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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief
CC: Membership
DATE: January 20, 2026
SUBJECT: Dec Chief's Report

Regional / County

- Jeffco Open Space plans to burn large slash piles at White Ranch when conditions allow, GGFPD and Jeffco OS will announce burn dates when they are scheduled via our social media channels.
- We are now in pile Burning season! Please ensure all required permits and inspections with BOTH GGFPD and Jefferson County are completed prior to igniting slash piles. There have been several contractors that have been advertising pile burning and even "controlled burns" locally. It is your responsibility as the landowner to ensure that contractors are fully certified and specifically insured for the process of burning. All permitting must be completed, even when using a contractor.

Administration

The 4 candidates we sent to backgrounds for the mitigation crew have all passed and are in the process of onboarding. We are interviewing two additional candidates for the crew on January 21st.

Chief Benson meets with Jeffco Wildland Fire Management staff and other county leadership on January 22nd regarding project planning.

All materials for station 82's updates are at the station staged for installation. The installation work will be completed with volunteer work, with the exception of any expert electrical installation required for the heat pump system.

The generator at station 82 continues to have issues despite multiple service trips by our Generac vendor, which appears to be stemming from a propane pressure issue. During the December power outages, Jefferson County OEM provided the district with a generator to power the station.

The GG auxiliary hosted the GGFPD awards banquet earlier this month, and it was a fantastic success! A huge thank you to all that were involved in the planning and execution of this event for our staff!

Grant Project Updates

We are currently pursuing two grant opportunities for wildland fire and mitigation specific PPE. They will be listed once they have been submitted.

Operations

We ended 2025 with 101 calls and maintain an average response time of 16 minutes or less from dispatch to arrival, with an average of four or more responders per call throughout the entirety of the year.

Are in the final phases of ironing out an IGA with the City of Golden fleet services for vehicle maintenance for 2026.

Jan 1 marked our transition to NERIS, and we have had no issues to date.

In late December our CAD tablets went live with a direct connection to Jeffcom. These tablets have already proven to be invaluable tool for our operations and situational awareness. An example of the tablet will be available during the January board meeting for public viewing.

December brought our busiest week of the year during the wind events. GGFPD responded to 10 calls within 48 hours including a heavy rescue, a backcountry rescue, several near miss wildland fire starts and many downed wires. During both events GGFPD staffed two full stations with a 10+ firefighters, officers and chiefs on shift each day. A huge thank you to our districts citizens who were extra vigilant during this time, at least one wildland fire start was prevented directly due to the actions of a proactive citizen!

Training

- 2026 training started out with a bang! Our first training of the year was a full-scale mock MCI that was coordinated by Training Lt. Nate Phillips and was an incredible hit!
 - Chief Enright attended CWFIMA and received critical experience on the incident management team and attended several advanced wildland fire incident management classes.
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Personnel

Chiefs:2
Officers:3
Single Role Firefighter/EMS:14
Single Role Support:2
Tri Role Firefighter/Support/Mitigation:2
Dual Role Firefighter/Mitigation:5
Single Role Mitigation: 9
Probationary Firefighters: 0
Total staff: 37

CWPP

The final CWPP document is attached to this month's board items for approval and adoption. The CWPP has been reviewed and approved by Jefferson County as well as the Colorado State Forest Service. Upon approval and signature by the president of the board, the CWPP process will be completed.

Spending / Budget Authorization Requests - Action Required

None.

Likely Future Actions and Events

3-Month Horizon

- Completion of station 82 updates
- Initiation of work for the Volunteer Mitigation Division
- Five year strategic plan

6-Month Horizon

- Completion of Station 83 drainage project

Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Apparatus Replacement

Attachments

1. Units by Call (2025)
 2. Incident Types (2025)
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