

CHIEF'S MINUTE(s)

September 13, 2023

**Incidents** – August, 2023 37 total, 13 medical, 3 structure, 1 mva, 8 natural cover, 4 public assist, 1 false alarm, 7 haz. condition. Structure fire responses to Tenmile, District 2 and wildland responses to Tenmile, Reston, District 2 and Tye Ridge complex. 6 automatic aid to Dist. 2, 3 mutual aid to Tenmile.

**Training** – Training included Task performance evaluations of FF1 candidates, Image trend elite/survey 123, ladders, hose operations, and hose handling.

**Firefighters** - Continue working towards FF1 and FF2 online and manipulative, training new officers. 3 ffs working full or part time with other Depts, and 2 working for Tenmile seasonally as well as us.

**Explorers** - Training with our ffs, making most incidents also.

**Equipment** - 1060 primer repaired, 1091 wiring and lights finished. 1080 still having sensor issues. Avista gas and Umpqua Fire Instructors working on our lpg prop and trailer.

**Inventory** - As the new fiscal year starts, starting to purchase approved budgeted equipment.

**Facility** - grounds mowed, trimmed

**Office/Admin** – Bids for construction contractors were due in Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> to Vitus. Expecting a kickoff meeting soon, and an update on when and what will happen. Building permits application was submitted, paint and floor samples sent back. Have been working with them on updating plans to get some things that may or not be seismic related but can be provided. Wiring for computers/office stations, underground conduit to the outbuilding for future power, exterior lighting, etc.

State reimbursements for the architecture/engineering has been better, with all late invoices cleared up.

The first four pay periods for wildland staffing have come and gone. Completed the OSFM mid-season report and submitted it. We have had 37 incidents while manned, with 11 of those being wildland fires. Are within budget, with minimal acreage loss in our area.

Last year's workers comp audit was sent in, and waiting on results on how the seasonal staffing affected the fees. Changed number of volunteers and cadets to lower, added seasonal ffs to it. Our new SAIF policy was less expensive with the seasonal ffs planned in already for this year.

Still looking for an auditor for the next 2-3 years, need to have it done by December 31.

Approaching Grange for use as training room and meeting room during our construction, and a rental of some reasonable amount.

SAFER grant was successful, and in the process of accepting it officially and initiating the record keeping, timelines, job description, and procedures to make it happen. Will be a 3.5 year grant with value of \$417,000. Also initiated contract with same grant writers for the upcoming fuel reduction grant, looking for about the same \$ amount for wildland fire safety and an employee to manage it.

Have completed 220+ wildfire surveys, and about 80 address signs during the summer.