



# GOLDEN GATE

## Fire Department

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: Kyle Kociemba-Benson, Fire Chief  
CC: Membership  
DATE: October 19, 2025  
SUBJECT: October Chief's Report

## Regional / County

Jefferson County remains out of a fire ban; however, we have experienced several Red Flag days and fire weather watches over the past week. Please remember that wildland fires can occur any month of the year.

GGFPD fire mitigation staff have begun meeting with their counterparts at Jefferson County with positive results. The County is continuing to expand hiring within its mitigation division, and we anticipate opportunities for joint training with their fuels module in November. Chief Benson attended the first Wildland Fire Commission meeting of the 2026-2027 cycle alongside county leadership.

Jeffco Open Space is planning to burn the large slash piles at White Ranch when conditions are favorable during the winter months. GGFPD and Jeffco OS will provide notification through our social media channels when those burns are scheduled. As we approach pile-burning season, please ensure all appropriate permits and inspections are completed with both GGFPD and Jefferson County prior to igniting your slash piles.

## Administration

The Wildfire Mitigation Division Committee continues to make significant progress. All five initial applicants to the division have successfully passed background checks and are officially integrated into the organization's structure. We are currently accepting additional community applications for mitigation division positions through October 31.

As many have noticed, storage containers were placed at Stations 81 and 82 at the end of last month. These containers will serve as permanent storage for the UTVs at each station. We have received several comments regarding their color and want to reassure nearby residents that the containers will be painted to match the respective stations.

The District's workers' compensation, property, and liability policies have been updated for 2026. These updates include coverage for new staff members in the mitigation division.

Station 82 experienced a temporary loss of heat earlier this month due to a bird obstructing the furnace motor—an issue that has occurred several times before. We will be reinstalling a grate over the intake to prevent animals from entering. As part of critical infrastructure improvements, we are also evaluating options for adding a secondary heating system for the station’s living quarters.

## Grant Project Updates

The District has received its disbursement of funds from the Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant.

## Operations

Call volume remains on the lower side for the year with 71 calls to date. We continue to maintain an average response time of 16 minutes or less from dispatch to arrival, with an average of four or more responders per call.

Engine 81 was taken out of service due to a steering pump malfunction. Repairs are being handled by a mobile mechanic who will also perform annual routine maintenance on all heavy District apparatus as we finalize an agreement with the City of Golden Fleet Services.

## Personnel

We currently have an operational staff of 26, including 2 who serve dual roles as operational and support staff, and 2 single-role support staff. Additionally, 5 single-role mitigation staff bring our total personnel to 32.

We currently have 1 staff member on active-duty military leave.

## CWPP

Completion of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) was delayed to allow for additional review of final documents. The final community presentation will be held virtually on November 10.

## Spending / Budget Authorization Requests - Action Required

None.

## Likely Future Actions and Events

3-Month Horizon

- Operational connectivity implementation
- Full stand-up of the Volunteer Mitigation Division

6-Month Horizon

- Station 82 updates completed
- Station 83 drainage project completion

## Strategic Concepts and Visions

- Five-Year Strategic Plan
- Apparatus Replacement

### Attachments:

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