



GOLDEN GATE

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MEMORANDUM

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

Chief Transition

Chief Benson will be transitioning to his new schedule starting next week, June 19th. The schedule will be flexible each week depending on district needs but will largely adhere to a Monday-Wed-Friday pattern to best accommodate regional meeting and ff training schedules. Chief Benson will be splitting time between St 81 and 82 while working in the district to distribute daytime coverage.

Regional/County

The mountain area FDs continue to review and revise a cooperative interagency wildland fire response plan with Jefferson County. Chief Benson and Chief Enright have both reviewed the plan.

Chief Benson will be meeting with Jeffco EM, DFPC's wildland and prevention divisions on the week of June 19th for agency introductions and to discuss opportunities for enhanced integration with their respective programs.

Chief Enright is heading up a regional effort to be able to cross staff apparatus with certified firefighters, squad leaders and engine bosses across multiple agencies. This effort will facilitate smaller agencies ability to deploy resources both regionally and nationally.

Chief Benson attended the regional SDA workshop last week. HB23-303 was widely discussed and the impact to the district is not yet know. The short term impact for the district's operations will be the requirement for us to create two budgets for 2024.

Administration

Station 81 Community Clean out & Clean up was on June 3 and was a great success!!

Station 82 Community Clean out & Clean up is currently scheduled for July 9th.

Chiefs Benson & Enright are currently working to update all wildland qualifications and training records. Updating this system is critical for the department as we move forward with the hope of being able to deploy members and apparatus to fires outside of our district.

Operations

Golden Gate has run 35 calls to date this year, with 18 EMS-type and 17 fire-type incidents. No notable incidents occurred over May and the first half of June, and this appears to be a decrease in call volume relative to past years, likely owing to an unseasonably wet and rainy end of spring and beginning of summer (we would typically have seen a few more park rescues and motorcycle/bicycle crashes). Average response time has decreased from 15:49 to 15:11, as has turnout time which has decreased from 47 to 44 seconds. Personnel per call appears to be trending upward, owing to new members going on line and more availability in district over the month; notably with zero counts of declined mutual or automatic aid (due to personnel) or other calls with zero personnel from GG since March

Personnel

18 Members currently on the roster - two on leave of absence.

We are going to continue to receive and review applications to the end of June, at which point we will schedule interviews for incoming operational volunteers.

We have received several applications for support services volunteers ! Thank you all who have expressed interest and stepped forward to offer your expertise to the department! Chief Benson will be reviewing and onboarding support services volunteers on a case by case basis.

Training

The two FFs attending Goldens Fire Academy continue to do well. Many GGFPD FFs have signed up to help with live fire exercise occurring over the next 4 weeks.

The updated Timberline recruitment IGA has been signed by the TLFD board and has been submitted.

Planning/Life Safety

1 plan was submitted to DFPC for review in GGFPD's district. The review process seems to be working well.

Chief Benson will be working with DFPC's prevention division to look at next steps to ensure we are providing the best possible path for working with our citizens building within the district.

Logistics

The Graphics package for the Command 81 and Rescue 82 trucks have been installed and will be outside the meeting for your viewing!

All of the donated radios (Mobile and handheld) are at the Jeffco Radio Shop for tuning and programing. A huge thank you to the radio shop who has offered to partner with GGFPD to complete this service for us moving forward. This is a significant cost savings for the department as we work to update our communications hardware!

The Golden Gate auxiliary has approved the purchase of over \$10,000 of backcountry rescue equipment from local vendor, Harken Equipment, who also worked with us to get great pricing on the equipment. Harken has also offered to provide training for us on the new equipment at their new facility in Arvada. FFs are working on an execution plan to complete the truck's build out once the equipment arrives.

Communications

Chief Benson met with our portal authority project manager and our website project is officially underway! Becca and I will be attending a two part training with the portal authority in the coming weeks on how to use their platform.

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- Mission, Vision, and Values meeting. (September)
- Station Clean up/ Clean out 82 (July) & 83 (august)
- Rescue 82 and Chief 81 truck build-out completion.
- Mid-range strategic operational plan.
- Operational member interviews and onboarding
- 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.
- Updated fee schedule .
- 2024 budget draft.
- 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)