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MEMORANDUM

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

Regional/County

Jeffcom has moved all operations to the new building off Indiana. They experienced a power issue several weeks after transitioning to the new building which caused a communication disruption that lasted less than 12 hours and was quickly remedied. The communication disruption had no negative impact on the district or our ability to respond to calls for service.

Chief Benson and Chief Enright attended the Jefferson County Chiefs' meeting.

GGFPD has now moved to Fort Collins wildland dispatch. All our wildland agreements were updated to reflect this change.

We continue to follow several pieces of legislation for the 2025 session that would influence the district.

HB25-1009- Vegetative Fuels
HB25-1078- Wildland Firefighter Education
HB25-1182-Risk Model Use in Insurance Policies
SB25-011-Detection Components for Wildfire Mitigation
SB25-142-Changes to Wildfire Resiliency Code Board

Administration

The web site is functionally complete and ready for initial review with a few small tick list items to complete. The website is available for temporary preview at <https://goldengatefire.colorado.gov> however, this website is still in DRAFT form and is NOT the official website for GGFPD. After consultation with SIPA, we have discovered that we needed to make some additional changes to ensure we are in full ADA compliance by July 1st. We expect the website to be officially transitioned on June 1st after review for compliance.

Grant project updates

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

- DFPC Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant- 30 sets of Tec Gen Wildland/EMS and extrication PPE
- Status: Awarded !! FF gear fitting scheduled in April.

Operations

The district has continued with our slow start to 2025 with 10 calls to date.

The bed storage units for R82 and CH81 were delivered. R82s unit has been installed and outfitted, the CH81 unit will be installed the first week of April. A big thank you to the Auxiliary for funding these units, and to FF McDaniel and FF Ellenson for heading up this project.

We have decided to move forward with an in-district installation of the EV equipment and final upfit for the UTVs. We are targeting to have them online by May 1st.

We are proceeding with the sale of previous UTV 81 and the flatbed trailer at St. 81. Of important note, UTV 81 does not include the slide in pump package/skid, as we intend to retrofit the skid into a UTV trailer for continued use. These items are up for public sealed bidding from March 26th – April 23rd at 5pm. Both items will be available for in person inspection on April 9th from 4-6:30 pm at station 81. The bid listings are available on our website, social media and through Facebook marketplace.

After very extensive research into our operational connectivity program, we have two quotes and contracts for consideration. The need for this upgrade in our departmental connectivity has become increasingly clear over the last several months as the lack of notes/ CAD information and AVL connectivity have become a situational awareness issue for our crews. The quotes for service are included in this Chief's report for consideration and approval.

Personnel

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

We have 1 staff out on extended medical leave and 1 staff on active-duty military leave.

Training

Probationary FF Mata continues to do well in EMT school.

Probationary FF Dehmlow started FF-I academy on March 1st and is doing well.

Lt. Nate Phillips has completed FI-1 class.

FF/Chaplain Meyer completed several courses related to his chaplain position and psychological first aid.

All certifications for the lateral probationary FFs have been transferred to DFPC & GGFPD.

CWPP

The 2025 CWPP update continues to move forward smoothly! Please join us next Monday, March 31st from 6-8 pm at the Grange for our community CWPP workshop! 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.

Spending Budget Authorization Requests- Action Required

- 1) Authorization for execution of the Firstnet/Tmobile contract as presented including cellular services and 9 cell enabled tablets.
- 2) Authorization for the execution and implementation of central square field CAD integration on 9 cell enabled tablets as referenced in authorization #1.

Likely Future Actions/Events

3 Month horizon

- Operational connectivity implementation
- Website update completion.
- CWPP planning community meeting,

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. Units by call (2025)
2. Incident types (2025)