



Fire Department Monthly Status Report

September 10, 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The fire season in the west has been extremely busy. The recent snow fall has decreased the fire danger in the district for the time being. We have kept resources home for the last month due to the increasing fire danger. Now, we will be making some resources available to go assist other agencies.

The month of August was a time to catch up on the capital projects that had been slow to start with the COVID-19 pandemic. The parking lot paving is completed and is a success. There are also many other small projects that we are trying to get back on track with.

In September, Elk Creek will start the 2021 budget process. This year we will be having several meetings with officers, area coordinators and any members who would like to participate in the planning process. As part of the process we will be creating an updated apparatus replacement plan as well as working on our strategic plan for the future. The goal is to have a working document that will help guide our plans into the future.

Consolidation discussions are continuing with the Inter Canyon and Elk Creek. Currently Inter Canyon and Elk Creek are working on how to integrate the wildland fire programs of the two districts. We are looking at expanding the chipping program between two districts as well as sharing the wildland fire module. I have also been asked to sit in on the design phase of the new stations. We will both be sitting in on the strategic planning meetings for both agencies.

Jacob N. Ware
Fire Chief

OPERATIONS (August)

- Volunteer firefighters had 240 hours of staffing at Station 1.
- Elk Creek Averaged 3.1 members per call.
- 14% of the calls overlapped (17 Calls)
- Average Response Time 10:15
- The 5 fires were wildland fire incidents.

August- Emergency Incidents	2018	2019	2020
1. Fire	3	8	5
2. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) & Rescue	66	60	71
3. Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	3	5
3. Service Call	9	4	8
4. Good Intent Call	16	26	25
5. False Alarm and False Call	11	8	5
6. Special Incident	0	0	1
Total	106	109	120

August- Additional Emergency Incidents	2018	2019	2020
Automatic/Mutual Aid Emergency Responses provided to the Elk Creek by other Agencies	6	10	5

August Ambulance Transports	2018	2019	2020
	44	30	36

TRAINING

- Firefighters logged 45 hours of training for the month.
- We are still trying to get back to in person trainings while keeping COVID precautions in place.

PREVENTION

- Fire Marshal Parker completed 43 inspections for the month of August.

- The Elk Creek CWPP is in need of updating. Captain Yellin is currently speaking with The Forest Stewards Guild to get an RFP. We are going to be doing the CWPP together with Inter Canyon. It will include both districts and identify risk areas and help design a guide a mitigation workplan for the future.
- The Wildfire Prepared Home Assessment Program is going well with 22 completed assessments and 20 appointments scheduled.

WILDLAND

- The fire season has moderated in our district while exploding across the west.
- Currently we have L. Hartley out as a MEDL (T), 1 ambulance with 2, L. Hauser completed his Base Camp Manger qualification and Scott and Carrie Zorno are still out.
- With fire danger lower, we are going to be making resources available to assist with other fires.
- We have been in a meeting with Inter Canyon to combine our wildland programs. The chipping program has reached capacity with our current configuration. The plan is to hire a dedicated fuels crew that can work on fuels projects including chipping and cutting with a secondary role of response and fire suppression.

FLEET, EQUIPMENT, & FACILITIES

Station 1

- The station is getting caught up on maintance projects including some painting and LED light installation.

Station 4

- The well test was completed and the flow is .8 GPM. That flow rate is not sufficient for a cistern fill.