



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Department

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief  
CC: Membership  
DATE: Feb 25, 2025  
SUBJECT: **February 2025 Chief's Report**

## Regional/County

Chief Benson attended the opening of the new Jeffcom building on Indiana on Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. The new building will be a great addition to regional dispatch capabilities, and we look forward to having our dispatching resource geographically closer to the district.

We are now 2 months into Medic/Ambulance 23 daytime posting at Golden FD station 24. This change continues to be positive for the regional EMS system and is facilitating a shared load between all units. Additionally, the units staffing hours were changed to better match times of higher call volume for the region. Stadium ambulance is now posting a supervisor paramedic in a fly car at St. Anthony's which is available to us if we were to need an additional paramedic, or if ambulance 23 needs an ALS resource to respond with it.

There are several House bills we are tracking in the 2025 session that would have an effect on the district.

HB25-1009- Vegetative Fuels  
HB25-1078- Wildland Firefighter Education

## Administration

The updated website is in its final draft form, we are working through final language updates as well as some updated graphics before launch. The website will be presented to the board in the March meeting for final approval before being made live.

## Grant project 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- DFPC Direct Distribution \$155,000- Full replacement of outdated Scott SCBAs/Bottles & Face pieces.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)
  - New SCBAS and RIT bags are now in service!
- DFPC Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant- 30 sets of Tec Gen Wildland/EMS and extrication PPE
  - Status: Submitted

## Operations

The district has had a predictably slow start to 2025 with 8 calls to date. However, we also have had several very high acuity calls since the beginning of the year.

Our first two months using ESO at full capacity have been going well. We have seen a strong uptake in our end user's ability to navigate and use the program in comparison to our previous provider.

Both UTV's have finished their initial outfitting and have been delivered to the district. They are currently staged at station 81 and 82, however they are not currently in service. We were originally planning to have both units outfitted with EV equipment by AV tech in golden, however they are experiencing an extensive backlog and we are now exploring alternative options for EV equipment procurement and installation.

With both UTV's now in district we will proceed with the sale of our previous UTV, as well as its transport trailer in a closed bid process. Please keep an eye on district media for the posting of the UTV for sale.

## Personnel

We are currently at an operational staff of 28 with 3 support staff.

We have 1 staff out on extended medical leave

Lt. Philips is taking on his new role as training Lt. with exceptional enthusiasm and is working with BC Brill to help continue to build out the training program for the remainder of the year.

FF McDaniel has also brought a renewed enthusiasm to the role of quartermaster and is looking at improving efficiencies with our uniform program as well as with our vendors.

## Training

Probationary FF Mata has begun EMT school in a new hybrid program provided by RC health services in cooperation with Franktown fire. We are excited to have her engaging in a new program and we hope it provides a more comprehensive avenue for hybrid EMS learning in the future.

Probationary FF Dehmlow will be starting FF-I academy on March 1<sup>st</sup> with Pleasant View Fire.

FF Nick Meyer and Lt. Nate Phillips are both currently enrolled in a month-long Fire Instructor- I class in Golden. This class will help us continue to elevate our training program at GGFPD.

Due to several COVID transmissions within the department, training was limited in February to prevent operational deficits from mass infection.

## Stations

Final trim and stair painting projects were completed at station 81. Firefighters also installed new measures to minimize floor damage and improve cleanliness in the high traffic areas between the entry door and the bay door at station 81.

## CWPP

The 2025 CWPP update continues to move forward on schedule. This month all new GIS data was presented to the CWPP advisory including the results of evacuation modeling as well as evacuation hazard evaluations. Additionally, we have begun the initial review and editing process for several portions of the written CWPP document. The initial results we continue to see from this process highlight its importance to our districts strategic future.

**\*\*The community meeting for the CWPP update will be held on Monday March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm at the Grange. All are encouraged to attend and learn more about the CWPP update as well as provide critical input and information that will be used in the final plan. We also will be engaging with the community regarding several strategic planning questions, not related to the CWPP during this meeting.**

## 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)