

# Downieville Fire Protection District

## Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, April 19, 2023  
3:00 pm, Downieville Community Hall

### Officer's Report

**Thought of the day** In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable." — Dwight D. Eisenhower

#### 1. March Dispatched Incident

- a. Downieville, 6 Medicals, 2 welfare checks, 1 Mutual Aid (dog rescue)
- b. Sierra City. 3 Medicals, 2 welfare checks, 2 electrical problems, 1 dog rescue
- c. Alleghany, 1 Medical
- i. Pike, 1 Propane leak, 1 mutual aid Camptonville

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

- a. Regional Communication Grant, sponsored by Ben Edwards Sierra Dist. 1 No update.
- b. No other grants in the works.

#### 3. 2023 activities,

- a. Easter, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Was successful, thanks to Dean for his diligent management.
- 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, Planning in progress for an open house on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm
- 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. Still maintaining the first aid station, location will be in the school gym if the Community Hall is under construction.
- f. Brewfest., We will be helping in the setup and tear down.

#### 4. Strategic Plan draft handout

- a. Is there any comments or discussion on the draft handed out at the last meeting. *no*
- b. It is intended that most needs will be funded with the support of the Association and public donations for specific high dollar purchases.

#### 5. Communication

- a. The radio reception on the Downieville Fire Network has been terrible.
- b. The repeater on Ruby Bluff is a concern, John from Banner Communication snowmobiled into the site but could not find a problem.
  - i. Did say the vault was wet and needed repair. (AT&T property) Will set up a work party when we can get there to seal the roof and check all the wiring.
- c. A solution to make the comms in town optimal is for a repeater in town located high up on Sunnyside, Patty <sup>Grigg</sup> Jeans or Garretts
  - i. Estimated cost \$3,000 installation and programming all radios.
  - ii. This will optimize the functionality of the intown pagers and radios even during storms and power outages.

**6. Forest Service ½ marathon**

- a. We have been asked to make available an ambulance this Saturday April 22, time and duties station to follow, We will be using 7342.

**7. Forest Service MOU**

- a. Frank signed and will strengthen our relationship with the Forest Service.

**8. County Internet**

- a. The county has asked us to allow them to move the internet server from the community hall to inside Station 1. Location should not interfere with the operation on the fire house.

**9. Sierra County Department of OES**

- a. Now part of the Sheriff's Office, *Latina-*
- b. LaTina Vanetti will be the County Emergency Service Coordinator.
- c. Should be a benefit to the department with the more transparent distribution and accounting of emergency funding.

**10. 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.

**11. 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.

**12. 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

**13. 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. Personnel**

- a. New member Dylan, young and energetic.

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

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