

Downieville Fire Protection District Commissioners Meeting

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

Officer's Report

Thought of the Day "Shout aloud their praises, and give the victor a crown.
To our noble-hearted Firemen, who fear not danger's frown, **Unknown**

1. October Dispatched Incident

- a. **Downieville:** MUC's 6 - Medicals 3 - Helpline 2- Public Assist 1 - Smoke Check 1 - Other 1
- b. **Sierra City:** 1 Medical, 1 Helpline, 1 Other
- c. **Pike:** :
- d. **Alleghany:** : 1 Fire

So far 2023 there have been 49 MUC'S through October.

Our next Incident # as of today will be 323-257

2. Grants Update, Quarterly updates completed.

- a. Office of Traffic Safety, Yearly Re-certification completed. For clarification value is decreased by 10% a year per NFPD recommended useful life of 10 years
- b. California Fire Foundation, Received a check for \$15,526,
 - a. Still not complete. All equipment has been ordered and is coming under numerous Invoices.
- c. No other grants in the works.

3. Useful take aways from our visit to Washington

- a. Other than the new firehouse information purpose of the trip the following are some good ideas we should implement.



- i. 911 phone outside of station #1. Would connect to the non-emergency sheriff's office dispatch phone. Housed in an exterior box, Cost approx.. \$300
- ii. A large 3' by 4' sign outlining the evacuation procedure. Should be located in at least 3 spots for visability. Can cost between \$500 and \$1000 each depending on material and color
 - 1. Siren operation
 - 2. Evacuation routes
 - 3. Caution statements
- iii. Side by side that could be set up for emergencies where size and speed are critical. Might extend the life of 7342

4. Bulletin Board on the outside wall of Station #1

- a. We have always had a need for a location and system to show the public who we are and what we do. Also an way of recognizing individuals in the department and when allowed those contributors that have supported DVFD
- b. 7302 will supply the funding.
- c. County may have a problem sighting construction etc.

5. Apparatus

- a. **7342, Repaired.** The downside is that many of the control modules are no longer made Also Dean is installing new studded tires. Courteously supplied by Morgan Tire who wishes to remain anonymous.
- b. **7341,** Dean is also installing new studded tires Same as above
- c. **7340,** Need Studded tires for this winter.

6. Communication

- a. Still working on an in-town repeater.
- b. Hardware, reprogramming, and training main hurdles.
- c. Need a work party at Ruby Bluff to waterproof the roof and fix electrical conduit.

7. Station 2

- a. Working on the winter heating problem
- b. We have 4 30" by 36" electric floor heated mats, Building rolling floor racks so that they can be moved under and out from the trucks easily.
- c. Doors have been repaired, still anticipating further repairs before winter.

8. Type 3 and pump trailer, No new update

- a. Pump Trailer Still searching. Ie. (1000 plus gallon per minute pump)
- b. TYPE 3. Still actively searching for the right units. Ie. (1000 gpm pump, 4x4,, 4 seat cab)

9. Proposed fire breaks No new update.

- a. Still under discussion There is a proposed work location in the Red Ant Mine area.
- b. If they decide to do any work, it may not be until next spring.

10. Training

- a. Working on Chimney fires, roof ladders
- b. SCBA's

6. Personnel

- a. No new personnel and or pressing concerns.

Conclusion, Questions, Comments, Constructive Criticism?