



# 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.

We encourage all residence to review the Jeffco CWPP update draft as well as the Evacuation annex draft which can be accessed here : <https://togetherjeffco.com>

## Administration

Since the last BOD meeting we have received results from two grant applications, and unfortunately we have been declined for this round of funding for both the BLM grant and the Firehouse subs grant.

Chief Enright is continuing to iron out the details of the operational technology integration plan which is included in the 2025 budget. We plan to go live with updates in January in line with the budget.

All the contracts with ORKIN where signed and put into action for pest control at all stations.

All insurance documents where completed and updated with CSD pool.

## Grant updates

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- DFPC Direct Distribution \$155,000- Full replacement of outdated Scott SCBAs/Bottles & Face pieces.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

## Operations

We continue to be on track with averages for call volume and have experienced a seasonal slowdown as expected for October with 86 calls to date.

As things begin to slow down with calls for service we have turned our attention to several important operational projects that were completed this month

- The first is an update to all of GGFPDs EMS equipment complement, as well as our EMS bags. FF/EMT Nicole McDaniel, EMT Drew Kenyon and Lt Sam Patton have completely revamped our EMS inventory and bags to better suit our mission to provide a full BLS first response service at the EMT-IV level. Previously the district was not stocking a full complement of equipment, medications, and disposables. The districts EMS bags were also in significant disrepair which was causing issues on calls and hampering our patient care. All GGFPD apparatus except for Tender 83 and Engine 83, are now stocked with a full complement of equipment to provide level at the Co State EMT-IV level.
- The second is that the districts precious few thermal cameras began experiencing issues earlier in the year. TICs are an essential piece of equipment for the district, and are paramount to situational awareness for our firefighters. BC Brill was able to source 6 new Seek thermal imaging cameras at an affordable cost to the district. Those cameras were placed into service on both engines, both brush trucks, R82 and C81.
- The third is the much needed addition of a gear washer at station 81. This gear washer was purchased with the remainder of the station 81 remodel budget and significantly improves our ability to decontaminate PPE in a timely fashion after a call. The gear washer was installed last week and is fully functional.

## Personnel

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

Our 2024 volunteer recruitment effort is going very well. To date we have received 5 applications for new FFs/EMTs and have fielded several interest emails/calls. Many of the applicants we are seeing already carry certifications and all live within the 15 min response time to the district's borders. Recruitment will continue through late November.

## Training

GGFPD held an academy graduation ceremony in conjunction with the community brunch early, which was a great success!

GGFPDs Backcountry Rescue weekend went very well, with several members opening tech task books and FF McDaniel completing hers!

Chief Benson and BC Brill attended the Fire Leadership Challenge and State Chiefs meetings in Keystone this week.

## Stations

During remodel we discovered that station 81 was having an issue with its well and that the well head had been damaged. The well head was fixed last week and all systems are online. We will be installing an inline water filter at station 81 to prevent any sediment coming from the well damaging the new infrastructure within the station.

With station 81 complete, we are looking to begin station 82s updates.

The identified needs for station 82 are :

- Carpeted flooring replacement with Laminate on both levels.
- Repainting areas that were not re-painted from the water damage in 2023
- Installation of an electrical mini split/heat pump on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level as a back up to the current furnace and to alleviate heat build up on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level for the resident.
- Replacement of window cranks, seals and blinds on the 2<sup>nd</sup> level.
- Creation or procurement of training props for the bay that encourage wintertime training exercises.

\* Please see the accompanying spending authorization.

## CWPP

GGFPD's CWPP update has commenced! Chief Benson began meeting with the ember alliance team in the beginning of October. We are working through the project planning and will be doing district familiarization with Ember Alliance in the coming weeks.

## Spending Budget Authorization Requests- Action Required

Station 82 Updates- \$15,000 as budgeted in the 2024 budget to initiate station updates as listed above for station 82.

UTV procurement and upfit- \$30,000 as budgeted in the 2024 budget to purchase a new UTV and upfit it for fire department use.

## Likely Future Actions/Events

### 3 Month horizon

- Initiation of station 82 updates
- FF-I academy graduation
- Operational tech integration
- CWPP public meeting #1
- 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)