

# Downieville Fire Protection District

## Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023  
3:00 pm, Downieville Community Hall

### Officer's Report

**Thought of the day** A hammer can build, a hammer can tear down, same strength different desire.

#### 1. March Dispatched Incident

- a. **Downieville.** MUC 5, Medicals 7, Helpline 1, Propane 2, Traffic control 1, Fire Access 1
- b. **Sierra City,** Medicals 2, Structure Fire 1, CO Alarm 1.
- c. **Alleghany, 0**
- d. **Pike,** Mutual Aid 3.
- e. Runs to date 54

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

- a. **AFG, (Assistance to Fire Fighters** Nothing new to report on 2022 submission
  - a. Missed the February submission for 2023.
- b. **OTS, (Office of Traffic Safety), Extraction Tools,** Up to date with nothing to report.
- c. **Regional Communication Grant, sponsored** by Ben Edwards Sierra Dist. 1 No update
- d. **AFG, SAFER Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response)** Closing March 17th
- e. **No other grants in the works.**

#### 3. 2023 activities,

- a. **Easter, April 8<sup>th</sup>.** scheduled and a committee in place.
- b. **Appreciation BBQ, Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>,** Tin Cup Diggins 3:00 PM
  - i. Asking for suggestions on awards, who and why
- c. **EMS Week, May 21-27,** need to discuss and if participating name a committee.
- d. **4<sup>th</sup> of July, Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>.** muster, BBQ, Dance. Parade on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Requires all hands-on deck.
  - i. May need to make special arrangements for meal prep. (community Hall construction)
- e. **Bike Race, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>,**
  - i. Department was out maneuvered for the lunch concession by a local business, we were assured by the event organizers there would be a donation to equal the loss in revenue.
  - ii. Still maintaining the first aid station, location to be decided
- f. **Brewfest.,** We will be helping in the setup and tear down.

#### 4. Strategic Plan draft handout

- a. For review by all and comments welcome during the next board meeting

#### 5. Type 3 and pump trailer

- a. Still actively searching for the right units. Hopefully departments will be offering for surplus as they upgrade their equipment.

#### 6. Proposed fire break Still being under discussion but no definitive progress. **Steve's** mapping of the proposed Northern fire break is being sanctioned by the Sierra County Fire Safe. Should be a go when money is granted.

- a. If they decide to do any work, it may not be until next spring.

- 7. Training**
  - a. Still trying to encourage all to complete online training for a Red Card
  - b. Work on wildland fire skills training.
  - c. With the expected high river flow this spring more river safety training
- 8. Apparatus and Other Equipment**
  - a. 7340 rear lights repaired.
  - b. 7342 needs new studded tires.
  - c. 7391 Frozen front sprayers, Dean will look at.
  - d. Apparatus in station 2 needs to be evaluated for winter damage.
- 6. Court House Generator interfering with the access of 7341 and 7342 to Station 3**
  - a. Maybe a major concern with the safe responding and parking.
  - b. Nothing new to report
- 7. Community Hall.**
  - a. Upstairs leaks still not repaired.
- 8. Personnel**
  - a. Discussion and permission for the district to pay for ambulance driver training
- 9. Projects, (continued agenda items)**
  - a. Station 2 need a good cleaning and organizing. On Going
  - b. Work on house number that can be easily read from the street. Still in progress, no one has stepped forward to take the lead.
  - c. Review fire lanes requirements Still necessary
- 10. Conclusion, Questions, Comments, Constructive Criticism?**