



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Department

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Chris A. Enright, Interim Chief  
CC: Membership  
DATE: February 16, 2023  
SUBJECT: **February Chief's Report**

## Administration

Started discussion with recommended candidate for administrator. Position description modified to shift emphasis to a dual fire prevention/safety and administration role, so we can maximize benefit to the community and fire prevention programs while also managing administrative tasks essential to fire department operations.

## Operations

Total of 8 incidents so far in 2023, slightly below average but overall within the normal pace of operations. See attached reports from Emergency Reporting for specific data on call type, approximate geographic breakdown by stations, and personnel per call. Average personnel per call appears to be increasing (new members are responding to calls more frequently?). Calls included a challenging backcountry rescue in deep snow in January and a mutual aid call to a train fire in Rollinsville.

## Personnel

21 Members currently on roster - three on leave of absence.

## Training

Routine training continues following a similar training plan to 2022.

New members will attend a four-session orientation with TLFD per IGA, more work and discussion is in progress to plan for an academy or otherwise

## Planning/Life Safety

No updates from City of Golden on IGA for inspections.

## Logistics

Continuing to pursue light fleet vehicle acquisition or donation as opportunities arise.

Grant opportunities for radios submitted (Firehouse Subs). Grant request submitted to DFPC for direct distribution of personal protective equipment, notably a new set of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses. **All SCBA's currently owned by GG are at end of service life in 2023.**

Working on preparing for Firefighter Disease and Injury Prevention Grant with State DFPC.

Exploring mapping and GIS opportunities to enhance backcountry/out of Google Maps range calls and personnel tracking. Price is cost-prohibitive for agency subscription at this time.

Station 82 plumbing is largely repaired and back in service. Drywall repair is in progress. Station 81 pressure tank has appeared to have failed. LT Patton is working to arrange for repairs as time and conditions allow.

## Chief Transition

Timeline of process followed:



## Recommended Future Actions

THREE MONTH HORIZON:

- SOG Revision substantially complete
- New chief onboarded
- New admin onboarded
- Visioning and re-assessment of mission statement and goals

## Community Gratitude

A thank you to Pat Searcy for volunteering time and effort in performing snow removal for the emergency access route to Upper White Ranch. He is choosing to make sure we have access to the park, plowing above and beyond what is needed for access to his property, and we thank him for this effort.

## Personal Note

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this community and fire department as the interim fire chief for the past five months. While it was not a position I applied for or intended to fill, I found the work simultaneously extraordinarily rewarding and challenging, and maintain a great appreciation and gratitude for those who served in this role before me and those who will come after. I am confident that Chief Benson will serve with honor, professionalism, and excellence, and will guide our department to greater and greater accomplishment. It would be an honor to serve in a transition role and assist Chief Benson and to continue to serve this department going into the future.

## Attachments:

1. Incident Statistics (2023 to 2/15/23)
2. Minor Incident Types by Month (2023 to 2/15/23)
3. Incident Type Count per Station for Date Range (2023 to 2/15/23)
4. Personnel Count per Incident for Date Range (2023 to 2/15/23)
5. Administrator/Fire Prevention Specialist Position Description