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MEMORANDUM

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

Regional/County

Chief Benson met with Jeffco emergency management and DFPC's wildland division. Both meetings discussed enhanced regional interaction, opportunities and resources. GGFPD leadership will be participating in several trainings with Jeffco EM in the fall.

Chief Benson participated in several meetings regarding the county CWPP and wildland hazard mitigation planning.

Administration

Station 82 Community Clean out & Clean up was on June 9 and was a great success!!

Station 83 Community Clean out & Clean up is currently scheduled for August 20th.

Operations

The arrival of the summer season is showing a predictable uptick in call volume, with 51 calls to date (reports for two are not yet complete and not captured in statistics). Increasingly warm and dry weather means likely increases in fire danger and the issuance of Red Flag Warning days. It is our intent to staff stations with firefighters on Red Flag days, and to achieve this a bonus shift credit is awarded for staffing. Slight increases in response time averages and turnout time averages, but both remain within normal limits and goals. Most significant call in the reporting period was a motorcycle crash that resulted in the rider falling down into a ravine; due to the steep hill and location of the incident, prompt mutual aid from Golden Fire's Rescue 21 was requested to supplement a robust GGFD personnel response. Teamwork and cooperation led to a safe, efficient, and effective rescue of the motorcyclist.

In support of operational objectives, several smaller logistical efforts remain moving forward, notably improving medical kit condition and outfitting packs for hike-in rescues, outfitting brush trucks with enhanced and standardized hose packs, outfitting Rescue 82 and training personnel on new equipment (as it arrives), and other smaller incremental improvements as we explore ways to work better in response to our call volume.

Personnel

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

We have processed 6 applications for operational volunteers and 4 applications for support services (we are expecting one additional by the end of the week). All applicants have passed background investigations. The operational volunteer candidates will be interviewed in the beginning of August. Support services volunteers have all been interviewed and we will be hosting onboarding in the first week of August, although several have already begun to perform within their roles!

The GGFPD support services division will now include the positions of

- Financial Officer
- Human Resources Officer
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Digital Information Manager/ Public Information Officer
- Family Information Officer

All support services positions will report directly to the Fire Chief.

FF Brian Gockel has been appointed to a probationary Lt. Role. P-Lt. Gockel will be assuming responsibility to station 83 and the fleet. Welcome Lt-83!

We have had two applications for the position of resident FF at station 82. Both were great candidates, and after discussion the officers, the position was offered to FF. Nicole McDaniel. FF McDaniel will be moving into Station 82 in August.

Training

The two FFs attending Golden's Fire Academy continue to do well. The cadets will be taking their written FF-1 exam on Wednesday July 19 and practical exam on Saturday July 22nd. Our FFs have stepped up in a huge way to instruct and support the Fire Academy.

GGFPD has been participating in a series of inter-agency trainings with Jeffco Open Space. We will continue to train with JCOS through August.

FF Gay has stepped away from his training role to focus on assimilating into the department. Chief Benson has assumed training management for the time being.

Planning/Life Safety

Chief Benson held a preliminary meeting with Ember Alliance, the nonprofit CWPP coordinator for Jefferson County, about updating the districts CWPP. Chief Benson will be perusing grant funding in the fall to complete a CWPP update in 2024.

Logistics

All radios have been programmed by Jeffco SO radio shop. A huge thank you to them for re-building our radio programming, servicing all of our new radios and assisting with their mobile installation. The VHF and 800mhz radios have been installed in C81 truck and will be installed in R82 next week. The 15 x 800mhz handhelds are currently being distributed to the FFs.

Communications

Social media & website has been handed over to Becca Causey, Digital Information Manager. Becca is hard at work to expand our information reach and initial steps with the website update. All website and social media will now be handled through Becca with the approval of myself or the Board President.

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- Mission, Vision, and Values meeting. (September)
- Station Clean up/ Clean up for st 83 & touch a truck event (August)
- Support services onboarding
- Operational interviews and onboarding
- 2024 initial budget (s)
- Updated fee schedule

6 Month Horizon

- Station update plan/Wishlist.
- Apparatus replacement plan.
- Financial diversity plan.
- 2024 budget draft.
- Joint FF-I academy
- Joint FF-II academy
- Mid range strategic plan update
- CWPP update
- Water resources need assessments.

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
- Community Wildfire Mitigation & Education initiative
- 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)