



# **GOLDEN GATE**

## **Fire Protection District**

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**To: Board of Directors**

**From: Damian DiFeo, Fire Chief**

**Subject: July Chief's Report**

**Date: July 21, 2022**

### **Administration**

- No report

### **Personnel**

- Currently have 15 total members, 14 of which are active on the department including myself.
- We lost one longtime member of the department ( Stephen Czewski) this month.

### **Operations**

- We have run 64 calls to date this year compared to 59 at this time in 2021.

### **Recruitment and Retention**

- We interviewed 11 applicants this month between TLFDD & GGFD. We decided to bring on 10 of them. We will be bringing on 2 in-district Firefighters and 2 shift Firefighters, TLFDD brought on 6 shift Firefighters.
- We will be doing a joint recruitment event with TLFDD at the Gilpin Fairgrounds on September 10<sup>th</sup>. This event will be like an open house just not at a Fire station. This event will be funded with recruitment funds from the joint grant we were awarded. I will have more info next month.

### **Communications/Jeffcom**

- No report

### **Stadium Medical**

- Have a second meeting next week with our medical director that is leaving. She will be bringing in a potential new medical director for us to meet with.

### **Strategic planning**

- No report

### **Budget**

- No report

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

- We had five recruits graduate from academy last month. The graduation went very well however I was a bit disappointed that none of the GGFD board members attended to show their support for them.

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

- The Jefferson County Fire agencies continue to work with Jefferson County and the state on multiple projects to include updating the private road and driveway standards, Jeffco public health burn permit changes, Colorado immediate need resource ordering for wildfire, and the wildfire regulation update.

### **Grants**

- The DOLA grant for station 81 remodel opens August 1<sup>st</sup>, need final approval from the board to move forward applying for the grant.
- Gilpin County EOC was successful in receiving a grant for 2 drones and training which we will have access to when needed.

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

- I have the 3 camera systems we purchased with matching funds from the SDA but we have not had time to get everything wired and installed. I would like to just have my company come up and do the install and get it done. The approximate cost would be about \$800.00 per station, and we should be able to get the 50% match from the SDA for that.
- We had to make some expensive repairs on the Chief vehicle this month, hopefully we are good for a while now.
- Back in January one of our engines slid into another vehicle, on June 17<sup>th</sup> the owner finally took it in for an estimate which I received that day for \$3,184.00. Once they started the repair work last week, they found additional damage and the cost went up to \$4,225.00. Since our deductible is \$5,000.00, we will have to pay for the repair.

### **Miscellaneous**

- In April 2021 I placed a deposit with Star Link for internet at station 83. They finally emailed me it was available on July 9th. The cost was \$457.00 on top of our \$99.00 deposit. The monthly bill will be \$110.00 per month, and I will talk to the Grange about sharing it. Waiting for the equipment to show up to install.
- We had one Firefighter deploy on a TLFD brush to California for a 2-week deployment.
- Received quotes for the new signs for all 3 stations as well as the fire danger signs. Need to decide if we want to move forward with that and ask the auxiliary if they will contribute to that project. Station signs \$1,150.00, fire danger sign \$1,300.00

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

- Attended mountain Chiefs meeting (Foothills Fire)

- Attended Jeffcom board meeting (Zoom)
- Attended TLF D board meeting (TLFD new observatory station)
- Did 2-days of interviews (TLFD station)
- Responded to 7-calls
- Attended medical director meeting/interview (Golden Fire)
- Attended monthly stadium EMS meeting (Golden Fire)
- Attended mountain Fire Marshalls meeting (Jeffco)
- Attended Lookout alert follow up meeting (Zoom)
- Attended Jeffco Public Health burn permit meeting (Zoom)