



MONTHLY FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

Regular Meeting: February 20, 2024

Operations:

- We responded to 46 calls in January.
- Still learning how to pull reports from ESO, I don't have additional stats for the month, but they will return in the future.
- Dispatch went live with the new CAD system on the 14th. So far on only a few small issues for TFPD. Looking forward to working through CAD/ESO integration.
- Tender 57 is home and back in service. I did break down 150 miles from Rosenbauer and was at an International dealer in IA for 10 days. Breakdown was caused by a fuel injection pressure regulator. RR Arbogash flew out and drove it home after the repairs.
- Captain Watson's maintenance truck is in the body shop, it should be back in back in about two more weeks. We were reimbursed for the deductible because the other driver was at fault.
- We have filled the 2 Shift Firefighter positions. We are excited to add Tyler Ross and Alex Hinojos to the staff.
- I was able to find suitable Bronco on a lot in Colorado Springs, purchasing this one kept us from dealing with the 4-6 month order process. Currently in the process of radio and light installation. The project will come in at or under the budgeted amount.
- Making this purchase now allowed Capt. Watson to use a Durango while his truck is in the shop.

Wildland/Mitigation:

- We have received all reimbursements for 2023 deployments.
- Pile burning with USFS for TFPD is complete. USFS is still cleaning up a few piles.
- TFPD burned 19 days, 11 of those days the UTV was used. See the attached spreadsheet for pile and acre totals.
- Gilpin CWPP kick-off meeting was February 8th.
- Thursday we are hosting the first Gilpin Wildfire Council meeting at Station 3.
- We received an AIM (Action, Implementation, and Mitigation) grant for our Mitigation Coordinator position. This grant is for 50% of the position cost for one year. The period of performance is roughly March 2024-March 2025.
- We have a lot of mitigation work planned for this year: Porter Ranch, Corona Heights, Pinecliffe Association, Gilpin Rec Center, Dakota Tower, and 5 community chipping events. Other projects are still in development.

Administration:

- We were awarded a Historical Preservation grant for the Observatory roof replacement. The roofing consultant should be putting this out to bid soon. I will attempt to line up anything that needs approval with our regularly scheduled meetings. Captain Bosworth will be helping manage this project as well.
- DFPC Firefighter Safety and Disease Grant was submitted, I asked for two Thermal imaging cameras totaling \$13,000 with a zero match.

- FEMA AFG Grant: Another fire alarm system grant is complete, the request is for \$35,000 with a 5% match. We completed a fire alarm project last year at Station 7 and some repairs at Station 3 with the original grant. We are looking to replace the alarm system at Station 5 with the new grant.
- Training and Recruitment Coordinator position has been filled. Lt. Schneider has accepted the position and will be working part time with Chief Bondus until his last day on March 15th. Lt. Schneider will start full time sometime in April.
- Software changeover from Emergency Reporting (ER)/Vector to ESO has been slow, but we have progressed. Report writing is working well. Training and Certification working. I hope to have properties and inspections ready by March 8th.
- We canceled and were refunded for the scheduling portion of ESO as it was not going to work for Timberline. We have developed an interim plan and will revisit scheduling later in the year.
- We have begun an ISO re-evaluation; the training portion was completed first because I wanted to make sure this was done while Chief Bondus was still here. We saw improvement over the previous audit and have identified some areas for future improvement, mostly in documentation. The results of this audit helped to improve the build-out of ESO's training tracker and will allow us to maintain better records going forward.
- I am meeting with our ISO evaluator tomorrow to work on the next steps.

Training:

- February's monthly training was size-ups and first-due action planning, focus was on good communication and accurate reporting of conditions to dispatch/incoming resources. Also discussed mutual and auto-aid partners' capabilities and agreements.
- All Timberline members renewing their EMT in March attended NR-EMT skills session hosted by Timberline/UC Health/Gilpin Ambulance and have received their required skills signoffs. Skills signoffs will now be an annual requirement for all TFPD members holding an EMS certification. Thanks to Capt. Putnam at GAA for assisting with this.
- We hosted a region-wide GIS mapping training with Gilpin County this past Saturday. Thanks for Lt Colgan and crew for coordinating day-off needs.
- March training is focused on winter driving and winch/recovery. Thanks to Lt. Femmer and Capt. Bosworth for creating and teaching this class.
- March 9th is ice rescue. Board members are encouraged to attend and get in the water to role-play as victims. Thanks to Johnny May for instructing again this year and to Snowline Lake HOA for allowing us to use the lake again. And thanks to HCA for providing us lunch.

R&R:

- New member interviews continue through end of next week. Looking at a likely recruit class size of five to seven with onboarding planned late March/early-April.
- New recruitment signs were purchased (using grant advertising dollars) and will be installed at stations late Feb/early March.
- We will be heading to Aims Community College in Windsor in late March as part of their regional fire/EMS career day recruitment event.