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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief
CC: Membership
DATE: Jan 21, 2025
SUBJECT: **January 2025 Chief's Report**

Regional/County

Earlier this month, Jeffcom underwent a restructuring that now affords the NW area departments to have our own area manager and point of contact. This should help simplify our non-emergency communications with Jeffcom, as well as help with district specific needs. Jeffcom is also getting close to moving to their new facility off of Indiana, Leadership staff moved to the new building a few weeks ago, and they are currently expecting to transition operations to the new facility in mid-February.

The Arvada Fire- Fairmount Fire merger was completed on January 1st. Arvada Fire is officially our new neighbor to the N/E. Additionally Arvada is now providing their own ambulance transport to this area. Medic/Ambulance 23 has been moved to a daytime post at Golden FD station 24.

Administration

The website update project is nearing its final stages of completion. We expect to transition fully to the new state website sometime in the next 60 days.

The GGFPD annual award dinner was held on January 11th and was a great success. A big thank you to the auxiliary for making such a special night happen for us!

Congratulations to the following awardees!

Recruit of the year: FF Brock Costeldia

Firefighter of the year: FF Nicole McDaniel

Chiefs award: Lt. Sam Patton

Grant updates

- SIPA grant- \$5500- website update and ADA compliance- Status: Awarded! (2024)

- Project nearing completion

- DFPC Direct Distribution \$155,000- Full replacement of outdated Scott SCBAs/Bottles & Face pieces. Status: Awarded! (2024)

- SCBAs and bottles received! The packs and bottles are going through their in-service process, which includes cataloging and marking each unit. We also have made required updates to our RIT packs to ensure compatibility with the new packs.

Operations

The end of 2024 saw a significant pick up in call volume and severity. We ended 2024 with 110 calls for the year!

January 1 saw the final switch over from Emergency Reporting to ESO Suite for operational reporting and departmental management. GGFPD is now using ESO suite for all Fire Reporting, EMS reporting, asset management, personnel management, truck checks, training management and shift scheduling. While this was a long project we have had great feedback from our line staff regarding its utility and usability. As such this report will be the last that pulls data from Emergency Reporting. Moving forward, data reports will be in a different format, with slightly different measured variables from ESO.

The purchase of our 1st UTV from Peak Honda world has been completed and the initial outfit of the vehicle was completed as of last Friday.

The auxiliary has graciously approved the funding for the purchase and upfitting of a 2nd matching UTV! Unfortunately, the regional inventory of our chosen UTV model is low right now, and we are waiting to find out when the 2nd until will arrive at the dealership. A huge thank you to the Auxiliary for helping us with this mission critical purchase!

Both units will go to AV tech in golden for radio and light upfitting after their initial outfit at Peak Honda. They will then receive their final accessories and graphics in district prior to going into service.

As a part of the UTV project, the station lieutenants have identified the need for additional storage space at both station 81 and 82. We are currently investigating the purchase or rent of 2x 20ft containers, one for each station, to function as designated UTV garage spaces and also to provide additional storage for durable equipment such as tools and hose. We will be liquidating the district's current UTV and trailer in a sealed bid process to help fund the acquisition of these containers.

Personnel

At the awards ceremony on January 11th, 7 recruits from 2024 were sworn in to full duty and met the job requirements of firefighter! Congratulations to all of our new fully sworn FFs and EMTs!

We also welcomed back FF Peter Maher to the roster after a leave of absence during the ceremony.

2 firefighters were removed from our roster in January after a period of 1 year of inactivity without a pre-approved leave of absence.

We are incredibly proud to share that we exceeded our 2025 recruitment goals and have reached our theoretical full operational staffing level for the department. We began the onboarding of our 8 new recruits on January 15th! 4 of the new recruits come to us as laterals, fully certified

Firefighters from other departments, and 6 recruits come with previous EMS or higher medical training.

GGFPD now has an operational staff of 29 with 3 support staff!

Due to an increased need for training with our growing department, Lt Philips's divisional duties have been moved into training under Chief Brill. He will remain the Lt. at station 82 and continue to supervise shift-based firefighters.

With Lt. Philips moving into training, the position of Quartermaster has been assigned to FF McDaniel.

Training

As we begin our onboarding with our new recruits, we are evaluating our outside training needs for the year. We will be sending recruits that do not currently have FF-I certification, and desire to be all-hazards firefighters, through a joint academy with Pleasant View FD in late spring.

We also have several FFs attending EMT school this year and we are working with them to find appropriate educational programs that meet their needs, as well as the needs of the district.

Stations

Pest abatement efforts continue to be a significant success across all three stations! Considering the significant damage the stations and equipment previously sustained from pests, we are extremely pleased with the progress we have seen with this program.

CWPP

The 2025 CWPP update is on schedule and we seeing solid engagement from all stakeholders. The team at The Ember Alliance presented preliminary fire behavior modeling data and begun working on evacuation modeling in January. The preliminary modeling and mapping processes have already exposed significant deficits in the 2011 CWPP and have re-affirmed the importance of this process for all involved.

Spending Budget Authorization Requests- Action Required

None

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- Initiation of station 82 updates
- Operational tech integration

- Website update completion.
- CWPP and 5 year strategic planning community meeting- April 2025
- Commencement of Combined FF-I Academy

6 Month Horizon

- Station 82 update completion
- Station 83 drainage completion
- 2025 community chipping day
- Stand up of Volunteer Mitigation Division

Strategic Concepts and Visions

- 5 Year strategic plan
- Apparatus replacement.

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)