

CHIEF'S MINUTE(s)

October 11, 2023

Incidents – September, 2023 27 total, 12 medical, 32 structure, 3 mva, 2 natural cover, 3 public assist, 1 false alarm, 7 haz. condition. Structure fire responses to Tenmile, District 2, and South Umpqua. and wildland responses to Tenmile, Reston. 2 mutual aids out and 1 automatic aid to District 2.

Training – Training included Task performance evaluations of FF1 candidates, more hose handling, officers meeting and safety meeting, ventilation, search and rescue.

Firefighters - Continue working towards FF1 and FF2 online and manipulative, training new officers.

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

Equipment - Avista gas and Umpqua Fire Instructors continue working on our lpg prop and trailer. Repaired emergency lights on 1080 Brush.

Inventory - As the new fiscal year starts, starting to purchase approved budgeted VFA equipment. Received new foam, turnout vendor measured crew for PPE, ordered new wildland "Smokey Bear" pack equipment.

Facility - Fuel delivered, 450 diesel.

Office/Admin – Building permit and plan review completed, check for plan review here tonight. Those will be sent to the State for reimbursement. Also \$1700+ for Course of Construction policy.

All late invoices were cleared up, and up to date with ZCS.

The six pay periods for wildland staffing have come and gone. Finished and closed down Sept. 30. Final payroll and expenses were \$36,213.27. Also had \$2200 in additional workers comp. Had budgeted \$7000 for match, so looks like \$3413.27 from match. A lot of work completed and minimal acreage loss in our area.

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

SAFER grant was successful, developing job description, records, applications, assessment practices, interviews, and related SOPs. Met with Wheeler about payroll, PERS, benefits, etc. Will be a 3.5 year grant with value of \$417,000. Should be advertising early next week, hope to hire by December 1st. Would like one Board member during interviews.

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. In process of writing and due October 31st.

Had completed 330+ wildfire surveys, and about 90 address signs during the summer. Used data we got for the CWDG grant process. Included hazard, defensible or not, evacuation concerns, etc.

Met with District 2 Chief today about mapping of Districts with new fire Authority, our boundaries with them, their Senate bill 1068 path forward, assessment of tax lots, etc. Also the future of the new Fire Authority and how it could affect us.