

CHIEF'S MINUTE(S)

December 14, 2022

- Incidents** – November, 2022 23 total, 14 medical, 3 structure, 2 mva, 2 natural cover, 2 public assist, 0 false alarm, 0 haz. condition. Fire responses were all automatic aid to District 2 with water tender.
- Training** – Training included 2 nights of our annual OSHA refreshers – blood borne pathogens, harassment/discrimination, Safety Data sheets, etc. Also 2 nights so far using the fire trailer for smoke drills involving interior attack and rit/rescue.
- Firefighters** - Continue working towards FF1 and FF2 online and manipulative, training new officers. Have 2 new State instructor 2s certified. Retired FF Tom Johnson has rejoined, and Anthony Salberg has applied to join. FF Busciglio and FF Southworth have resigned due to moving to other Departments.
- Explorers** - Training with our ffs, making most incidents also.
- Equipment** - Cascade system for air supply hydrostat tests completed, good for 10 more years. Turnout order received and distributed. Making supplemental order for two additional ffs.
- Inventory** - Adding all items to inventories as received.
- Facility** The fire trailer repair and maintenance has started. Electrician working on wiring and Ferrel gas will work towards certifying it as a safe gas training prop. We are using it as a non-fire training prop as long as it is here.
- Office/Admin** – Received proposed contract for ZCS seismic project. Submitted it for review to Aileen Aikens, our lawyer we have on retainer when needed. She made changes and corrections to several areas, and I returned it to ZCS. Received the modified contract today, and will read it and approve if the changes were made. They will forward a signable copy, and we are looking to have a project “kick-off” meeting the first week of January, date to be set this week.
- The new bank account is in the process of being opened. Got a new form that needs to be signed by the president, and it can be opened and the information sent to the State for approval so that we can receive and disburse the funds for the grant.
- Submitted the Staffing Capacity grant. Met with other small Departments to get budget figures to figure out what actual costs would be and what the LRFD match would be. The grant was due November 30th. It looks like we will not get it after running the figures, as they are limiting it to 30 departments and they want the commitment on the matching funds and future funding increases from our taxpayers. The State fire fuel reduction grant has not come out yet.
- We have made it to the second round for the Wildland Equipment grant for vehicles. Received a more in depth budget/funding/resources questionnaire to be returned by January 17, 2023.
- Resubmitting communications grant through FEMA with Fire District 2. Will also write grants through FEMA for a Type 1 engine to replace Engine 1031, and a staffing grant/recruitment and retention grant.
- SDAO Insurance proposal for 2023 was reviewed. Cost is up \$950. Industry wide increases are the explanation for the increase. SDAO may be contracting with SAIF for workers compensation in the future, received a letter of projected costs which show that part of our insurance stable for next 3 years.
- Property tax money has started to arrive a little later than normal. We have about \$60,000 in so far.
- Received donations and joined with the Grange and Lookingglass Church in providing gift cards and food cards to Lookingglass School for families in need. Will be distributed next Tuesday at the school.