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To: Members of the City Council  
From: Dan O'Rourke, Chief of Water Division  
Subject: January 2020 Quarterly Report

1. The Water Division is coordinating with the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Drinking Water Quality regarding the five year update of our "Clean Water Infrastructure Plan" as required by R.I.G.L. This plan spells out the condition of our existing infrastructure, including age and a proposed replacement schedule.
2. The Water Division is in the process of gathering the required information for submission by an engineering consulting firm; "Water Supply System Management Plan (WSSMP) as required every five years by R.I.G.L. Chapter 42-35 and R.I.G.L. Chapter 46-15. This is essentially a document outlining a comprehensive plan to manage the entire water system including emergency response, maintenance of critical infrastructure such as storage tanks, leak detection, meter replacement, and interagency agreements for the purchase of water.
3. The Water Division continues to aggressively review the status of hydrants to make sure they are working and draining properly during the Winter period of the year. The Division maintains and replaces as needed nearly 2000 fire hydrants within the City of Warwick Water System.
4. The Water Division is currently reviewing "Requests for Qualifications" from engineering consulting firms to assist with some of the aforementioned projects.

5. The Division recently completed our UCMR4 testing as required by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. This testing essentially creates a national data bank of results of certain toxins which will result in further testing of our local sources of water.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Cc: Matt Solitro – Department of Public Works