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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief
CC: Membership
DATE: Feb 20, 2024
SUBJECT: **February 2024 Chief's Report**

Regional/County

The mountain chiefs continue to work on the final details regarding the wildland and all hazards agreements with Jefferson County Emergency Management.

Chief Enright continues to work with our response partners on reviews of our mutual aid and automatic aid agreements. Most of these agreements will be remaining unchanged, If any changes should occur, they will be brought to the district board for approval.

Administration

Chief Benson continues work on the ESO implementation project. We are still on track for a full implementation and operational change over in April of this year

We are starting to see significant progress on the website project. FF Alaina Clar has stepped up to assist with this project and get it across the finish line,

GGFPD's fueling agreement with Jefferson County has been executed. During this process we learned that the district needed a separate fuel tax exemption permit. We worked with the state department of revenue over the last month to receive this permit, which should allow all district fuel purchases to be tax exempt into the future.

Operations

The district has hit our expected seasonal lull with only 12 calls to date as of the submission of this report. The district experienced several significant weather events since the beginning of the year that caused multi vehicle traffic incidents. It appears that I-70 ski traffic from the northern neighborhoods of the Denver metro area and Boulder is being diverted through the district by mapping applications during heavy weather events. The traffic diversions have proven to exacerbate our challenging road conditions with a significant increase in travelers through the district. At this time, we have been unsuccessful with requests to all together prevent re-routing of ski traffic through the district and we are examining alternative options for safety messaging on the districts roadways.

Personnel

We currently have 21 operational members and 4 support services members currently on the roster. We have 2 members on leave of absence.

Training

The GGFPD FFI academy continues their exceptional progress! The academy has successfully gone through 3 long practical days, many shorter practice sessions, and roughly 50% of the didactic material for Firefighter I certification. All 6 recruits continue to pass all of their testing! The practical days will be moving to the Clear Creek Fire training center in March as we enter into live fire environment training.

Chief Enright has completed his FF type 1 task book and is now certified as a Squad boss and Incident Commander Type-5 ! Congratulations to him on this multiyear accomplishment!

Probationary FF Drew Kenyon is currently engaged in IV training.

FF Nick Meyer continues to do very well in EMT school at Red Rocks CC.

Probationary FF Chris Creech is now enrolled in a hybrid EMT program at University of Colorado/ Denver Health. Lt. Gockel also recently completed this program. Both of them will be going through skills testing and certification this spring with Denver Health EMS.

Chief Benson attended a 5-day Paramedic NREMT recertification course at Denver Health EMS to make sure we are up to date with the latest EMS practices and recertify his paramedic licensure.

Chief Enright and Chief Benson will be attending a 3 day S-215 Fire Operations in Wildland Urban Interface course during the first week of March with Evergreen Fire Rescue. This course is highly applicable to wildland fires in our district and we hope to send more firefighters through this program in the future.

Station Update Project- Station 81

The station 81 project is now well under way! Demolition was a great success and allowed us to do some great real-world training with our academy members! During demolition we found a few unfortunate surprises with extensive mouse damage to insulation and drywall. The damage was repaired, and the mouse problem seems to have been stymied for the time being. Due to the extent of the damage, we anticipate needing to implement a long-term mouse abatement solution after the remodel is complete.

We are currently working on completing drywall repair and the bathroom remodel. We anticipate moving to our next phase, repainting the interior, in the next week or so. We are on track to complete the remodel and re-occupy the quarters of station 81 by the end of April.

We are on track with our budget for the remodel thanks to those who have volunteered to assist with this project! A huge thank you to them!

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- FF-I academy
- ESO transition
- Station 81 Completion
- Mutual Aid and Automatic aid agreement updates
- Presentation of the update GGFPD website

6 Month Horizon

- Station updates
- CWPP update
- Community slash chipping event
- Community Wildfire Mitigation & Education initiative
- FF-I academy graduation

Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Community responder program/special teams- Wildland/Backcountry
- Defensible space home assessment program
- 5 Year strategic plan

Attachments:

1. Incident Statistics (2024)
2. Minor Incident Types by Month (2024)
3. Incident Type Count per Station for Date Range (2024)
4. Personnel Count per Incident for Date Range (2024)