

# Downieville Fire Protection District Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday June 19, 2024  
3:00 pm, Downieville Masonic Hall

## Officer's Report

**Thought of the Day** None

### 1. May Dispatched Incident

- a. Medicals: 12
- b. Fire: 2
- c. MUC : 6
- d. Public assistance: 5
- e. Misc. :1 (help line install)
- f. Other: 1 (AT&T alarm).
- g. We had only 1 air ambulance transport.
- h. Number of dispatched runs to date, 123

### 2. June 15 Cooperative Training with Forest service

- a. Formally Yuba Chiefs, (changed name because not all departments have a Chief)
- b. 45 total participants, 10 from Downieville.
- c. Great raining

### 3. 4<sup>th</sup> of July

- a. **Parade July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Planning and implementation?? Lions Club will organize
  - i. **7341, 7340, 7360** will be in the parade
  - ii. DVFD will provide traffic control
- b. **Firefighters Muster**, 1200 July 6<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Unless there is a surge of enthusiasm, it will be cancelled.
- c. **BBQ**, 1600 to 1800 Meal prep school café, serving in Station 1
- d. **Dance**, 2000 to 2300, Main Street Station 1
  - i. Ticket pre-sale Friday 5<sup>th</sup> \$9.00 or \$10.00 at the door
- e. **All fire department personnel expected to be present.**

### 4. Bike Race

- a. DVFD will be serving lunch on both days, currently scheduled to be held at the school.
- b. DVFD EMS will be providing a First Aid center at the school gym.
- c. **All fire department personnel expected to be present.**

### 5. Brewfest, Sat Sept. 21

- a. DVFD staff to help set up and tear down.
- b. **All fire department personnel expected to be present.**

### 6. Ruby Bluff Repeater

- a. Nothing new to communicate concerning the change in ownership and possible rent change,
  - i. Forest Service radio tech is working on a solution

## **7. Proposed County Fire Ordinance**

- a.** Will mirror the Forest Service's determination of when and where it is not safe to have open flame fires.
- b.** Final review by the BOS Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>
- c.** No written mention of any participation necessary by local fire departments. Recommend any complaints called in to fire dispatch be directed to the sheriff's Office for follow up.

## **8. Grants Update, Quarterly updates completed.**

- a.** California Fire foundation has a \$25K grant available
  - i.** Considering asking for a pump to mount on a trailer.
    - 1.** Researched pumps are approx.. \$22k to \$25K
  - ii.** The trailer and necessary equipment would need to be funded from an alternate source.
    - 1.** Trailer, additional float a pump, hose and fittings approx.. \$15K to \$29K

## **9. 2024 Update of the Strategic Report**

- a.** With the purchase of the type 3, a reallocation of priorities for 2024 is in order and is in process along with the rewriting of the current lengthy mission statement.

## **10. Type 3 (7360)**

- a.** The apparatus is operational, but still needs updated equipment. For now stocked with old gear.
  - i.** A comprehensive wish list is being completed, but the question of where the funding will come from to purchase the necessities is in question
- b.** Received Bill of Sale, starting the registration process, Gotta Love DMV
  - i.** Have an appointment,
- c.** Ask for guidance from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration regarding the "use Tax", I was informed we would need to pay the fee and "no" public agency is exempt'
  - i.** I have emailed representative Kiley for clarification and or support on why a public agency should be charged a Use Fee in California, no response so far
- d.** Still trying to find a home for our old 7381. No one from within the county has asked for information, The search has been extended to the North State via Free Fire Truck Sales websites
- e.** If the commission decides to set a price for the truck it can be outsourced to national brokers for a fee. I question the optics of profiting from a donation.

## **11. Station 2 (In Progress)**

- a.** A good start was made to clean up , still need a work party to clean up berry bushes for inspection of exterior so that the building can be accessed for repairable damage

## **12. Station 3 (In Progress)**

- a.** We need to replace approx. 8 fluorescent tubes or if necessary, the total fixtures.

## **13. Proposed Fire Breaks and Clearing**

- a.** Still under discussion where and when any clearing will be started. A overall map has been produced generally depicting where work will be focused but nothing definitive.

## **14. Training**

- a.** Title 22 training in progress
- b.** This fire season's R 130 courses in progress
- c.** Need a 1-a driver's training course.

## **6. Personnel**

- a.** Prepared statement from 7302

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