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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kyle Koceimba-Benson, Fire Chief
CC: Membership
DATE: March 14, 2023
SUBJECT: **March 2023 Chief's Report**

Chief Transition

Chief Benson assumed the role of Fire Chief in February, at which time Chief Enright assumed the role of Assistant Fire Chief. We are pleased to share that Chief Enright will be continuing in that role for the district moving forward. Chief Benson has spent the last two weeks meeting with firefighters, officers, and community members to assess current and future needs while working with AC Enright on transition.

Regional/County

Chief Benson attended the February Mountain Chiefs Meeting. There was discussion regarding financial responsibility for larger incidents and delegation of authority to the County & State as incidents escalate. The county is building a new delegation of authority form which was reviewed during the meeting, and then brought back to the county for revision. The county is re-building the Jeffco Incident Management Team and is looking for departments to sponsor members. Chief Benson will be attending a follow-up meeting on March 16th regarding an all-hazards agreement between mountain departments.

Administration

Chief Benson has been given a box of projects left in various states from the previous administration and is currently in the process of triage.

The administrator/prevention position is currently being examined as a part of a larger functional needs assessment and candidates will be re-engaged after that is completed.

Operations

Total of 10 calls for service in 2023. See attached reports from Emergency Reporting for specific data on call type, approximate geographic breakdown by stations, and personnel per call.

Personnel

21 Members currently on the roster - four on leave of absence.

Training

Training Officer Chris Gay has built an initial training calendar for the remainder of 2023 and is working to finalize and publish it. Several in-house training objectives have been set for the year including holding a FFII academy.

Golden Fire has offered GGFPD 3 academy spots in their upcoming FFI academy at no financial cost to the district. We currently have 2 FFs that have committed to the spots and are waiting to hear confirmation from a third. A big thank you to AC Enright, the FFs ,and the community members that worked to make this happen.

AC Enright has passed the practical portion of FO-I and will be taking his written examination in early April!

Chief Benson attended a meeting with Timberline's Chief officers to better understand the training IGA between GGFPD and TLF. All Chiefs in attendance agree that the IGA is not functioning well under current conditions and that there may be a better way to move forward. An IGA for dual recruitment without a financial component for training management is most likely the best path forward for both departments. A change in the training IGA will not negatively affect operational relationships between GGFPD and TLF. GGFPD has the full capability to assume the training management portion of the IGA.

Planning/Life Safety

No updates from the City of Golden on IGA for inspections. It appears that we have several pending inspection needs that require a certified plans reviewer. The City of Golden fire marshal has offered to review the most urgent sprinkler plan as a one-off, but we do need to collectively work towards an official solution to fill the plan review/life safety function.

Logistics

Requires Motion-

Light Fleet Vehicles- Colorado State Patrol has offered GGFPD two well-outfitted F150s that were recently retired from their fleet. They are both in great condition and have been expertly maintained by CSP. These vehicles represent a strong value and are appropriate contenders to both replace the failing utility 81 and add a dedicated light backcountry rescue truck to the fleet.

Truck #1

2017- 125,000miles - \$12.5k

Includes- Full Light Package, Havis console, Leer Commercial Topper & Bed slide

Needs- Bumper Replacement, Tailgate Replacement, Windshield Replacement, Radio Package, Decal work.



Truck #2

2016- 133,000- \$12.5K

Includes- Full Light Package, Havis Console, Leer Commercial Topper & Bed slide

Needs- Radio Package, Decal Work



The total approximate cost of acquisition, repair and outfitting of both vehicles - \$30,0000

They are being held by CSP fleet for GGFPD until a decision is made on their acquisition.

The Station 82 repair project is largely completed. Most of what is left is drywall, texturing, and painting. A giant thank you to all of the FFs and community members who worked to make these repairs!

Station 81- The expansion tank is slated for repair on 3/14/23

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- Mission, Vision, and Values meeting.
- Clean out & clean up days for each station.
- Establishing an official plan review process.
- Assessment of need and recruitment for non-operational community volunteer(?) functions.
 - o Examples: Admin/Finance, PIO/PR, HR, Prevention/Education/Home assessment.
- Mid-range strategic operational plan.
- Operational member recruitment plan.
- Financial diversity plan.
- Annual grant application calendar.
- 82 resident recruitment.

6 Month Horizon

- Station update plan/Wishlist.
- Apparatus replacement plan.

Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Community Responder Program/Special Teams- Medical/Wildland/Backcountry
- Defensible Space Home Assessment Program
- Community Landing Zone Program
- Type 2 Initial Attack Hand Crew
- Joint Technical Rescue Program

Attachments:

1. Incident Statistics (2023)
2. Minor Incident Types by Month (2023)
3. Incident Type Count per Station for Date Range (2023)
4. Personnel Count per Incident for Date Range (2023)