

CHIEF'S MINUTE(s)

August 9, 2023

Incidents – July, 2023 29 total, 16 medical, 0 structure, 3 mva, 7 natural cover, 0 public assist, 0 false alarm, 3 haz. condition. Fire responses to Tenmile, 4 automatic aid to Dist. for natural cover fires.

Training – Training included safety/officer meeting/equipment night, D2 Tower for “bread and butter”, report writing and image trend surveys, and 1 ¾ handline use.

Firefighters - Continue working towards FF1 and FF2 online and manipulative, training new officers. Have brought on board 3 new volunteers, one on hold, physicals and background checks done. Working on outfitting them.

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

Equipment - 1070, 1080, 1081, 1090, and 1091 had annual maintenance done, fluids, filters, lube. 1080 still having sensor issues. Electrical repair on 1030. Ferrel gas is still working on the burn trailer to make it safe and has dug the trenches and laid new poly line.

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

Facility - grounds mowed, trimmed

Office/Admin – Got plans from ZCS with proposed final drawings and construction. They are working with Vitus construction for final costs. Proposed zoom meeting this week and “kick off” meeting next week. Will try to get an early evening meeting so all interested are here.

Been having issues with reimbursements from the State for the grant, recently they are slow resulting in us getting late notices for invoices. Working on that and have contacted all involved, vendors and State.

The first two pay periods for wildland staffing have come and gone. OSFM has sent out mid-season report for completion. We have had 11 incidents while manned, with 7 of those being wildland fires. One in our area had some potential, 1080 got there in 2 minutes and had the fire knocked down before DFPA and the rest of us arrived.

New workers comp company on board and first year paid. Working with SDIS on last year's final audit to see how the seasonal staffing affected costs. Changed number of volunteers and cadets to lower, added seasonal ffs to it. Not sure what the resulting audit will show cost wise. Our new SAIF policy was less expensive with the seasonal ffs planned in already for this year.

Year-end fiscal reports received today and will be searching for an auditor. Speaking with the Dept. Of Revenue about the lack of auditors, the cost, and our investment possibilities. Got a list from the State of all approved auditors, and for last year we will have to do the report for above \$250,000 but below \$500,000, and next fiscal year will be the full audit/report for over \$100,000,000 expenditures.

Approaching Grange for use as temporary office and training room, and a rental of some reasonable amount.