



# **GOLDEN GATE**

## **Fire Protection District**

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**To: Board of Directors**

**From: Damian DiFeo, Fire Chief**

**Subject: November Chief's Report**

**Date: November 18, 2021**

### **Administration**

- No report

### **Personnel**

- Currently have 18 members on the department including myself.
- Lieutenant Enright has been promoted to the Training Captain position. The officers will work on filling the vacant Lieutenant position.

### **Operations**

- We have run 104 calls to date, compared to 91 at this time last year.
- We continue to struggle with having the appropriate number of personnel responding on calls. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter we ran 36 calls and had two or less responders on 18 of those calls (see attached call report).
- I am working on a draft for an IGA with TLFDD to share our shift Firefighters. This program will allow for TLFDD & GGFD shift Firefighters to do shifts in both districts.
- This IGA will also include sharing of equipment, meaning their personnel can drive our equipment and we can drive their equipment which coincides with shifting in both districts.
- I will send out the IGA for review and approval at the December meeting. We plan to start this program January 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Recruitment and Retention**

- Our shared recruitment/retention employee (Chief Bondus) is working on our volunteer application and on boarding processes.
- Our plan is to have all applications sent to Chief Bondus weather they are submitted to GGFD or TLFDD. Each agency will have representatives participate in interviews. Applicants that are selected to become members will then be assigned to GGFD or TLFDD.
- As part of the IGA and the joint recruitment and retention work we need to align our in-district, shift and residency programs and requirements. We also will need to look at our LOSAP & fuel stipend program as

TLFD does not currently offer that. It may have to go away for new members, but we will work that out as we work through aligning our programs.

- After running the numbers our cost share for this grant position is about \$10,000 per year. I have put that in the 2022 budget.

### **Communications/Jeffcom**

- Our VHF repeater was serviced this week and is still working well. We need to add a back up battery to the repeater as we never put one in after the initial install.

### **Stadium Ambulance**

- Stadium will be putting a new ambulance in service in the next couple of weeks. That will make all three ambulances in Central Fire 4-wheel drive.

### **Strategic planning**

- The GGFD Chief, the TLFD Chief and two board members from each district have met twice to discuss future collaboration. Both agencies agree there are many opportunities to work together and better serve our communities.
- Chief Ondr and I are working on what operations & logistics would look like if we were to do a fire authority down the road and what dispatching would look like.
- Chief Olme from West Metro has offered to consult on the pros & cons of fire authorities and mergers as he was part of the Wheat Ridge & West Metro merger. We will invite him to a future meeting as things progress.
- As of now we do not have another meeting scheduled for this group, we will schedule one once Chief Ondr and I do some more operational leg work.

### **Budget**

- The draft budget has been sent out for discussion at this month's meeting.

### **Education/Training & Travel/**

- The 2022 joint fire academy with TLFD will be starting January 30<sup>th</sup>
- Captain Enright is working with Chief Bondus on the 2022 training calendar.
- We did an orientation class for all five of our new recruit's last weekend.

### **Inspections/planning & Zoning**

- Completed one rough sprinkler inspection.

### **Grants**

- There are several grants open right now, I will be talking to the grant writer we used to get the last grant to see what he thinks we can get.

### **Stations/Maintenance/Equipment**

- Station 81 design drawings were sent out to the board.

- The architect firm is now working on the MEP drawings for permitting, those should be done before thanksgiving. Hopefully we can get permits in December and begin demo.
- Tender 81 has been moved to TLF D station 9 for the winter so we don't have to drain it.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Pleasant View Fire donated several sets of bunker gear to us this month
- Tentative date for the awards banquet is January 29<sup>th</sup> at Applewood Golf Course

#### **Chief activity/meetings since last board meeting**

- Attended two Central Fire monthly EMS meetings (Golden Fire)
- Attended Mountain Chiefs meeting (Evergreen)
- Attended Jefferson County Fire Marshals meeting (zoom)
- Attended Jeffcom Op's and board meeting (zoom)
- Responded to 4 calls
- Had meeting at GGFD station 81 & TLF D station 5 with board members & Chiefs
- Gave TLF D Chief, Maintenance personnel and Officers a tour of our stations and district
- Attended Officers/Business meeting (Grange)
- Met with Applewood golf course about awards banquet