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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief

CC: Membership
DATE: May 20, 2025
SUBJECT: May Chief's Report

## Regional/County

The state legislative session ended on May 7, 2025. I encourage you to follow up on legislation listed in my previous reports that is of interest to you.

#### Administration

WEBSITE -The website is completed and ready for adoption! Please see the resolution for action to adopt the new website, <a href="https://goldengatefire.colorado.gov/">https://goldengatefire.colorado.gov/</a>, and begin decommission of the current <a href="https://goldengatefire.org">www.goldengatefire.org</a>. Please note that the URL goldengatefire.org will continue to be in use but will be assigned to the new website.

GGFPD SLASH COLLECTION - We will be hosting a one day slash collection on June 28<sup>th</sup> at station 83/GGFPD grange 9am-3pm. We will be accepting SLASH only! (no pine cones, pine needles or logs over 6 inches in diameter).

MITIGATION TEAM - We are in the beginning phases of standing up the mitigation and risk reduction division. I have been in contact with the initial parties interested in forming a committee to help us stand up the division. I hope to have them begin meeting in June 2025, with the intent of officially standing up the division by August 2025.

## Grant project updates

- SIPA grant- \$5500- website update complete!
- -SIPA grant 2025 CWPP storyboard website in progress.
- DFPC Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant- 30 sets of Tec Gen Wildland/EMS and extrication PPE
  - Status: Awarded!
  - FFs were fit for gear in mid April.

## **Operations**

The district continues to be on the slow side with 22 calls to date for 2025. We expect to have the call volume increase significantly as we enter warmer months.

The Lieutenants have made progress in upfitting the two UTVs. The fabricator for the overhead baskets has taken measurements and we are waiting for a quote. Once they are installed, we can install the light package and the units will go into service. The UTVs will operate out of Station 81 and Station 82.

Implementation of the ruggedized tablets will begin in June when the hardware becomes available.

#### Personnel

We are currently at an operational staff of 28 with 2 that fill a dual role as support staff and 2 single role support staff.

We have 1 staff on active-duty military leave.

## Training

Probationary FF Mata continues to do very well in EMT school.

Probationary FF Dehmlow is doing well in FF 1 academy.

Both the Wildland Field Day as well as the Backcountry Field Day went very well. In addition to GGFPD firefighters we welcomed members of JCOS, Timberline Fire, Golden Fire and Pleasant View Fire to these training events.

#### **CWPP**

We are currently in our project planning phase of the CWPP and have completed the initial mapping. We are planning work for the recommended physical treatments. A huge thank you to all the partners that participated in the project prioritization and mapping process!

# Spending Budget Authorization Requests- Action Required

\$7175- Purchase of two 20ft containers to be placed at station 81 and station 82. These will function as UTV garages, dry storage and future training props. The price of these two containers will be offset by sale of the old UTV and Trailer.

# Likely Future Actions/Events 3 Month horizon

Operational connectivity implementation

- 2025 slash day
- Stand up of the volunteer mitigation division

## 6 Month Horizon

- Station 82 update completion
- Station 83 drainage completion

# **Strategic Concepts and Visions**

- 5 Year strategic plan
- Apparatus replacement.

## Attachments:

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