



GOLDEN GATE

Fire Protection District

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To: Board of Directors

From: Damian DiFeo, Fire Chief

Subject: September Chief's Report

Date: September 15, 2021

Administration

- No report

Personnel

- Currently have 15 members on the department and we are in the process of bringing on 2 more.

Operations

- We have run 85 calls to date, compared to 76 at this time last year.

Communications/Jeffcom

- No report

Stadium Ambulance

- No report

Strategic plan/study committee

- The Timberline board met this week and approved having two of their board members meet with two of our board members as well as the Chiefs to review the study document. We need to pick our two board members that will be participating at this week's meeting.

Budget

- I have completed the preliminary budget for next year. Need to pick two board members to meet with me to adjust it and get it ready to present to the Board at the October 7th meeting.
- We did see an increase in property valuations next year which resulted in an increase in tax revenues of approximately \$10,000.

Education/Training & Travel

- Completed helicopter training this month at White ranch park with GGFD & TLFD.

Inspections/planning & Zoning

- No report

Grants

- After 4-years of applying for FEMA grants we were finally successful this year. We have been awarded a regional grant with Timberline Fire for \$360,000 for a 4-year full-time recruitment/retention/training person. The grant starts on November 25th so we will be having several coordination meetings to work out the details of that position before then.

Stations/Maintenance/Equipment

- Meeting with the architect Friday to review his preliminary design drawings for station 81.
- Sam and I installed a new electronic lock on station 81.

Miscellaneous

- New no parking signs have been installed along GG Canyon Road in front of Mount Galbraith Park.
- The Mountain Chiefs attended a presentation on the house bill I talked about last month. We decided it was more work than we can do ourselves, so we are going to bring it up at the Jeffco wildfire risk reduction task force meeting and see what possibilities exist to do something at the County level.
- We received a set of used extrication equipment that was donated by South Metro Fire via Lori Brill.

Chief activity/meetings since last board meeting

- Attended Central Fire monthly EMS meetings (Golden Fire)
- Attended Mountain Chiefs meeting (Foothills Fire)
- Attended Jefferson County Fire Marshals meeting (zoom)
- Responded to 8 calls.
- Attended Jeffcom Fire Op's meeting (zoom)
- Had meeting at TLFD to discuss FEMA grant (TLFD)
- Attended AirLife training (White Ranch)
- Participated in a research project for CU Boulder on wildfire preparedness