

CHIEF'S MINUTE(S)

October 21, 2022

- Incidents** – September, 2022 22 total, 12 medical, 0 structure, 1 mva, 0 natural cover, 4 public assist, 1 false alarm, 4 haz. condition. Haz conditions are fire season violations with DFPA.
- Training** – Training included annual regional live fire LPG class, with 31 firefighters in addition to ours from all over Douglas County. Did an LPG refresher, had Williams and Northwest Natural Gas Pipelines present their safety classes, Douglas Electric do their biannual safety training, and an officers /safety meeting with crews.
- Firefighters** - Continued wildland staffing through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Resulted in reduced response times, station and equipment improvements, and disaster preplanning. So far fires have been kept small. Several new certifications including rope rescue and strike team leader, enabling us to teach up to crew boss/engine boss and rescue rope operations here.
- Explorers** - Training with our ffs, making most incidents also.
- Equipment** - Received flash hoods, flammable test gas for 4 gas monitor, firefighter gloves, New York Hooks, gated wyes, hydrant valves, and fitted for PPE from vendor on September 13<sup>th</sup>. All are VFA grant items. Repaired Brush 1080 with crack in stainless steel pipe, DFPA welded it for no cost. Reset engine codes for NOX sensors on 1080.
- Inventory** - Adding all items to inventories as received.
- Facility** Worked on outdoor areas, weed removal. Purchased yard tools to maintain grounds, put lock on storage shed and rechargeable tools in shed, wheelbarrow, herbicides, etc. The fire trailer was set up and waiting for County fire training to determine next steps in maintaining it and scheduling it for use. They received a grant to maintain it and repair it. LPG tank was filled for lpg drill, offset by tuition costs.
- Office/Admin** – In lieu audit completed, paid \$40 fee.
- We finished 6 pay periods of the Wildland Staffing Grant, to get to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> as a cutoff date we were + or - \$720 over, will cover out of Account #6002. State and Federal payroll taxes need to be paid for the quarter next month.
- Seismic grant contract: RFP submittals received as of October 6<sup>th</sup>. Two proposals, both came to the non-mandatory meeting Sept. 21 and met our personnel. Working on evaluation of the proposals, will present our findings at November Board meeting.
- The new bank account is in the process of being opened and we need designated signers to sign the card available at Umpqua Bank. I received all of the tracking forms and a fully signed contract from the State.
- The FEMA communications grant with District 2 was unsuccessful, will reapply with them.. Submitted the DPSST/OSFM grant for a water tender, Type 3 engine, and Type 6 engine. Will hear back in early 2023.
- There is also a new grant through the OSFM for 3 years of firefighter staffing similar to our summer wildland staffing. A zoom meeting will be on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and there are some conditions to be met but it looks possible. A requirement is a commitment to securing future funding either through a SAFER grant or option levy. Will be applying for the SAFER grant and a FEMA grant for an Engine this fall/winter.
- SDAO Insurance review and proposal for 2023 in and due November 1<sup>st</sup>.