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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kyle Kocimba-Benson, Fire Chief
CC: Membership
DATE: Nov 16, 2023
SUBJECT: **November 2023 Chief's Report**

Regional/County

Prop HH was not passed during the Nov 7th, election however the state assembly is meeting on Nov 17th to discuss emergency legislation regarding residential assessments. Unfortunately, we will not know the effects this will have on our budget until after the 17th.

Administration

All CSD pool insurance coverages have been updated and all the updated values have been placed into the data pool for the Impact Fee Study.

Digital information manager Becca Causey continues to make great progress with the website. SIPA has made some updates to the platform that has delayed our unveiling and implementation of the website until December.

The Districts CWPP planning units have been updated in preparation for the 2024 CWPP update. Please see the attached map

FF's were fit for the grant awarded bunker gear on Nov 15th.

Chief Benson has begun working with our assigned implementation specialist from ESO in preparation for our transition from Emergency Reporting to ESO in January.

The districts Firewise application was submitted for 2024. A big thank you to Lori Brill, Teri Costeldia, and all of the community members who contributed data for the re-certification!

Staff has been made aware of an intermittent issue of apple maps showing Golden Gate Canyon as closed to traffic. This issue seems to be happening for several hours every week with regular occurrences ever Tuesday. We are working to resolve this issue with the map provider for apple maps, as the issue is isolated to that platform.

Operations

This last month continued to be busy, with 95 calls to date (several are not included in attached statistics as the call reports are still in progress). The trend of high acuity medical calls continued through the month, along with two significant weather events. One significant call of note was a fully involved exotic car fire on Crawford Gulch. GGFPD Firefighters were on scene quickly and were able to extinguish the fire and prevent it from spreading to the wildland exposure.

Paramedic coverage difficulties continue with Stadium Medical. Our operations staff continue to monitor and track resource availability. The district did experience one issue with a miss staffed call in the last month, which was addressed directly with stadium medical leadership. Due to the difficulties being experienced with paramedic coverage, the Golden area Chiefs met with Stadium leadership in the end of October and discussed decreasing the staffing time of Medic 23. Medic 23 (out of Fairmount FD) will slowly move to a 12 hour per day staffing model. This change is within stadium's contract for service, and at this time I do not foresee this significantly effecting service received by the citizens of our district.

Personnel

21 operational members and 5 support services members currently on the roster.

We have interviewed 2 applicants for Firefighter and we are expecting 2 additional applications by the end of this coming week. We hope to move them through onboarding expeditiously to get them enrolled in the FFI academy.

Training

The joint Golden Area FFII academy, led by GGFPD, has been a great success. The academy will be meeting for one final session on Nov 18th and will be testing for their certifications on December 2nd.

The GGFPD FFI academy is starting to gear up. Academy attendees will be beginning their in-house training on Nov 15th with their first official Academy Day on December 16th. GGFPD academy attendees will be utilizing GGFPD stations, the GG Grange, and Clear Creek FD's training ground throughout the duration of the academy.

Probationary FF Drew Kenyon continues to excel in EMT school at Redrocks CC and is quickly coming to the end of her semester long education!

Chief Benson completed blue card incident commander certification with several other Golden Area incident commanders in the beginning of November.

Chief Enright completed Incident Safety Officer training this past week with Golden FD.

Impact Fee Study

Impact fee study lead Jan Snyder continues to make great headway towards the completion of the final document. At this time, we have gathered all of the data required to complete the study. We expect to have a draft report completed by 12/1, at which time it will be reviewed by BBC consulting. We are currently on track to have the Impact Fee Study completed by January 1, 2024.

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- 2024 budget finalization
- Updated fee schedule implementation
- FF-I academy
- ESO transition
- Beginning station 81 updates

6 Month Horizon

- Station updates
- Apparatus replacement plan.
- Mid range strategic plan update
- CWPP update

Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Community responder program/special teams- Medical/Wildland/Backcountry
- Defensible space home assessment program
- Community slash chipping event
- Community Wildfire Mitigation & Education initiative

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)