

Downieville Fire Protection District

Commissioners Meeting

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

Officer's Report

Thought of the day When those with the sole desire to be recognized for who they are usually end up being judged by what they are. slug

1. January Dispatched Incident

- a. **Downieville:** 3 MUC'S, 2 Public Assists, 9 Medical, 2 Helpline
- b. **Sierra City:** 1 Medical and 1 Mutual Aide for Water Rescue
- c. **Alleghany:** 1 Medical
- d. **Pike:** 1 Medical and 1 Mutual Aide to Camptonville

2. Cal Fire Public Comment Period

- a. **Sierra County Meeting,** Jan. 27th, 10:00 am Courthouse
- b. **Background,** Cal Fire's Fire Mitigation Experts have determined there are specific Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) within the State Responsibility Area, (SRA), under the jurisdiction of the Office the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Our district is in the "very high zone".
- c. **Comments only,** it was not intended to be a forum for questions.

3. Public Protection Classification, ISO provides information about fire suppression efforts within communities and assigns a Public Protection Classification (PPC)

- a. **Downirvilles Classification** improved from a 6/6x to a 5/5x, effective March 1st
- b. **Significant Negatives Factors that effected our rating,**
 - i. **Emergency Reporting,** we earned 0.30 out of 3 available
 - ii. **Ladder Service,** we earned 0.50 out of 4 available
 - iii. **Training.** we earned 4.45 out of 9 available
 - iv. **Company Personnel,** we earned 2.75 out of 15 credits available
- c. **Significant Positives**
 - i. **Dispatch Credits,** we earned 2.10 out of 3 available
 - ii. **Engine Companies,** we earned 4.32 out of 6 available
 - iii. **Operational Considerations,** we earned 2 out of 2 credits available
 1. **Considering Operating Procedure and Incident Management,** we earned 100%
 - iv. **Water Supply,** we earned 33.61 out of 40 credits available
- d. **Plans for improvement.**
 - i. **Training, conduct** better training exercises specific to Fire Fighter1 curriculum and document the relevance to protecting our community thus improving our score.
 - ii. **Company Personnel,** recruit and train engine company personnel being aware that we need qualified fire fighters to staff the apparatus we claim as in-service..
 - iii. **Water Flow testing.** We lose credits if we do not test hydrants and document each year.

4. 2023 activities,

- a. **Cabin Fever, Feb. 18th** Cancelled do to leak in upstairs. Major concern was the probable presence of mold that may be airborne with the heater being on.

- b. **Easter, April 8th**. scheduled and a committee in place.
- c. **EMS Week**, need to discuss and if participating name a committee. *May Diane*
- d. **4th of July, Sat. 1st**. muster, BBQ, Dance. Parade on the 4th. Requires all hands-on deck.
 - i. May need to make special arrangements for meal prep. (community Hall construction)
- e. **Bike Race, July 15th, and 16th**,
 - i. In that the department was not contacted by the promoters as has been the case in previous years, we initiated contact and were told that another vender had been chosen to provide the lunches.
 - ii. Marty, (event organizer) stated not to worry, a donation to cover our lose would be forth coming.
 - iii. Downieville EMS will still be providing a first aid center. I intend to secure the school cafeteria and kitchen in light of the community halls remodeling.
- f. **Brewfest.**,
 - i. We will be helping in the setup and tear down. DIG has graciously offered a portion of the profits.

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 referred to but no 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.

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

7. **Training**

- a. Assigned R-130 and ~~5~~ 130 for this year's fire season
- b. Reviewing the training needs for water rescue

8. **Apparatus and Other Equipment**

- a. **Noticed leakage**, from 7391 due to freezing, Dean is working on repairs.
- b. **Tail lights 7340**, being repaired unit is still in service.
- c. **Engines and Tender All** basically functional. There is a wish list of important upgrades that need to be implemented, still in progress.

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. Nothing new to add or discuss.

8. **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

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