



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Department

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief  
CC: Membership  
DATE: April 22, 2024  
SUBJECT: **April 2024 Chief's Report**

## Regional/County

The mountain chiefs group met on Monday with Jefferson County SO regarding the wildland fire and all hazards agreement. The documents went through a final review with all parties and we will have them for district signature in May as was previously discussed. Jefferson County SO has done great work over the last 6-8 months in re-building their wildland fire and emergency management program. We are excited to continue to work with the county as they build out their capacity to assist the fire districts and strengthen our collective ability to combat large incidents.

Jeffcom has now absorbed all emergency dispatching for Clear Creek County and will also be absorbing this dispatching for Platte Canyon Fire in Park county. Jeffcom is fully staffed and has ensured that they are able to absorb the extra call volume, but staff increases may be considered in 2025 if they reach a tipping point. Chief Benson has joined a new advisory group for Jeffcom that was stood up last month to address the specific communication needs of the mountain agencies.

On the state level we continue to monitor several bills that may have an impact on the district including SB24-194 and HB24-1300. These bills have not been voted on but are both under consideration by state legislature.

## Administration

ESO implementation has moved forward into the education phase, however progress was slowed last month due to extended staff illnesses on the implementation team. We are continuing to move forwarding with this transition and making sure that all of our current data is represented in the new system.

The gym and prop projects at station 82 are continuing to move along well, the Gym is on track to be completed in May. One of the training projects at station 82 is fully complete and another is under construction.

GGFPD participated in two wildland fire mitigation educational events at the GG grange over the past month, thank you to all who attended!

## Operations

The district continues with our expected seasonal lull with 21 calls to date as of the submission of this report. We are prepping the districts resources and personnel for call volumes to increase in May as we expect to see our seasonal uptick in calls beginning in the next few weeks.

One call of note: Earlier this month GGFPD firefighters and Stadium medical responded to a citizen in a very rare, and most often fatal, cardiac event. I am without doubt that the swift actions of all responders from GGFPD and Stadium medical are the direct reason that this citizen is still alive today. Calls like this are a testament to the importance of the training and certification levels that we maintain at GGFPD. While we may not be the busiest fire department, our continued dedication to maintaining a high level of professionalism makes an incredible difference when we are called into service. I cannot express how proud I am of our responders, and the service they continue to provide to our community.

## Personnel

We currently have 23 operational members and 4 support services members currently on the roster. We continue to have two additional firefighters on LOA.

We are proud to share that ALL GGFPD firefighters and recruits are now fully qualified wildland firefighters!

## Training

The GGFPD FFI academy continues to progress, the recruits are now moving into the Hazmat portion of their academy. All recruits have completed the didactic portion of firefighter I and are scheduled for state written testing!

FF Nick Meyer continues to do very well in EMT school at Red Rocks CC and will be wrapping up this week!

Probationary FF Chris Creech is ½ way through the Hybrid Denver Health EMT program and is continuing to do very well.

The regional wildland fire field day training that was hosted by GGFPD on April 13<sup>th</sup> was an exceptional success! This training represented the culmination of introductory wildland fire training for over 20 wildland firefighters from GGFPD, Golden Fire and several other agencies. This training also allowed GGFPD firefighters to interact directly with Jeffcom dispatchers as well as a team from DFPC's COTAK team.

We will be wrapping up our annual physical testing for our firefighters at the end of this month. all GGFPD firefighters have passed their arduous pack test without issue.

## Station Update Project- Station 81

The station 81 continues to progress very well! The bathroom remodel is now complete, as well as the re-texturing and repainting of the entire interior! The flooring for the station has taken longer to arrive than anticipated but it is now at the warehouse in Denver, as soon as it arrives at the station we will begin the flooring installation, as well as ordering the kitchen cabinets and furniture. We are on the final legs of this journey of remodeling station 81. A huge thank you to all of our incredible skilled volunteers who have donated countless hours to make this station remodel a success, and on budget. We are planning to have an open house celebration to “re-open” station 81’s living quarters in June, so please stay tuned for that update at the may board meeting!

## Likely Future Actions/Events

### 3 Month horizon

- FF-I academy Completion
- ESO transition Completion
- Station 81 Completion
- Community Slash collection

### 6 Month Horizon

- Station 82 renovation commencement
- CWPP update commencement
- FF-I academy graduation

## Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Community responder program/special teams- Wildland/Backcountry
- Defensible space home assessment program
- 5 Year strategic plan

## Attachments:

1. Incident Statistics (2024)
2. Minor Incident Types by Month (2024)
3. Incident Type Count per Station for Date Range (2024)
4. Personnel Count per Incident for Date Range (2024)