

Downieville Fire Protection District

Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday March 21-2024
3:00 pm, Downieville Community Hall

Officer's Report

Thought of the Day Is a dilapidated snow shovel a symbol of the hardship you were forced to endure, or the price you pay for living in paradise.

1. February Dispatched Incident

- a. **Downieville** 5 Medicals, 6 UC's, 1 Helpline, 1 Public Assist
 - i. From the beginning of 2024 there has been 9 UC's
- b. **Sierra City:** 1 Medical, 1 Help Line, 1 Smoke Check
- c. **Pike:** 1 Medical, 1 Mutual Aid/fire
- d. **Alleghany:** 1 medical, 1 Mutual Aid/fire
- e. West side dispatched incidents to date 36

2. Ruby Bluff Repeater

- a. No new information on the transition of ownership or the Forest Service solution.

3. Nor Cals "Exemplary Performance Award"

- a. Last December I nominated the Forest Service 332 crew as well as Stphanie 7318 for their professional actions while rendering aid to the mountain biker who ended up injured in Pauley Creek. They will be recognized on April 20th at the NorCal Prehospital Conference in Redding.

4. Grants Update, Quarterly updates completed.

- a. I had hopes for the Federal Grant for Slip in Pump and Tank units but had to rethink due to the realization there were only 25 units available nationwide. Unfortunately, the time and the effort exceeded the value or success of the grant.

5. 2024 Update of the Strategic Report

- a. In that there has been no response to the contrary it will be considered operational and yet still open to changes as necessary.

6. Type 3 search

- a. The dilemma faced while trying to move forward.
 - i. Cost, much higher than anticipated for the unit that best fits our needs. \$350K plus shipping and Ca. Sales Tax, (the only state that charges for emergency vehicles)
 - ii. If it ends up that cost is a concern, there is always second best, A regular type 3 brush truck with 500gpm pump. A little harder to operate and would require keeping 7381 to balance our ISO pumping capacity.
 - iii. A stop gap measure would be the addition of a pump trailer, \$50K to \$75K.
 - iv. This process has been very time-consuming as well as frustrating.

7. Communication

- a. Our in-town repeater is operational. We will need to program all radios and pagers. This will hopefully be completed with a mass update. It is known as, (DVL repeat)
- b. Located in the District Office but it is transportable.

8. Station 2

- a. A work party will be scheduled to clean up berry bushes for inspection of exterior so that the building can be accessed for repairable damage.

9. Station 1

- a. So far station 1 has not been impacted by the construction at the Community Hall. The contractor has kept the fencing away from the side door. If there becomes an issue, we will mount a white box with a garage door opener to the front of the Station.

10. Station 3

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

11. 911 Address Planning Meeting

- a. Steve and I met with Brandon to review the geographical area names in the remote parts of the county. The current street/location address is linked to the closest zip code. Problem, Poker Flat...

12. 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.

13. Training

- a. This fire season's R 130 courses
- b. Need a 1-a driver's training course.
- c. Need a title 22 training.

- Start tomorrow

Comprehensive Training

ask Diane for clarification

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- 3-4 trainings. Must attend all classes
 - DW will send email to all firefighters re: class FL
 - will pass class down to bases
 - Keep training 'In Progress'

Can we call it
 Fire Dept First Aid

6. Personnel

- a. Nothing requiring Commission Input

Conclusion, Questions, Comments, Constructive Criticism?