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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kyle Koceimba-Benson, Fire Chief
CC: Membership
DATE: May 16, 2023
SUBJECT: **May 2023 Chief's Report**

Chief Transition

Chief Benson is in the final weeks of the 90-day transition period. The last month has been focused on outward relationships, spending time with the line firefighters, and defining the department's structure moving forward.

On May 3rd Chief Enright and Chief Benson performed the oath of office as Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Chief of Golden Gate Fire Protection District at the Fire Fighters business meeting. Both Chief Enright and Chief Benson were badged at the meeting by their significant others.

Regional/County

The state legislature passed 11 bills during the most recent session regarding wildland fires. These bills directly affect GGFPD in improving regional resources with the addition of a 2nd Firehawk helicopter, improving evacuation procedures, and strengthening DFPC's investigations division. Chief Benson will be attending a briefing from the Jeffco Fire Marshals Group on Thursday morning regarding the legislature.

Administration

Station 81 Community Clean out & Clean up has been scheduled for June 3rd. Chiefs are working with the station officers to schedule cleanups for stations 82 and 83. The signage on each station will be updated with the metal signs donated by the auxiliary as each station is completed. As we complete the district clean-out projects, we will also be updating our apparatus photographs and information with 5280 fire.

Operations

Operations remain steady and on track with no major or critical incidents of note for the past month. We have had 28 incidents to date in 2023, with a majority of them as EMS calls with five fire type incidents as well (slightly above routine experience). See attached reports from Emergency Reporting for specific data on call type, approximate geographic breakdown by stations, and personnel per call. Personnel responding per incident remains troubling, with several incidents in the last month of single or two-firefighter responses (when an appropriate and safe minimum is three). Average response time has dropped three minutes since last month, and turnout times have dropped about 15 seconds (both significant improvements).

Chief Benson and Chief Enright worked through job delineation and department structure moving forward. Chief Enright has diligently created job descriptions for each position within the department's rank structure. A big thank you to Chief Enright for this heavy lift!

Tender 83 is going to be moved to station 83 during warmer weather to function as a tactical fixed-based water source. Rescue 82 will be taking its place at station 82 for the time being. This will allow for FFs to have a centrally located water source at station 83 as well as a quick response vehicle at station 82 for non-fire responses by stationed personnel.

Personnel

19 Members currently on the roster - two on leave of absence. One member on leave of absence has resigned.

We currently have 4 candidates who have submitted applications for operational positions, with one additional community member who has submitted a formal interest. We are working to get these candidates through background checks and interviews in the next month, with the intention of doing an onboarding academy in July or August. We will be standing up a recruitment and interview committee of FFs to assist with this process.

Training

The two FFs attending Goldens Fire Academy continue to do well. Several GGFPD firefighters and officers will be assisting with the academy in the coming months.

The updated Timberline recruitment IGA will be visited by the TLFDP board this month for review and signature.

Chief Benson attended FDIC in Indianapolis with NFPD and received over 21 hours of training on fire service advancements, tactics, and leadership.

Planning/Life Safety

1 plan was submitted to DFPC for review in GGFPD's district. Chief Benson is working with DFPC to ensure the workflow of plan reviews remains efficient and timely.

Logistics

The Graphics package for the Command 81 and Rescue 82 trucks has been completed and will be installed in the next few weeks.

AV-tec of Golden to install the donated VHF mobile radio, 800Mhz mobile radio, and cell boosters in Command 81 and Rescue 81. The vehicles will be cycled through AVtec in the coming month to have radio equipment installed.

Chief Enright has been coordinating with local vendors to create a full equipment plan for Rescue 82.

FFs have been receiving their updated station/wildland boots! Thank you again to the auxiliary for supporting this important update to our FF's PPE!

Communications

GGFPD has officially engaged with the Internet Portal Authority for the creation of an updated website. GGFPD's project is next on deck for implementation and our new digital information manager, Becca Causey, is ready to start designing the website as soon as IPA is ready for us to move forward.

The Motorola handheld radios, as well as the mobile radios, are prepared for programming by our third-party programmer.

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- Mission, Vision, and Values meeting.
- Completion of the station Clean up/ Clean out.
- Rescue 82 and Chief 81 truck build-out completion.
- Mid-range strategic operational plan.
- Operational member recruitment plan.
- Continued Implementation of support services volunteer roles.
- Implementation of diversified operational volunteer roles.

6 Month Horizon

- Station update plan/Wishlist.
- Apparatus replacement plan.
- Financial diversity plan.
- 82 resident recruitment
- Joint FF-II academy
- Succession planning & promotional paths

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)