MEMORANDUM

| TO: | Board of Directors |
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| FROM: | Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief |
| CC: | Membership |
| DATE: | July 22, 2025 |
| SUBJECT: | **July Chief’s Report** |

Regional/County

The statewide Colorado wildfire resiliency code was formally adopted on July 1st. We have entertained many questions about the code in the last 30 days. Please know that this is not the exact code that Jefferson County or GGFPD will be adopting in 2026. The statewide code can be viewed here: https://dfpc.colorado.gov/WRCB

The Jefferson County has begun to hire for positions in their wildland fire program. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for a position in the program please visit: <https://jefferson.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/External>. Many of the positions close on August 6th.

The rocky mountain regional preparedness level is now a PL4.

Administration

The GGFPD slash collection event was an incredible success. We collected and chipped 72 loads of slash. Thank you to all of the homeowners who participated, and to the FFS who put in a ton of extra time to make it happen!

The fuels/mitigation division committee convened for its initial meetings to cast the vision for the division as well as start building a roadmap for implementation. We received significant feedback regarding homeowner needs and have expanded our planning for the division to include both a home assessment program as well as a general wildland fire education program. The committee is meeting biweekly until the division has been fully implemented.

Grant project updates

DFPC Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant- 30 sets of Tec Gen Wildland/EMS and extrication PPE

- Status: Delivered!

- Incoming gear will be inventoried prior to distribution to line FFs.

Grant availability continues to be a concern across the national fire service and we are investigating alternative avenues for grant funding.

Operations

Call volume continues to follow seasonal trends and 38 calls to date for 2025.

Of particular note FFs responded to a mutual aid wildland fire on the Gilpin County portion of Robinson hill. That fire was held at less than ½ acre due to a quick response by both GGFPD and Timberline FD.

FFs additionally responded to a very challenging backcountry rescue on Mt. Galbraith with GFD , AFD, Stadium Ambulance, Flight for Life and JCOS. The swift action, critical thinking, and pure perseverance of the crew on this call directly contributed to saving the life of the patient on this call.

Tablet implementation- We met with firstnet’s rep in person on July 16th regarding implementation. We are wading through several options with hardware as we have learned that firstnet will begin to have satellite connectivity sometime in the next 12 months, and we want to ensure that we have compatible hardware.

Our station Conex order has been put on temporary hold due to extreme volatility in the container market. The cost for the containers had increased approximately $1000 between board approval and when we were set for delivery. We are currently evaluating alternative options to stay within budget.

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

Training this month has focused on completion of necessary operational readiness tasks including pressure testing all of the department’s hose.

We also hosted the stroke educators from St. Anthonys who provided a spectacular training on prehospital stroke care.

CWPP

The CWPP update continues to move on schedule as we wrap up the final portions of non-place based project prioritization. The CWPP process is on schedule to be completed in October.

Spending Budget Authorization Requests- Action Required

None

Likely Future Actions and Events

3 Month Horizon

* + Operational connectivity implementation
  + 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)