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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kyle Koceimba-Benson, Fire Chief
CC: Membership
DATE: April 18, 2023
SUBJECT: April 2023 Chief's Report

Chief Transition

Chief Benson is in the 2nd month of transition. The office at station 1 has been gone through and received a basic cleaning for use. Chief Benson will be focusing on relationship establishment with neighboring fire department and law enforcement executives over the next phase of transition.

Regional/County

Discussion of financial responsibility and delegation of authority to the County on larger wildland incidents remained a topic of conversation at the chief's meetings this month. The revised delegation of authority form was reviewed during the meeting, along with the initial draft of an inter-agency agreement between mountain departments for mutual aid on large incidents. Chief Benson was unable to attend the March Mountain Chiefs meeting in person, but was briefed after the meeting.

Administration

In the initial clean of the office at station 81, it was discovered that many years of documents and material need to be sorted for retention or disposal.

Action Item- After reviewing the policy and SOGs it was identified that the district needs a defined spending policy. A policy was created that outlines spending authorization levels and better defines requirements for capital spending. The Policy is attached for review and adoption.

Operations

Total of 17 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.

Bear Fire- On April 1st GGFPD firefighters responded to a report of an active wildland fire on Bear Rd along with our mutual aid partners from Golden Fire, Fairmount Fire, Arvada Fire, Foothills Fire, Genesee Fire, Timberline Fire and DFPC. The fire occurred on a red flag day with extreme winds, which greatly increased the potential of extreme fire behavior. The brave actions of our firefighters are directly responsible for saving a home and preventing the fire from spreading beyond Bear Rd. Although I was unable to be present at this fire, I cannot begin to express the pride and gratitude I feel toward our firefighters and our neighboring districts for the actions that occurred on that day. Please see the attached incident report as well as photos.

Personnel

20 Members currently on the roster - three on leave of absence. One member of leave of absence has resigned.

We currently have 1 Lateral (fully qualified) FF candidate in the pipeline for interviews. We also have two additional community members that are taking steps towards application and interviews.

Training

The training Calendar has been published for the remainder of the year.

We have 2 FFs attending the Golden Fire Academy starting on April 19th. Again, a big thank you to the FFs and Officer that have stepped to assist in that effort.

Chief Enright has passed all portions of, and is now certified as, a Fire Officer-1! Congratulations Chief Enright!

We are in the initial stages of planning a fall FFII academy with GGFD, GFD and Timberline FD.

IGA transition

The IGA between GGFPD and TLFD has been re-written for 2023 exclusively regarding recruitment as was discussed at the last board meeting. The IGA is currently in its final draft being reviewed by Chiefs of both districts.

The DFPC RMS system has been transitioned to Chief Benson for management.

IQS and National Registry are currently in the process of being transitioned to Chief Benson for management.

The target solutions contract has been terminated. We will retain access to the platform until Jan 2024 as it was pre-paid by the district.

Planning/Life Safety

1 plan was submitted to GFD for review.

Chief Benson met with GFD's Fire Marshal and discussed future opportunities for an official plan review process. GFD has expressed that they can assist the district with plan review. Chief Benson has established a plan review pipeline with DFPC Planning & Life Safety until an agreement can be put in place with GFD.

Logistics

GFPD has acquired both F-150s from CSP. The 2017 truck has been registered and plated. The 2016 truck needs emissions prior to registration, however it is temporarily tagged and is ready use. The trucks will be receiving there graphics within the next few weeks.

Through the acquisition of the F-150s GGFPD has been able to establish a fantastic relationship with CSP Logistics. Through this relationship CSP has donated the following items to GGFPD.

- 2x Motorola APX 6500 800mhz Mobile Radios and 2x Motorola APX 6500 VHF Mobile Radios to outfit both trucks. This donation represents over \$20,000 of value to GGFPD. The radios will be installed in the coming month by AV tech in Golden.
- 15x Motorola APX 6000 800mhz hand held radios with a full suite of accessories for each radio. These radios are over \$6,000 each new, without accessories. This donation represents over \$90,000 of value. This donation will greatly improve our aging radio compliment and significantly improve the safety of our firefighters, allowing every firefighter to have a modern radio. Chief Benson has established a working agreement with CSP to acquire a total of 40 radios over the next year, updating every radio within the district and outfitting each vehicle with additional radios for each riding position. We will be working with Jeffco in the coming month to get all of the above radios programed and in service.

The Station 82 & 81 repair project has been completed!

Communications

Chief Benson has been in contact with the Colorado State Internet Portal Authority regarding an updated website. The Portal Authority will be providing completely free and secure website hosting to GGFPD. Chief Benson has also entered discussion with website developer and marketing specialist Becca Causey. Becca has offered to volunteer her time to both develop the new website under the portal authority and manage all of our outward facing media (website, social media, newsletter ect) in the future under the volunteer position of a digital information manager. I am looking forward to working with her to re-vamp the outward facing presence of GGFPD!

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- Mission, Vision, and Values meeting.
- Clean out & clean up days for each station.
- Rescue 82 and Chief 81 truck build out completion.
- Establishing an official plan review process.
- Mid-range strategic operational plan.
- Operational member recruitment plan.
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6 Month Horizon

- Station update plan/Wishlist.
- Apparatus replacement plan.
- Financial diversity plan.
- 82 resident recruitment
- Joint FF-II academy

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)
5. Bear Fire Incident Report
6. Spending Policy