



GOLDEN GATE

Fire Protection District

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To: Board of Directors

From: Damian DiFeo, Fire Chief

Subject: April Chief's Report

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Administration

- Need to streamline some of our admin processes, I will be working on that with Mitsu.

Personnel

- Currently have 16 total members, 15 of which are active on the department including myself.

Operations

- Have run 30 calls to date this year compared to 27 at this time in 2021.
- I am in the process of building a new volunteer program that will allow for people to volunteer and not be actual Firefighters. This program will allow people to volunteer that are physically unable to perform firefighter duties or don't want to perform firefighter duties. For example, the program will allow volunteers to just do EMS or be a driver operator of apparatus. I will send out a draft of the program before the next board meeting.
- We will be adding multiple medications to our EMS kits including Narcan, we will be purchasing them through Stadium Medical.
- We had a chicken coop fire this month and we were very lucky to not have it extend to the wildland and adjacent house. Mutual aid was requested from Fairmount, Blackhawk, Central City, & FT Collins had two SEATS on standby for us. Ultimately GGFD with auto aid from TLFD were able to handle the call. GGFD & TLFD units did a great job putting it out and working together.



Recruitment and Retention

- We have received four joint applications for new members. Our next onboarding process will be after fire academy.
- Our next big recruitment push will be at the Gilpin County fair in July.

Communications/Jeffcom

- Jeffcom and the county will be launching the new alerting system on Wednesday April 27th. We will be doing a press conference that day at the Sheriffs office and GGFD will be sending an engine.
- We will be putting information about the new alerting system from Rave on the web site. The name of the alerting system is Lookout Alert Emergency Notifications.
- People already registered on Code Red do not need to reregister, their information will automatically be exported to Lookout Alert.
- Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=LookoutAlert>



Stadium Medical

- No report

Strategic planning

- No report

Budget

- No report

Education/Training & Travel/

- Academy graduation will be June 18th we will be sending invitations out soon.
- The academy had a 100% pass rate for the written Firefighter I test, good job instructors & students.

Inspections/planning & Zoning

- Currently have 16 new homes in planning or under construction in the district.

- The Jeffco Chiefs & Fire Marshalls continue to have meetings with the county pushing for adoption of the 2021 WUI code.
- The recommendation is to form a WUI Board of 7 people to include a Fire Chief, a Fire Marshal, a Building Department rep., a builders rep., a designers rep., a mitigation specialist, and planning & zoning.
- This Board would hear appeals from jurisdictions.
- I believe that all the mountain Jeffco Fire departments have now adopted the amended 2021 WUI code, which means they are requiring water supply or sprinkler systems in all new homes built in the WUI.
- Once the new board is seated, I will be asking the board to review the amended code and revisit adoption of the code to align GGFD with the other fire agencies in Jeffco.

Grants

- Gilpin County Emergency Management applied for a regional grant on behalf of GGFD, TLFD & Gilpin County for a search & rescue drone as well as FAA training classes.
- I will be applying for a DOLA grant in August for matching funds for the station 81 remodel.

Stations/Maintenance/Equipment

- Received the second bid for station 81 remodel and it was in the same ballpark as the first one. I will review them further as we get closer to August.

Miscellaneous

Chief activity/meetings since last board meeting

- Attended mountain Chiefs meeting
- Attended Jeffco Fire Marshalls meeting
- Attended Jeffcom OP's meeting
- Attended Jeffcom board meeting
- Attended rave alerting PIO check in meeting
- Attended preseason Gilpin County wildfire meeting
- Attended Colorado State Fire Chiefs critical issues briefing
- Attended Medical Directors meeting
- Attended central fire EMS OP's meeting
- Attended GGFD Officers/Business meeting
- Responded to 5-calls