



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Department

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief  
CC: Membership  
DATE: September 24, 2024  
SUBJECT: **September 2024 Chief's Report**

## Regional/County

Jefferson County remains in a Stage 1 Fire Restriction. GGFPD has chosen to leave fire ban signs in place until all fire restrictions are lifted by Jefferson County.

## Administration

GGFPD was awarded a \$155,000 grant for full SCBA replacement through the DFPC direct distribution grant!!! We have chosen to continue with the SCOTT as our SCBA vendor to maintain regional continuity with SCBA components.

Chief Benson attended an awards ceremony for SIPA grant awardees and received our allocation of funds to update the website. Chief Benson met with our contractor, Cob Web designs for initial project kick off in mid September.

These grant awards bring our total grants received to \$212,000 between September 2023 and September 2024. This figure does not include the value of durable operational equipment given to the district at no cost during this timeframe.

The bunker gear awarded in the 2024 firefighter safety and disease grant was delivered to the district. This marks the complete replacement of all structural PPE for GGFPD firefighters.

We have made some movement on our operational connectivity project (previously referred to as the TAK project). We are currently evaluating an app platform for CAD connectivity that would allow us to utilize lower cost hardware, and would be more universal in its application and scalability. We will be building this into the budget for 2025.

## Grant updates

- BLM Community fire assistance grant- 50% match on CWPP- Status: awaiting result (?)
- SIPA grant- \$5500- website update and ADA compliance- Status: Awarded!
- Firehouse Subs- \$38,000- Hurst battery extrication tools. Status: awaiting result (Oct/Nov)
- DFPC Direct Distribution \$155,000- Full replacement of outdated Scott SCBAs/Bottles & Face pieces. Status: Awarded!

## Operations

We are on track for seasonal averages, with 82 calls to date.

Of particular importance is the Goltra fire, which was discussed verbally during the last board meeting, but occurred after the August Chiefs report was submitted.

Goltra Fire Statistics :

205 Acres Burned

0 Structures lost

0 Injuries or casualties

15 Emergency response agencies in attendance over 3 days including air support from two Helicopters.

This fire was in very challenging terrain and was further complicated by unexpected erratic weather on the first night of operations. I am exceptionally proud of our GGFPD firefighters and very thankful to our partners in emergency response who assisted us in achieving a favorable outcome.

In no particular order, I would like to thank : Golden Fire, Fairmount Fire, Foothills Fire, Arvada Fire, West Metro Fire, Genesee Fire, Evergreen Fire, South Metro Fire, Elk Creek Fire, All of the DFPC assets ( James Peak Module, Overland Module, Lone Pine Module, Flatirons Helitak, and the regional Battalion Chiefs), Douglas County Helitak, Jeffco Open space ( OSWFT and Ops), Stadium Medical, Jefferson County Sheriffs Office, and Jefferson County OEM/Fire management!

## Personnel

We currently have 23 operational members and 3 support services members on the roster.

We have taken the first preparatory steps for our fall volunteer recruitment. We will be releasing our recruitment campaign on social media in the next week or so. We intend to collect applications through early November, with interviews in late November/ December for a January Start.

## Training

The GGFPD FFI academy concluded in early September. I am very proud to share that all 7 Firefighters passed their final state practical evaluation! This accomplishment has been very hard fought for the academy members, and the district, and I could not be more proud of all who participated. We will be hosting an academy graduation celebration on October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Grange.

GGFPD will be hosting a 2 day multi-agency backcountry rescue training October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at station 82. Please anticipate increased activity in that area and on Crawford Gulch over those two days!

## Station Update Projects

Station is 81 fully operational, including the kitchen sink! Our total cost for improvements was \$21,592. Our ability to stay significantly under budget has allowed us to add a PPE gear washer to the scope of the remodel, which was ordered this week. This will allow our FFs to decontaminate PPE safely at both station 81 and station 82. This addition will double our current efficiency for decontamination and equally decrease our time to return to service after a large event. Even with this addition, we have remained under budget by roughly 10% of our original approved spend for station 81s remodel.

\*Board Action Request- Approval of Orkin pest control contract for all stations as presented at the august board meeting. Despite measures of control, we have already seen evidence of pest damage to new bunker gear received earlier in the year. We believe this contract is urgently necessary to protect our assets from further damage.

## Likely Future Actions/Events

### 3 Month horizon

- Station 83 drainage fix initiation
- Initiation of station 82 updates
- FF-I academy graduation
- Operational tech integration
- CWPP update Commencement.
- Website update completion.

### 6 Month Horizon

- Station 82 update completion
- Station 83 drainage completion

## Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Defensible space home assessment program
- 5 Year strategic plan
- 2025 community chipping program

## 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)