GRANT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 7
FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

November 2026

1. Operational Overview

We successfully concluded the month with a total of 60 emergency calls for service. The majority were EMS related. We obtained our final rating from WSRB and our overall rating decreased and will continue to improve as we add personnel and strengthen our training program.

Work on our bathroom remodel is nearing completion. We extend our sincere gratitude to Lucas Naves for his exceptional dedication and effort throughout every phase of the project. Captain Boldman, Evan Bolyard, and Chief Birttain attended the Four Directions Problem Gambling Conference in Tulalip. Chief Birttain also participated in Medical Unit Leader training in Aberdeen, Washington.

2. Apparatus and Fleet

Final exterior detail work is underway, including departmental decals and reflective striping. The unit will be placed in service next week. Captain Harper has been winterizing apparatus and preparing the maintenance facility for winter storage.

3. Community Engagement

Tea with the Chief continued each Thursday morning at Cloud View Cafe. We also partnered with the Soap Lake Police Department for Trunk-or-Treat, which was a great success and strengthened community partnerships.

4. Training

Dual EMS and Fire training sessions have been implemented quarterly and have been very well received. Soap Lake Resort donated an acquired structure for hands-on training. One member graduated from the Columbia River Academy and five members are enrolled in the City of Ephrata Academy. We are working with Dr. Hodges on CQI and OTEP programs.

5. Grant Management

Active oversight of FEMA grants continues. Our application for a five-year FEMA SAFER grant was denied; however, we will pursue future grant opportunities as they become available.

Looking Ahead

- Finish Capital Improvement Projects
- Finalize Budget
- Participate in Holiday Community Events
- Conduct Firefighter EMT Testing and Hiring for 2027