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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief
CC: Membership
DATE: August 26, 2025
SUBJECT: **August Chief's Report**

Regional/County

Chief Benson was nominated to the Jefferson County Wildfire commission along with the Chiefs from Conifer Fire and Evergreen Fire.

Jefferson County continues to hire for positions in their Wildland Fire Program. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for a position in the program please visit:
<https://jefferson.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/External>.

The Rocky Mountain regional preparedness level is now a PL3 but the national preparedness level remains at a PL4.

Administration

The Wildland Fire Mitigation Division Committee has made significant strides towards launching the division. Please see the attached prospectus document as well as the volunteer job descriptions that will fall under the organization of the division.

Action Required – Board authorization of the formation of the Wildland Fire Mitigation Division.

Grant project updates

DFPC Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant- 30 sets of Tec Gen Wildland/EMS and extrication PPE
- Status: In service!!

Operations

Call volume has increased significantly since the July board meeting with 55 calls to date, 17 calls in the last 30 days.

Of particular note, GGFPD has responded to two wildland fire starts since the July board meeting.

Personnel

We are currently at an operational staff of 27 with 2 that fill a dual role as support staff and 2 single role support staff.

We have 1 staff on active-duty military leave.

We had one resignation this month. We want to thank BC Lori Brill for her many years of service to GGFPD and wish her the very best as she continues to support the fire service through DFPC!

Training

GGFPD hosted St. Anthony's trauma team for EMS training earlier in the month.

With the departure of BC Brill, Lt. Philips has stepped up as the director of the training program. Lt. Phillips will be supported by myself and FF Kenyon with administrative needs. A huge thank you to Lt. Phillips for his willingness to continue carrying our training program forward!

CWPP

The CWPP update is coming into its final phase. The advisory committee has reviewed the first draft section of the final document. We are on pace to complete the final CWPP document by early October, with a public presentation of the CWPP to occur in late October.

Spending Budget Authorization Requests- Action Required

Please see prospectus authorization for the Wildland Fire Mitigation Division. No individual request at this time.

Likely Future Actions and Events

3 Month Horizon

- Operational connectivity implementation
- Stand up of the volunteer Wildland Fire Mitigation Division

6 Month Horizon

- Station 82 update completion
- Station 83 drainage completion

Strategic Concepts and Visions

- 5 Year strategic plan
- Apparatus replacement

Attachments:

1. Units by call (2025)

2. Incident types (2025)
3. Wildland Fire Mitigation Division Prospectus