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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kyle Koceimba-Benson, Fire Chief
CC: Membership
DATE: January 22, 2024
SUBJECT: **January 2024 Chiefs Report**

Regional/County

Over the last quarter of 2024, we began to reach out to regional resources and leaders to ensure that the district was involved with all of our exterior stakeholders. Following discussions with the county, state forest service and the regional chiefs', we have joined two newer regional councils regarding water and forestry. Chief Benson is now participating in the Mountain Metro Wildland Fire Mitigation Council and the Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership. GGFPD leadership is currently participating in the following regional groups or meetings that have a direct impact on the district:

- Mountain Area Fire Chiefs Meeting
- Denver Metro Area Fire Chiefs Association
- Golden EMS Operations Advisory
- Jeffcom Fire Ops
- Jefferson County Fire Marshals
- Jefferson County All-Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee
- Mountain Metro Wildland Fire Mitigation Council
- Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership

The Jefferson County Sheriffs Office has hired a new Fire Management Officer as well as a new Emergency Manager. Chiefs Enright and Benson had the first of a series of meetings with the new Jefferson County Personnel. We are excited to continue to work with them, and develop new opportunities with the county.

Jefferson County has re-submitted the regional Wildland Fire Management Agreement and IGA to the County Fire Chiefs for final review. Once a final draft has been completed the documents will be submitted to the board for review and signature.

Administration

GGFPD was the recipient of a donation of 25 additional Motorola apx600 800 MHZ radio bodies from Jefferson County and Golden Police Department. This significant donation matches the donation of radios we received earlier in the year from the Colorado State Patrol, and has brought us to our target 800mhz radio complement for the district. The donation did not include batteries,

charging stations, or speaker/microphones. We are currently working with other donors and vendors to outfit the donated radios for use. A huge thank you to Golden PD, Jefferson County Sheriffs Office, and Colorado state patrol for their donations this year. Out of pocket, this project would have cost the district well over \$200,000, and we cannot stress how thankful we are to our partners in emergency service for making this project a success.

Chief Benson has engaged with our ESQ implementation team and is undergoing initial training for implementation. The core operational information for the district has been migrated to ESQ. We are on track for a full implementation and operational change over by April 1st of 2024

We continue to work on our website update, while the loss of our digital information manager has set us back significantly, we are continuing to move forward on this project.

We continue to move forward with our fueling agreement with Jefferson County. We have experienced a few delays with insurance verifications and tax exemptions that the district was not current on. We expect to be live with Jefferson County Fueling by February's board meeting.

Huge thank you to the GG Auxiliary for putting on a fantastic awards banquet! During the banquet we had the pleasuring of holding a badging ceremony for Nick Meyer, Peter Whiteneck and Daniel Johnson who have been removed from probation and achieved the rank of Firefighter. We also held the official promotional ceremony for Brian Gockel, who now holds the rank of Lieutenant. Congratulations to all for a great year!

Operations

We ended 2023 with a bang! In 2023 GGFPD ran a total of 107 calls for service (including 65 rescue calls and 8 fires!), provided over 1600 hours of shift coverage and 1667 hours of training!

2024 has also started on the busier side for January with 9 calls to date including two mutual aid structure fires and one significant animal rescue.

Chief Enright is currently working with our mutual aid partners on updating our mutual and automatic aid agreements. Changes to these IGA's will be brought to the board for approval and adoption as they are finalized.

Personnel

We currently have 23 operational members and 4 support services members currently on the roster.

Probationary members Chris Cheech and Drew Kenyon are both now cleared to run calls!

Training

The GGFPD FFI academy is progressing quickly. The academy has successfully gone through 2 long practical days, many shorter practice sessions, and roughly 25% of the didactic material for Firefighter I certification. All 6 recruits are currently passing! As expected, the academy has proven to be a very significant lift for the recruits, firefighters and officers. A huge thank you to all who are putting out such a significant amount of effort to make this experience a success for the district! An additional thank you to the auxiliary for providing their support!

Probationary FF Drew Kenyon graduated from EMT school and has passed all EMT testing. She is now a fully certified EMT for GGFPD!

FF Nick Meyer started EMT school at Red Rocks.

Station Update Project- Station 81

We are ready to begin interior demolition of station 81, with a tentative demo date of January 31st. We would like the permission of the board to move forward with demolition & renovation projects at station 81. The current plan for station 81 includes the following actions:

- Removal of the downstairs temporary wall, eliminating the office, to make a crew room with murphy beds, a TV space for crewing, and limited work out equipment.

- Full remodel of the single downstairs bathroom. (thank you to an anonymous donor for covering this cost!)

- Replacement of all flooring with waterproof vinyl planking to alleviate future flooding concerns.

- Resurfacing all drywall and repainting.

- Update kitchen area with the addition of an electric stove and updated appliances.

- Transition upstairs to a community dining area, that will also continue to function as a training space, meeting space and open office.
- Addition of a Gear washer and clothes washer to the bay.
- Installation of security cameras (already purchased)

The total budgeted for these combined station 81 projects is \$30,000, which is allocated in the 2024 budget. The individual costs for these projects should all fall under the chiefs \$5000 spending limit, and the majority of the work involved will be performed by volunteer firefighters and trade professionals volunteering their time. Any individual items over the spending limit will be brought to the board for authorization per policy. Station 81 will remain in full service during this process and no operations will be impacted.

- Action Item- with the support of the board, shall the GGFPD firefighters initiate interior demolition of station 81?

A big thank you to those who have stepped up to volunteer their time and expertise as we take on this project!

Impact Fee Study

I am incredibly proud to share that the team of Jan Schnider, Chris Creech and BBC consulting have completed the final draft of our impact fee study. A huge thank you to all involved in completing this lengthily and involved process. Please see the Impact Fee Resolution also listed on the agenda for a copy of the study and the next steps for the district.

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- FF-I academy
- ESO transition
- Beginning station 81 updates
- Mutual Aid and Automatic aid agreement updates
- Presentation of the update GGFPD website
- District annual report

6 Month Horizon

- Station updates
- CWPP update
- Community slash chipping event
- Community Wildfire Mitigation & Education initiative
- FF-I academy graduation

Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Community responder program/special teams- MedicaljWildland/Backcountry
- Defensible space home assessment 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)