

Downieville Fire Protection District Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday August 21, 2024
3:00 pm, Downieville Community Hall

Officer's Report

Thought of the Day None

1. July Dispatched Incidents

- a. Downieville 19 Medicals
 4 MUC
 8 Public Assists
 2 Smoke Checks
 1 Wildland Fire UTL
- b. Sierra City 8 Medicals
 2 Search and rescues
- c. Pike 2 MOU Cal Fire
- d. Alleghany 0
- e. Total number of dispatched runs to date West Side 201

2. Bike Race

- a. DVFD was given a \$9,000 donation from the trail stewardship.
- b. Payment for the food and supplies in process.
- c. Most active members of the Association agreed to do it again next year
- d. There was a concern with the temperature of the pasta and the recommendations for next year
 - i. A food grade digital thermometer to verify cooking and storage temps
 - ii. A good selection of shallow pans to store all food so it can get to and maintain the proper storage and serving temperature
 - iii. Enough large pots to insure adequate clean boiling water

3. Brewfest, Sat Sept. 21

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

4. Ruby Bluff Repeater

- a. Nothing new to report.

5. Pre-Positioning

- a. As of 8-21-24 the department has be assigned to 28 days of Pre-Positioning.
 - i. Truck Rental is approximately \$97,000
 - ii. May be different if and when we can change the classification of 7391 from a supply tender to a Tactical Tender
 - iii. It is asked that this revenue be placed in the Apparatus Fund
- b. There will be an Administrative Fee of 10% paid

6. Grants Update, Quarterly updates completed.

- a. California Fire foundation Grant
 - i. Out of the optimum \$25,000 available we were allowed \$15,000
 - ii. This is the third year in a roll we have been awarded funding
 - iii. This years project is a Pump Trailer
 - iv. 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

7. OSHA's Proposed "Emergency Response Standard"

- a. A comprehensive evaluation of the physical, training, and workplace safety of volunteer fire departments.
 - i. There would be a strict requirement to adhere to the NFPA standards. (10 year replacement)
- b. Currently being challenged by the National Volunteer Fire Council
 - i. Implementation would be economically Infeasible. (est. cost \$16,000)
 - ii. Interesting numbers
 - 1. Volunteer fire departments protect 82% of the nations communities and 30% of the population.
 - 2. 48% protect communities of less than 2,500 people

8. 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, and now with funding from Pre-Positioning the question of where the funding will come from has a solution.
- b. Upon checking the status of our online registration for DMV licensing I was given a bill for \$25,013 for the use tax before they will issue us a plate. It seems the state has found a way to force compliance.
- c. 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
- d. 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.

9. 7344 Paramedic unit Proposed upgrade

- a. The city of Novato is offering 3 Chevy Tahoe's, (2009 to 2013) for a minimum bid of \$2500
- b. According to their Chief they are in excellent condition and the max milage is 133k. Comes with lights and command consul
- c. My suggestion is to make one a Paramedic unit, allowing our current 7344 to be used as a properly outfitted back country Med/utility unit.
- d. Bids need to be in by EOM August

10. 7381

- a. The truck has been consigned to "FIRE TEC" for marketing and sale.
- b. Unfortunately, there has been very little interest

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.

Conclusion, Questions, Comments, Constructive Criticism?