



# **GOLDEN GATE**

## **Fire Protection District**

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**To: Board of Directors**

**From: Damian DiFeo, Fire Chief**

**Subject: June Chief's Report**

**Date: June 16, 2022**

### **Administration**

- No report

### **Personnel**

- Currently have 14 total members, 13 of which are active on the department including myself.

### **Operations**

- Have run 46 calls to date this year compared to 47 at this time in 2021.
- We continue to have issues covering our calls and had to bring Fairmount in last weekend to help with a rollover accident with a rope up haul.
- Attached is a report showing the number of responders per call to date, there are 3 reports not on there as the reports are not done. Those calls had 2 responders each.

### **Recruitment and Retention**

- We will start our next on boarding process with Timberline at the end of the month I believe we have about ten applications to review.

### **Communications/Jeffcom**

- Jeffcom has experienced unforeseen staffing losses over the past six weeks, as well, this year Jeffcom has experienced historic lows in applications throughout an open hiring process. The result has been a crushing amount of overtime for their staff that is unsustainable and is forcing several administrative and operational changes. Most will be transparent to our organizations, however, Jeffcom will be realigning multiple radio channels to maximize the personnel on duty.

### **Stadium Medical**

- No report

### **Strategic planning**

- I need some direction from the board at this meeting as to what direction we want to go to try and fix our lack of personnel response on calls. I feel we have the following options:
- Do nothing and continue as is with the community knowing our response capabilities and our difficulty recruiting and retaining volunteers. (Which I do not feel is fair as the community pays taxes for Fire Department response).
- Ask the taxpayers for a mil levy increase and try to hire paid Firefighters. (This will be difficult in our current environment as there are many Fire Departments on the front range struggling to hire and fill academies).
- Pursue the formation of a Fire Authority with Timberline Fire. (This would provide for better service at the same tax rate).

### **Budget**

- No report

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

- We have five recruits graduating from the joint academy this Saturday.

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

- Jefferson County is revising their private road and driveway standards and working with the Jefferson County Fire Marshalls for input.
- Completed one sprinkler system final inspection.
- Did one plan review for a road to a new house.

### **Grants**

- No report

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

- Elk Creek Fire has two command vehicles they are going to cycle out, I will be going up there next week to look at them.
- I put new headlights in the utility vehicle and had to have the catalytic converter replaced as it was plugged.
- We need to find someone to keep up on cutting the grass at station 81 & 82, our volunteers do not have the time to keep up with it and we already ask a lot of them. So, we either need to hire somebody or see if a community member that has the proper equipment would donate their time to do it.

### **Miscellaneous**

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

- Attended mountain Chiefs meeting (Elk Creek Fire)

- Attended Jeffcom board meeting (Zoom)
- Attended central fire EMS OP's meeting (Golden Fire)
- Attended Gilpin County Mutual -Aid coordination meeting (Golden Gate State Park)
- Attended Jeffcom Op's meeting (Zoom)
- Helped a homeowner with a wildfire mitigation survey/plan
- Responded to 4-calls
- Attended GGF D business meeting (Grange)