



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Department

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Kyle Koceimba-Benson, Fire Chief  
CC: Membership  
DATE: Aug 11, 2023  
SUBJECT: **August 2023 Chief's Report**

## Regional/County

Chief Benson continues to work with Ember Alliance on our portion of the county CWPP. The county is looking to use individual CWPP plan units for operational planning, including evacuation planning.

The Jeffco/Adams hazmat authority that currently serves as our advanced hazmat resource may be undergoing some significant changes. Several of the municipalities that are a part of the authority have indicated that they will be pulling out of the agreement. The impacts of these changes to GGFPD remain to be seen, however our mutual aid relationships with districts that house advanced hazmat capabilities remain strong.

## Administration

Station 83 Community Clean out & Clean-up is currently scheduled for August 20th. This event will co-inside with a "Touch-a-Truck" event allowing community members of all ages to get up close and personal with some of our equipment. We look forward to seeing you all there!

## Operations

As summer continues, call volume remains at a typical level for summer, but on the lower side. Weather patterns remain higher energy and with higher moisture, keeping fuel moistures high (particularly relative to prior years), and have kept some of the typical summer heat-related and lightning-caused fires from their typical volumes. As of August 11, we have responded to 59 incidents. No notable incidents have occurred since the last report, with calls principally the routine response to backcountry rescues, medical emergencies, and motor vehicle crashes.

Continuing and ongoing work to strengthen and build the relationships with our mutual aid partners shows good and strong outcomes, and work continues particularly with Chief Jones (Golden Fire's new Operations Chief). Discussions include ensuring GGFD is alerted to incidents that occur within our legal boundaries but that may have fallen to Golden or others.

The key operational issue for attention is a region-wide shortage of paramedics, which is experienced by Stadium Medical (our EMS provider) at perhaps a higher level than others in the area. This has resulted in some irregular periods of one of the three ambulances assigned to the "Central Fire" system being staffed with EMTs only. Discussions with all agency partners confirm that Golden Gate is a priority for receiving an ALS Ambulance for all calls, a plan Stadium confirms. Operational guidance has been provided to our members and officers to consider staging or balancing resource needs, as well as recommendations for how to address an ALS shortage. This is an area of ongoing attention for operational staff and leadership between all of the agencies involved and will be updated as we proceed.

## Personnel

17 Members currently on the roster - Two are on leave of absence for career fire obligations and one on short term injury leave.

We are conducting FF interviews for 8 operational candidates on Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>. FFs offered a probational position will be moving forward to onboarding and a physical evaluation.

We would like to welcome Joy Gockel to the support services position of Family Informational Officer!

Residency- FF McDaniel will be moving into Station 82 on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The updated residency contract and expectations are attached for review.

Upon graduation of the Fire Academy, FF Nick Meyer will be officially assuming the ancillary position of Chaplain for GGFPD. This is an important role for the district as we look toward the future of wholistic support for our responders. FF Meyer has completed training with the Rocky Mountain Police and Fire Chaplains and is excited to bring his expertise in this role to GGFPD.

Support services onboarding meeting occurred on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Training

Our FF's Attending Golden FD's fire academy will be graduating on August 26<sup>th</sup>! Both attendees continue to perform exceptionally.

GGFPD will be hosting FFII academy in conjunction with Timberline FD and Golden FD starting October 28<sup>th</sup>. The academy will be held over 4 weeks with skills days being held on Saturdays with days at each FD. GGFPD will be the host agency and Chief Benson will be functioning as the academy coordinator.

## Logistics

All of the district's new communications equipment is installed and in service!

UTV-81 was taken to G-force motor sports for maintenance following failure on a training last month. The mechanic has relayed that the drive shaft is failing and can not be replaced due to the age of the machine. The unit is currently out of service. We will be examining alternatives to move forward with this unit as it service a critical role in our ability to respond into remote environments.

All vehicles will begin to rotate down to Arvada FD for their annual inspection starting this month. There are several small issues with apparatus that will be addressed at that time.

Brush 81 will be cycling down to have its tires replaced this month.

## Communications

Becca has made significant headway on the new website. We are projected to have the project complete by the end of October.

On august 9<sup>th</sup> the district experienced a short communications outage due to our domain being tied to an expired district credit card and previous administrator. We were able to have the domain re-established with updated payment credentials and no critical failures where experienced during the outage. The contact for the domain has been updated.

## Likely Future Actions/Events

### 3 Month horizon

- Mission, Vision, and Values meeting. (September)
- Station Clean-up/ Clean-out for st 83 & touch a truck event
- Support services onboarding
- Operational interviews and onboarding
- 2024 initial budget (s)
- Updated fee schedule

## 6 Month Horizon

- Station update plan
- Apparatus replacement plan.
- Financial diversity plan.
- Joint FF-I academy
- Joint FF-II academy
- Mid range strategic plan update
- CWPP update
- Water resources need assessments.

## Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Community responder program/special teams- Medical/Wildland/Backcountry
- Defensible space home assessment program
- Community slash chipping event
- Type 2 initial attack hand crew
- Community Wildfire Mitigation & Education initiative
- Joint Technical Rescue Program

## 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)