



Fire Department Monthly Status Report

February 10, 2022

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

2022 has started with several large-scale projects wrapping up. Our CWPP is nearing completion and we have received positive comments and constructive feedback. The document will be finalized by April and will be a planning document for us moving forward. The mitigation project along Foxtan Rd. was completed last week when the last of the piles were burned. It was a total of 42.5 acres of thinning and pile burning along the Foxtan Rd. Drainage. This is the first mitigation project that has been completed by the district.

The consolidation discussions are moving ahead with members of the boards starting to meet and discuss what the future may look like. The Chiefs are now touring the districts and looking at stations as well as apparatus. The overall feedback I have received is positive among firefighters and some residents. As the boards start to meet and get to know each other, there will be more progress and updates. We are also looking at forming some committees between the agencies to start looking at other operational items to assess the similarities and differences between the agencies. Ultimately, the goal is to provide better service to our taxpayers.

We are working on several grants for 2022. We have grants in for structural firefighting equipment as well as wildland equipment. There is a lot of talk about the funding for the area about wildland fire mitigation as well. Currently, our workload is at capacity. We are looking at some other grants but unless we can increase our workforce, we are not able to take on more direct fire mitigation work for the next year or two.

One of the largest problems we are facing housing. Like many areas in the state, our housing market has outpaced our salaries. This is affecting our full-time firefighters as well as our seasonal workforce. The rental market is extremely competitive and purchasing a house is a problem as well. We are looking some grants to possibly build some employee housing at station 2 in Pine.

2022 is going to be an exciting time for the Elk Creek Fire Protection district.

Jacob N. Ware
Fire Chief

OPERATIONS (January)

- Volunteer firefighters had 219 hours of staffing at Station 1.
- Elk Creek Averaged 3.4 members per call.
- 15% of the calls overlapped (18 Calls)
- Average Response Time 10:11

January - Emergency Incidents	2020	2021	2022
1. Fire	4	1	3
2. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) & Rescue	58	57	71
3. Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	6	4	3
3. Service Call	4	6	8
4. Good Intent Call	19	20	23
5. False Alarm and False Call	6	8	10
6. Special Incident	0	1	1
Total	97	97	119

January - Additional Emergency Incidents	2020	2021	2022
Automatic/Mutual Aid Emergency Responses provided to the Elk Creek by other Agencies	4	2	8

January Ambulance Transports	2019	2020	2021
	31	41	32

TRAINING

- Firefighters logged 356 hours of training for the month.
- Elk Creek brought in Chief Edwards from Atlanta Fire Department to teach a class on dealing with special needs patients for the fire service.
- The 2022 recruit academy is going well with a lot of involvement from the recruits.
- We are looking at starting a training group with the departments along the 285 corridor the

cost share larger trainings and have more inter-agency drills.

PREVENTION

- Fire Marshal Parker completed 29 inspections for the month of January.
- Driveways are still a problem within the district. I have a meeting with Jefferson County Planning and Zoning to discuss why the fire department is part of the driveway process.
- The Jefferson County Wildland Fire Commission has had its first meeting with a lot of discussion on the IWUI codes.
- The Community Wildfire Protection Plan is in the final review stages.

FLEET, EQUIPMENT, & FACILITIES

Fleet:

- Engine 431 was damaged during a structure fire. It was damaged by radiant heat from the house fire. The parking area was about 40 feet wide. We have started an insurance claim and I will have updates in the next meeting
- We have hired a Fleet manager/ mechanic who will be starting this month.