



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Department

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief  
CC: Membership  
DATE: Nov 19, 2024  
SUBJECT: **Nov 2024 Chief's Report**

## Regional/County

Jefferson County lifted stage 1 fire restrictions, and all fire ban signs have been removed.

Jeffco Road and Bridge in coordination with CDOT closed the major East/West corridors to commercial truck traffic during the large storm we experienced earlier this month, including Golden Gate Canyon. As a result, we had no significant incidents in the canyon during the storm, and no traffic diversions. I have been in contact with both CDOT and R&B to express our support of this effort moving forward.

## Administration

We have seen spectacular result with ORKIN being in place for 1 month. We have not seen signs of mouse or insects in the stations for over 3 weeks.

We have begun our website updates with Cob web designs and have seen some fantastic progress on this project. I anticipate being able to share the website updates in January.

One of our mutual aid partners to the east, Fairmount Fire will soon become Arvada Fire following a successful merger question during the November Election. We will be re-visiting our mutual aid agreements with Arvada fire following the merger, but do not expect any significant service changes.

Following the Fairmount merger, there have been some significant changes with Jeffcom. We have been working with our central dispatch partners to streamline dispatching protocols for GGFPD to better align with our central partners. This will allow for more dispatchers to be trained on the central dispatch consoles.

## Grant updates

- SIPA grant- \$5500- website update and ADA compliance- Status: Awarded!
  - Project initiated
- DFPC Direct Distribution \$155,000- Full replacement of outdated Scott SCBAs/Bottles & Face pieces. Status: Awarded!
  - Established contact with our vendor and we look forward to taking delivery soon!

## Operations

We have seen an uptick in call volume in November and have experienced several high accuity calls in the last few weeks. We are currently at 97 calls for service to date.

Our officers continue to work on the UTV replacement process. We are currently comparing quotes for units from local vendors to a significantly discounted quote we received from a vendor in WY.

## Personnel

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

Our 2024 volunteer recruitment effort is going exceptionally well. Our FFs have done an exceptional job activating applicants in nontraditional methods through hosting events at CSM and posting targeted flyers in our volunteer catchment area. To date we have received 8 completed applications for new FFs or EMTs and have several other interested parties with 10 days left until the application period closes. We will be interviewing applicants the first week of December.

## Training

Chief Enright attended S-231- Engine Boss

## Stations

Station 82 had several ponderosa trees that were found to have a new pine beetle infestation. The trees were taken down in a training exercise. A big thank you to our station neighbor for helping us discover this issue and work with us on access and appropriate disposal! The pine beetles are back in force in our area, please take a moment to look at your trees and monitor for infestation!

The bay heater at station 81 has failed and is un-repairable. We are working with a local contractor to source a lightly used propane heating unit to replace our broken unit ASAP.

## CWPP

GGFPD's CWPP update is moving along on track! Ember alliance spent two days doing a district evaluation earlier in the month and held our first advisory meeting with their team.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Ember alliance will be hosting the first community meeting virtually on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and all are welcome to attend. This meeting is a presentation of the CWPP process and an introduction to Ember Alliance. Links for the meeting will be posted on the GGFPD website and distributed through community email lists. This meeting will be VIRTUAL ONLY.

## Spending Budget Authorization Requests- Action Required

None

## Likely Future Actions/Events

### 3 Month horizon

- Initiation of station 82 updates
- 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)