

Downieville Fire Protection District

Commissioners Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
3:00 pm, Downieville Community Hall

Officer's Report

Thought of the "Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated" Confucius

April

1. ~~March~~ Dispatched Incident *(Total: 93 calls)*

- a. Downieville, 5 Medical UC'S, 15 Medicals 1 Mutual Aide to Sheriff's Office
- b. Sierra City 2 Medicals, 1 Other (911 Open Line)
- c. Alleghany 1 Medical, 1 Other (Open 911 Line at Firehouse)
- d. Pike 1 Medical, 3 Mutual Aides

2. Grants Update, Quarterly updates completed.

- a. Regional Communication Grant, sponsored by Ben Edwards Sierra Dist. 1 No update.
- b. Submitted a brief application to the National Volunteer Council for turnout gear Hopefully it was not a way for the sponsoring manufactures to start bombarding us with sales mail.
- c. No other grants in the works.

3. 2023 activities,

a. Appreciation BBQ, Saturday May 20th, Tin Cup Diggins 3:00 PM

- i. The weather looks favorable, RSVP coming in approx. 50 confirmed attendees.
- ii. Reinstating the commendation award pins program. A list of awardees will be supplied after the event.
- iii. There may be an opportunity for some bad press in that the members recognized are those that participated in runs this past year. No show up, no get to stand up.

1.  Community Service Award

2.  All Around Fire Fighter

3.  Continued excellence

4.  DVPD Service Award

5.  Expert in Extrication

6.  Volunteers Make a Difference

b. EMS Week, May 21-27, Planning in progress for an open house on Saturday May 27th from 10 am to 2 pm

- i. There will be a BBQ. Specifics still need to be addressed.

c. 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)

d. Bike Race, July 15th, and 16th,

- i. Still maintaining the first aid station, location will be in the school gym if the Community Hall is under construction.

e. **Brewfest.**, We will be helping in the setup and tear down.

4. Yuba Chiefs Meeting, Steve and I attended.

- a. In attendance, North San Juan, Camptonville, Pike Allegany, Downieville, and fire officers from the Forest Service.
- b. Important takeaways, 331 and 332 will be staffed 7 days a week. New air asset. Burn and campfire permits are available online. Large burn piles need to be inspected by the FS (transfer stations)

5. Communication

- a. Ruby Bluff The repeater on Ruby Bluff is a concern, John from Banner Communication with the support of the Nevada County Sherriff returned to the site and found the snow had melted below the PG&E meter where there was a disconnected conduit that allowed water into the breaker box. When snow depth allows PG&E will need to make repairs
- b. Still under consideration to make the comms in town optimal is for a repeater in town located high up on Sunnyside, Patty Jeans or Garretts
 - i. Estimated cost \$3,000 installation and programing all radios.
 - ii. This will optimize the functionality of the intown pagers and radios even during storms and power outages.
 - iii. Problem will be the use of another frequency requiring training on when and how

6. Sierra County Department of OES

- a. Now part of the Sheriff's Office,
- 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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

6. Court House Generator interfering with the access of 7341 and 7342 to Station 3

- a. Still a major concern with the safe responding and parking. Nothing new to add

7. Personnel

- a. New members Keith and Dillan enthusiastic

8. Conclusion, Questions, Comments, Constructive Criticism?