefighter/EMT's TCC	\$ 399,000 (Annual)
Admin support (80% FTE)	\$ 71,000 (Annual)
Equipment & Supplies	\$ 20,000 (Initial)
New Reserve Ambulance	\$ 300,000 (One Time- 20yrs)
Total	\$ 790,000 / ~ \$ 500,000

Revenue

Program source	Annual Amount
GEMT	\$ 1,415,000
Transport Fees (246)	\$ 110,000
AMR Revenue	\$ 120,000
Total	\$ 1,645,000

Transport Fees

Agency	ALS Fee	BLS Fee
AMR	\$ 2,213	\$ 1,361
C2F&R	\$1,350	\$ 1,350
FD #5 (Kalama)	\$ 1,000	\$ 750
FD #6 (Castle Rock)	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700
Average	\$ 1,566	\$ 1,290
LFD	\$ 1,439	\$ 885

Implementation Options

- Immediate
- Budget for 2023 - 2024

