

AGENDA

Grand Valley Fire Protection District Regular Board Meeting – September 21, 2011

- **Call meeting to order**
- **August 17, 2011 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
- **August, 2011 Financial Report**
- **July, 2011 Updated Financial Report**
- **Public Comment**
- **Fire Chief's Report**
 - **Fire Chief's accident**
 - **Strategic Plan**
 - **Apparatus repair update**
 - **Parachute Training Center**
 - **Information sign at Station #1**
 - **Budget preparations**
 - **Other**
 - **9/11 ceremony**
 - **Set Special Meeting, Station Payoff**
- **Staff Report**
 - **District participation in recent events**
- **Other Business**

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➤ Fire Chief's Report

- **Fire Chief's accident**

Chief Blair was involved in a motorcycle vs. dog accident on August 20th and broke his left shoulder. Chief Blair has been on duty since his accident and continues to recover.

- **Strategic Plan**

The strategic planning was held August 27th and was facilitated by Jody Andrews and Michelle Smith. The meeting was attended by all 5 Board of Directors, Chief Blair, Deputy Chief Ferguson, Division Chief Rowe, Captains Davidson, Langner and Tipping, and Firefighters Spade and Wade. The meeting took the entire day and produced several areas of concern or needs to address in the near and distant future. A document was produced and sent to the District which outlined the discussions and outcomes. Some items have already been assigned to the Captains to discuss amongst their companies and bring back to the Fire Chief.

- **Apparatus repair update**

This past month the District had 3 pieces of equipment sent into Grand Junction shops for repairs. Ambulance 33 went in for a noise coming from either the front or rear end (driveline noise) at highway speeds. It was determined that there was no damage to the drivelines or axles and that the noise was coming from cupping of the front tires. It is being scheduled for new front tires and an alignment. Brush 32 was used on a response and lost power returning to the station. It was sent into Ford and found that the turbo had rusted in place and was not functioning. Because of that, there was some additional damage found as well. They could not determine the source of the moisture which caused it to rust and cease working. Engine 32 developed some transmission problems after returning from the fire on William's Tunnel fire. Crews were unable to get it into 4th gear. A service tech was called and found metal shavings in the pan. The truck was driven to Grand Junction and is awaiting repairs.

- **Parachute Training Center**

Crews have been burning the slash piles to get rid of fuels gathered during the initial removal of brush from the property. High Desert Surveying was brought into survey in the property pins and set some line lathe for the fencing crew. An RFP went out to three fencing contractors to fence in the property, repair the damaged section along CR 215 and set the entry gates. Proposals are to be submitted by close of day, September 20th. Chief Blair will ask the Board to choose a company to perform the required work.

- **Information sign at Station #1**

Bud's signs came to the station and walked the jobsite. The sign has been ordered and work will begin on the pedestal during the first part of October. The sign will take about 6-8 weeks to deliver. Mark Briels Electrical was hired to run the power to the site and install additional power in the server room to power the equipment needed in that space. This work was completed last week.

- **Budget preparations**

The District has received its Certification of Values for 2011(2010). The initial calculations are a 12.41% increase from last year's combined values. As a result of the Strategic Planning session, Chief Blair is trying to restructure the Reserve, Part-Time and Volunteer requirements and pay structure. Chief Blair will ask the Board of Directors to consider a COLA increased based on the most current Denver/Boulder index. Chief Blair will also look at the Apparatus Maintenance section of the budget and make some changes based on the past few years' history. Capital project items will include the potential purchase of the needed platform/ladder truck, tender and improvements at the Parachute Training Center.

- **Other**

- **9/11 ceremony**

The District held a short ceremony on the morning of 9-11-2011 to commemorate the 343 firefighters that lost their lives. Flags were lowered at 0646. 222 American flags were placed in front of Station#1, on the main lawn to represent the first lives that were lost during the collapse of

the South Tower. A Bell Ceremony was held at 0749, the time of the collapse. 121 additional flags were placed in the lawn, closer to the front sidewalk representing the lives that were lost during the collapse of the North Tower. A Bell Ceremony was held at 0828 for the firefighters killed in the collapse of the North Tower. There were no firefighters killed at the Pentagon or in crash of Flight 93 near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

- **Set Special Meeting, Station Payoff**

The pay off for Station #1 is dated October 01, 2011. Arrangements have been made with John Self to facilitate the transaction. Two electronic wire transfers will be made, due to the size of the transaction. This can be handled locally. Kim and Nancy Jay have been in communication as to the mechanics of making the transaction happen. The question for the Board is, do you want to have a Special Meeting on October 1st to present the large “fake” check to Wells Fargo. I would suggest yes, at say 1800 or 1900 for no more than the time it takes to call the meeting together, take some pictures, adjourn the meeting and eat some cookies and go home. Lynn Shore has already put together a press release to announce the pay-off. By submitting it prior to the meeting, we may get some media attention. If not, we can create a second press release to go with the picture.

- **Staff Report**

- **District participation in recent events**

- Deputy Chief Ferguson will discuss some of the events that the District has participated in during the past month, as well as what the Operations Staff has been doing.

- **Other**