



Fire Department Monthly Status Report

August 11, 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Summer is in full swing in the district. With the COVID-19 pandemic's effects still being felt, call volume is back to normal and the number of visitors recreating in the district is at a record. The public lands have been at capacity for the last several months. This has led to an increase in rescue calls in our local parks. We have had at least one call on public lands every week for the last 6 weeks. The last month has also had a number of motor vehicle accidents on 285. There were 11 motor vehicle accidents and 4 resulted in serious injuries.

Merger talks are continuing with Inter Canyon Fire and we are finalizing a joint training chief position. The goal is to have the individual on board in October.

At the last Chiefs meeting we have also decided to move forward with a fire academy in January. We are currently researching how other agencies are implementing academies with social distancing and other COVID precautions in place. The new training chief will be in charge of the academy. While the time frame is tight, there is a lot of interest locally about volunteering with the department.

The 2021 budget planning is starting and going into the next year there will be some changes to the budget as well as long range planning to help guide future budgets.

Inter- Canyon, North Fork, Evergreen, Genneesee, Foothills and Indian Hills are going to be moving to the First Due Size Up program for response, preplans and mapping. This will assist all the departments when responding on mutual aid. The program will replace "I Am Responding."

Jacob N. Ware
Fire Chief

OPERATIONS (July)

- Volunteer firefighters had 240 hours of staffing at Station 1.
- Elk Creek Averaged 3.4 members per call.
- 17% of the calls overlapped (23 Calls)
- Average Response Time 10:39
- The 7 fires were wildland fire incidents.

July - Emergency Incidents	2018	2019	2020
1. Fire	8	2	7
2. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) & Rescue	63	93	82
3. Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	4	4
3. Service Call	4	7	11
4. Good Intent Call	26	9	22
5. False Alarm and False Call	10	7	6
6. Special Incident	5	0	1
Total	117	119	133

July - Additional Emergency Incidents	2018	2019	2020
Automatic/Mutual Aid Emergency Responses provided to the Elk Creek by other Agencies	2	6	8

July Ambulance Transports	2018	2019	2020
	29	56	41

TRAINING

- Firefighters logged 61 hours of training for the month.
- After a lot of discussion Inter Canyon and Elk Creek are going to have a joint academy starting in January. There has been a lot of interest in the district about volunteering.

PREVENTION

- Fire Marshal Parker completed inspections for the month of July.
- The RFP has been approved by Elk Creek for the consulting firm to move forward on the Conifer Commons development coverage report. Fire Marshal Parker and I went over the RFP as well as did some research on the firm.
- The Real Fire property assessment program is up and running. We have brought on a part time employee to work on assessments. There has been a lot of interest from other districts on the program and we are exploring options to expand the program.

WILDLAND

- Fire season continues to be active in CO. We currently have an engine in Grand Junction and one single resource on the same fire.
- Fuels are drying out in the district. Last month did have some precipitation but the warm windy days of the last few weeks are drying things out again. Before any more resources leave for assignment, we will be looking at the current and projected weather.
- The module will be completing the cutting project at The Preserve at Pine Meadows this week. The community chipping program is on track and the scheduling program is working well.
- There will be a new cutting project starting at Glen Elk this fall. It is aprox. 60 acres and will be completed by spring of 2022.

FLEET, EQUIPMENT, & FACILITIES

Station 1

- The parking lot paving project has started. The project should be completed by the end of August. It will involve a complete re construction of the parking lot to improve drainage.
- A second vendor has been selected for the bay door project. He has said the lead time is 6 weeks on ordering the doors. They will have. A much higher R value which should make a huge difference in keeping the ambulance bays warmer as well as the living quarters.
- There is still 1 engine out of service due to some warranty issues and a computer issue. We are dealing with the repair shop and vendors trying to get the situation resolved.
- One command truck is on order and has delivery date of September.
- There has also been a trailer added to the fleet for the Rokon motorcycles. They have been used a number of times this summer for back country rescues and the trailer has made the mobilization easier and the response more efficient. The ROKONS have been used twice in the last month to extract patients with minor injuries.

Station 4

- The well flow test is scheduled and the water supply system should be completed by October. This will allow the trucks to be filled in the station as well as a water supply for larger incidents.