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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief
CC: Membership
DATE: July 23, 2024
SUBJECT: **July 2024 Chief's Report**

Regional/County

The Jefferson County Wildland Fire Agreement has finally been completed! It been submitted to the board for review and signature.

There have been several significant wildland fire events in Jefferson County in the last month. GGFPD is actively participating in mutual aid call availability through Jeffcom, and the regional coordination group. This system is still relatively new for our region, however it is proving to be very efficient in coordinating available assets in events that have the possibility of rapid growth.

Lutheran Hospital is still on track to move into its new location at Clear Creek Crossing on August 3rd, we continue to look forward to having them as a closer hospital option!

A new non-profit, and free, smartphone application called "firewatch" has been made available to the public for tracking wildland fires. It has proven to be a great public resource, and is a great solution for any who are interested in receiving the most up to date information regarding wildland fires in our area.

Administration

ESO has gone live for the officers. We are currently running with both ESO and Emergency Reporting live as we go through the training phase with all officers and firefighters.

The TAK integration project hit a roadblock this month when discussing hardware compatibility with Firstnet/ATT and Jeffcom. The hardware that was originally quoted for the project is not directly compatible with our Tritech CAD interface, further quotes for hardware that is compatible has come with a cost that is not within the capability of our budget. Chief Enright is currently researching a CAD interface work-around with Jeffcom to be able to utilize hardware that is more reasonably priced or offset by Firstnet. We want to ensure that any solution we move forward with is both 100% capable across all of our software systems and is also financially reasonable for the districts budget.

Grant updates

- BLM Community fire assistance grant- 50% match on CWPP- Status: awaiting result (?)
- SIPA grant- \$5500- website update and ADA compliance- Status: awaiting result (Aug/sept)
- Firehouse Subs- \$38,000- Hurst battery extrication tools. Status: awaiting result (Oct/Nov)
- DFPC Direct Distribution- Full replacement of outdated Scott SCBAs/Bottles & Face pieces. Status: awaiting result. (Aug/Sept)

Operations

July has picked up significantly in call volume with 55 incidents to date. One incident represents two simultaneous calls regarding lighting strikes in the area of Robinson Hill and Guy Hill. There have been two fire stops within the district in July. One a car fire on Golden Gate Canyon Rd that was stopped before it became fully involved and spread to the wildland interface, the other, a small fire that was started by a lightning strike to a tree in the area of Guy Hill.

GGFPD firefighters have also gone on standby for 2 expanding incidents within Jeffco, however we were not deployed.

Personnel

We currently have 23 operational members and 4 support services members on the roster. Once the 2024 Academy is complete in August will look at actively recruiting for 2025.

Training

The GGFPD FFI academy is on track to wrap up in within the next 6 weeks. Recruits will be undergoing a mock practical on Wednesday July 24th to prepare them for the final testing phase of academy.

3 FFs are currently attending a week long Driver Operator Pumper academy at Golden Fire.

Probationary FF Chris Creech has passed his hands on skills evaluation for his EMT certification and will be sitting for his written test in the first week of August.

Station Update Projects

The Station 81 renovation is functionally complete. We have a few small finishes that became more complicated than we expected, however the station quarters, training room and office are fully operational. We expect to have the final items completed by the end of next week, and the station will be ready to share with the community. Thank you for your patience as we have completed this fantastic update to the station!

Station 82s exterior doors have been repainted to match both station 81, and 83. All the exterior facades of the stations are now cohesive and shine with GGFPD pride! A huge thank you to our volunteer painting crew who has put in countless days to help us with this project!

Station 83's drainage issues and potential resolution are being drafted by the engineer after their site visit. We will have the full engineer report at the August board meeting.

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- FF-I academy completion
- ESO transition completion
- Station 81 completion
- Station 83 drainage fix initiation
- Initiation of station 82 updates
- FF-I academy graduation
- TAK integration

6 Month Horizon

- Station 82 update completion
- Station 83 drainage completion
- CWPP update commencement

Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Defensible space home assessment program
- 5 Year strategic plan
- 2025 community chipping program

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)

