

# Downieville Fire Protection District Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday December 13, 2023  
3:00 pm, Downieville Community Hall

## Officer's Report

**Thought of the Day** *Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk.* unknown

### 1. November Dispatched Incident

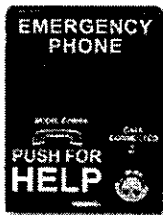
- a. **Downieville** Medicals 7, Medical UC's 8, 1 propane leak and 1 traffic control
- b. **Sierra City:** 2 Fire, 2 Helpline, 1 Broken Water Pipe
- c. **Pike:** 1 Rescue
- d. **Alleghany:** 1 Rescue, 2 Fires
- e. West side dispatched incidents to date 279

### 2. Grants Update, Quarterly updates completed.

- a. Office of Traffic Safety, Required Updates completed.
- b. California Fire Foundation. Still waiting on hose and pump to complete the purchased items.
- c. No other grants in the works.

### 3. Useful take aways from our visit to Washington (From last month's meeting)

- a. To pay for the following I will be submitting a grant application to OTS, (office of traffic safety) I believe these safety enhancements fit in well with their fundable programs.
- b. Other than the new firehouse information purpose of the trip the following are some good ideas we should implement.



- i. 911 phone outside of station #1. Would connect to the non-emergency sheriff's office dispatch phone. Housed in an exterior box, Cost approx.. \$300
- ii. A large 3' by 4' sign outlining the evacuation procedure. Should be located in at least 3 spots for visibility. Can cost between \$500 and \$1000 each depending on material and color
  - 1. Siren operation
  - 2. Evacuation routes
  - 3. Caution statements

### 4. Bulletin Board on the outside wall of Station #1

- a. 7302 will supply the funding.
- b. I am sending up a few trial balloons to gage the repercussions from the county.

### 5. Type 3 search

- a. **Pioneer Fire Protection District, (south of Placerville)** is selling a 2005 HME 4x4 Wild land engine They are asking \$50,000 Could be considered as a TYPE 2 Urban Interface

#### PRO'S

4x4  
6-man cab  
1250 GPM 600 gal tank, SS  
Pump and Roll

#### CON'S

Slightly larger than a typical TYPE 3  
Slightly heavier than a typical TYPE 3  
Not as rugged  
Not for the average operator.

Mileage 129k

- b. Criteria will be, overall condition, any known or suspected defects, service history, pump certification, any complaints or concerns from drivers and crew.
- c. If we were to get another engine, what would we do with 7381?
- d. Suggestions?

**6. Apparatus**

- a. **7341 and 7342** both have new studded tires
- b. **7340**, Need Studded tires for this winter.

**7. Communication**

- a. Still working on an in-town repeater.
- b. Hardware, reprogramming, and training main hurdles.
- c. Performed minor repairs on Ruby repeater site.

**8. Station 2**

- a. We have 4 30" by 36" electric floor heated mats under 7381 and 7391 which seem to be working. May still need to monitor on real cold nights.
  - i. Need a thermos Lazer.
- b. Doors have been repaired, still anticipating further repairs before winter.

**9. Proposed fire breaks No new update.**

- a. Still under discussion There is a proposed work location in the Red Ant Mine area.
- b. If they decide to do any work, it may not be until next spring.

**10. Training**

- a. SCBA's
- b. Need a 1a drivers training course.

**6. Personnel**

- a. There needs to be a staffing discussion. There are too few qualified volunteers to handle driving the apparatus and ambulances.

**Conclusion, Questions, Comments, Constructive Criticism?**