

On July 20<sup>th</sup> Stevenson Fire attended training at the White Salmon Fire Department about response to flammable liquid incidents involving the railroad. This training was also an introduction the new Fire Trailer that is now stationed in Bingen. There were only two Skamania County fire agencies at the training so I thought I'd take a moment to give you a brief summary of how the trailer is being presented as a resource for Skamania County Fire agencies. An interesting point that was made is that on the west coast one of these trailers is stationed about every 75 miles along the BNSF railroad. For our area there is a trailer in Vancouver, Wishram, and not Bingen.

The trailer is kept at the City of Bingen's Public Works shop at this time. It's available for railroad and non-railroad incidents. Its primary use is for flammable liquid fire incidents for the railroad but can also be requested for the same type of incidents that happen on the highway and fixed facilities within the Gorge.

Use of the trailer is free for all agencies. The trailer is fully funded and maintained for certification by BNSF. The only requirement is that if the trailer is used or damaged during a non-railroad incident that the agency using it pay for the foam consumed and/or pay for the repairs that may be needed

The trailer can also be requested for use on many other types of incidents. Here are some of features it has that can benefit our agencies:

- It has a fire pump that is "Portable" the pump can pump 750 gallons per minute and has a 30 ft vertical lift capability for drafting. The pump weighs about 200 pounds so it could be positioned at a remote water source (with some manpower to move it) and used to supply water on events.
- The trailer also has a 10,000 gallon free standing water tank that can be deployed.
- Trailer has a tote full of AR-AFFF Foam.
- Trailer has a wide array of fittings, Nozzles, and Foam Eductors

Regards,

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