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MEMORANDUM

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

Regional/County

Chief Benson worked with ember alliance and GIS specialist Tom Neer on re-drawing our CWPP planning units for Jeffco. Tom is working on finalizing our updated CWPP map.

Chief Benson participated in a mountain Chiefs discussion with state representatives regarding regional wildfire needs and prop HH.

Chief Benson met with the EMS educators at St. Anthony's to discuss our training plans for the coming year. GGFPD will remain with St. Anthony's/Common Spirt EMS as our training partner for 2024. Together we plan on facilitating several additional EMS training opportunities for the district in the coming year as well as community CPR and first aid education.

Administration

Chief Benson has been working on updating all of our information for CSD pool insurance coverage. These updates serve the dual purpose of allowing us a current valuation of insured district assets and a comprehensive overview of district valuation for the impact fee study.

GGFPD received a significant grant award for structural PPE with a total value of \$32,939 from the DFPC direct distribution grant. The grant award letter is attached to the chiefs report for reference of the exact items awarded.

Chief Benson is in the process of submitting the first round of grant application for the COCO-AIM grant to help offset the cost of the 2024 CWPP process. The grant is a 50% match and is extremely competitive but offers the best opportunity for grant support of our CWPP update.

Digital information manager Becca Causey has been making great progress with the website update. We hope to be able to share the new website with you at the next board meeting!

Operations

This last month has been busier than typical with several significant calls. As of Oct 17, we have run 83 calls (several are not included in attached statistics as the call reports are still in progress). In the past month we have had two notable backcountry rescues, a small wildland fire event, a significant motor vehicle crash and several emergent medical calls. The week of 10/10- 10/17 proved to be particularly busy with GGFPD responding to 8 calls for service within 7 days.

We continue to see reduced turn out times with resident FF McDaniel and an increased availability of our in-district Firefighters.

Two new recruits have been cleared for full duty and are now responding to calls. The remaining two are close to completion of their initial training.

Paramedic coverage difficulties continue with Stadium Medical. Our operations staff continue to monitor and track resource availability, and no issues have been reported within our district. Chief staff has remained in communication with Golden Fire, Fairmount Fire, and Pleasant View fire as resource management discussions continue.

Personnel

21 operational members and 5 support services members currently on the roster.

We have received 3 new applications for firefighter since our most recent hiring, we will be processing these applications on an individual basis with the intent of onboarding accepted applicants prior to the initiation of FF-I academy.

FF Peter Whiteneck has successfully completed his hazmat operations testing and is now a fully certified FF-1!

Training

We are gearing up for FFII academy. The Academy will have 14 attendees from Golden Gate Fire, Golden Fire, Timberline Fire and Blackhawk Fire. We are exceptionally excited to be hosting training talent from all of these agencies, as well as from Hudson Fire, Eaton Fire, and Denver Fire to make this academy a success.

The GGFPD FFI academy preparation continues with DFPC Battalion Chief Lori Brill. Chief Brill met with the prospective FFI academy applicants earlier this month. We are looking to start FF-I academy in December.

Probationary FF Drew Kenyon continues to excel in EMT school at Redrocks CC.

Chief Benson will be attending several trainings over the next 30 days including the final computer simulation training days for blue card incident command certification with other Golden area incident commanders.

Impact Fee Study

Impact fee study lead Jan Snyder has made great headway towards data collection from the district. We have set a target completion date for the impact fee study of January 1st.

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- 2024 budget
- Updated fee schedule
- Joint FF-I academy
- Joint FF-II academy

6 Month Horizon

- Station updates
- Apparatus replacement plan.
- Financial diversity plan.
- Mid range strategic plan update
- CWPP update

Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Community responder program/special teams- Medical/Wildland/Backcountry
- Defensible space home assessment program
- Community slash chipping event
- Community Wildfire Mitigation & Education initiative

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)