

Consolidation Corner
Update September 24, 2007

It has been some time since an update to the Consolidation Corner has been submitted. Summer did impact the Chief's ability to meet on a regular basis and therefore the meetings have been few and scattered. Now that fall is here, the meetings will be more frequent.

Both the City and District Chief Officers met this past Tuesday. Discussions centered around a limited number of items that included discussions relating to the final draft of the proposed Shared Space Agreement between the City of Port Angeles and Fire District #2 whereby the District #2 administrative and operations staff will relocate their offices within the Port Angeles Fire Department. This move is sought to bring the leadership in closer contact, improve communications between agencies and improve accessibility by the public. In exchange, District #2 will provide a minimum of 2 storage spaces for the housing of City equipment and/or apparatus such as Sparky and a reserve engine.

Parking, we anticipated, is a challenging issue. It was agreed that the District #2 Secretary would park behind the station next to the City Administrative Assistant and the two District Chief Officers park on Laurel Street beside Station 11. This alleviates the need for taking up any spaces beyond the administrative area behind the station.

The next item addressed was the annual awards banquet. District #2 has traditionally paid for the meals of all personnel and their significant other. Additional guests are paid for by the member. The City has traditionally paid for awards and decorations, with meals paid for by the participants. It was agreed that a solution to this must be reached between District #2, the City and the firefighters prior to the February event. As in the past the PAFD Auxiliary will be asked to assist with the event as able or willing.

Please check the "Consolidation Corner" for ongoing progress and updates. Specific comments or questions should be addressed to Chief Dan McKeen from the Port Angeles Fire Department (417-4651) or Chief Jon Bugher from Clallam County Fire District #2 (452-7725).

Approved By: Chief McKeen & Chief Bugher