



NEDERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPORT GIVEN BY: Charlie Schmidtmann – Fire Chief

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ACTION ITEMS Purchasing Policy, see attached proposed purchasing policy.

FOLLOW UP We finally have all of the SCBA compressor pieces to begin the installation. We still need to purchase the phase converter but that is not needed yet. Sadly, our compressor died this week and I had to bring our air bottles to the fire training center to get refilled.

I have been informed that the grant committee has awarded us the 25 radios we requested. Now it needs to be approved by the Boulder County Commissioners.

I have been in contact with John Chmil our attorney. He has sent me the petition for inclusion for the residents that are interested in being part of our district. I have reached out to the resident that was helping me organize this. I am waiting to hear back from them to continue. Once submitted to the District, the District Board holds a public hearing on the Petition (after publication of a notice) and if the inclusion is approved, the Board signs a Board Order of Inclusion that we then file with the Court. The Court issues a Court Order of Inclusion and that Court Order is what is recorded in the real property records to finalize the process.

OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION

Calls of significance:

Xanex Overdose, Sheriff's Office was unable to assist due to new SB 217 criteria, but Capt Moran and Bretlyn Schmidtmann were able to convince him to go down to the hospital and they transported him all the way to BCH.

Code Black in Old Town

CO Alarm on Ridge road, Crews arrived on scene and found very high levels of CO and crawled into the crawl space on air and discovered a broken Hot water heater. They were able to get it disconnected, vented out the house and made it safe for the residents. See attached thank you letter.

Several Calls at Eldora including multiple chopper go's. We have had 12 calls To Eldora to date including 2 vehicles off the Shelf Road.

We were requested to respond to Gordon Gulch from Indian Peaks to assist with a status seizure. After the assist I received an email from Rick Dirr with a thanks and a great job by Capt. Faes.



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Called for 2 Tenders from Jamestown and Lefthand fire for a structure fire on Tilghman Rd. Scott and Mandi Papich and Iain Irwin Powell responded, Scott was released after 2 hours, and Mandi and Iain stayed greater than 8 hours.

Large overdose in Big Springs.

15 yo playing with an aerosol can and a candle, created a fireball and got inhalation injuries. Mom was too scared to drive down to the hospital with her infant so Joe Luna transported mom and other child down to the hospital in a snowstorm at 2 in the am.

64 yo Female with abdominal pain in Big Springs doctors said 2 hours from death.

Wildland Fire on Magnolia.

Operations/ Wildland

Fire Marshal Joslin, Guy and myself met with the town, JVA, the towns engineer and the homeowner that was concerned about the egress route in Big Springs. I believe the meeting went well and that each stakeholder understood the others positions and concerns.

Patrick Richardson, Scott Papich and I are going to Pierce Manufacturing in Bradenton Florida for the engine prebuild meeting Jan 30-Feb 1.

The following week Feb 5-Feb 8 I will be beginning the Chief Officer Training Curriculum in Grand Junction.

We are planning on sending several staff to Crested Butte in April to FP-C for 4-5 days. I have already signed up and we are waiting for our other paramedics schedules before signing up the rest.

Trying to find additional incentives for the volunteers possibly including health care. Per Lucy, who has spoken with CEBT, said we would have to pay 50% of the volunteer premium and the volunteer would have to work 20 hours a week.

Currently working with FPPA to figure out how much would it cost and how do we go about admitting our current volunteers that did not make the cutoff for the pension plan

Me and Marshal Joslin met with Ron Mitchel about his current plans for development for the downtown. He wants to know what it would take on the fire department side to raise the height restriction.

Vehicles: 5631 continues with its pump installation. Currently the tank and all the boxes



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have been installed as well as all the emergency lights. Captain Faes is going to build a new manifold for it.

Both ambulances have been inspected for ambulance licensing.

We gave the old tank and one of the many broken pumps at station 2 to former member Craig Talbot in an exchange for a couple of pumper classes.

Captain Faes installed new booster hose on 5632. That completes the pump retrofit on 5632.

5650 has appointment for new bed slide, and radio charger install on January 3rd.

5652 (inspector mobile) is still having battery problems.

5622 needs either a front main seal or an oil pump. We won't know until the mechanic takes it apart.

Captain Faes:

5630 built light guards for the emergency corner lights, they are painted, just need to be installed.

Created standardization in all the hydrant bags and tools on all the engines and tenders.

Rebuilt several piss packs

Helped complete several JPR and sign off's for fire fighters.

Helped with 2 live burns.

Moved tables from station 2 to station 3 to assist with the Eldora civic society.

Old Tire removed from station 3 and currently trying to dispose of them.

Prepping the workshop for the new SCBA compressor installation.

Conduit installation for the new SCBA compressor will begin next week.

Assisting the mechanic when needed on 5631, when more than 2 hands are needed.

Removed several raw materials and stored at station 2 until needed.

Installed several CO detectors on medical bags for responder safety.

EMS- Captain Moran

-Ambulance relicensing: in process with Boulder County to assure smooth transition to state licensing that starts in July (those with valid county ambulance license not expiring within 60 days will be automatically granted a state License) this will allow others to deal with the bumps in the brand-new state process while we maintain current licensure for 16 months. New state inspections will be local protocol based.

-Spending freeze on all but the most essential out of stock items until new fiscal year for EMS Div

-EMR: multiple requests for EMR class in the county. We will arrange a class for q1 2024 if we are able to find adequate instructors. This will be a mix of distributive and in-person education to cater to the largest number of agencies for both the flats and mountain agencies. The planning and instructor recruiting has been started for this.



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-EMT: given the UCHHealth takeover of Estes Park Health Captain Moran has been renegotiating our agreements for Hospital Sponsorship and clinical sites. We have re-received approval for using their clinical sites but the fate of the MOU regarding joint application for program sponsorship is still up in the air. Perusing plans B and C for co-applicants BCH as well as a EMR to EMT bridge program through Denver Health sponsorship.

-Critical Care: Dr Sovndal has been very supportive of a full-scope of practice for Critical Care paramedics at Nederland Fire and his only request is that we have a clear plan for maintaining competencies and annual training that would meet or exceed standards for currently waived agencies performing critical care level tasks. Apart from training and incidental medication costs the only additional cost that this would imply is a transport ventilator (\$1,000 recertified used, or \$8,000 new)

-Assisted with JPR recertification, Fire instruction, Live burns, equipment par levels, cleaning st2, consolidating waste fuel and frontline equipment.

Community Risk Reduction: Home visits and various care team phone calls for 2 elderly community members who are frequent callers. Networking with P2P Health and Human services. Applied for more Narcan for public and business distribution prior to the funding ending in 2024.

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Inspections:

Several business inspections were completed, including one by Captain Faes. It was a rather complicated building and the inspection using First Due was seamless even for a first-time user.

Fire Watch has been lifted at the previously mentioned locations, along with the Stop Work Order being removed. All major known code violation issues in the district have been resolved. The Compliance Engine continues to assist in keeping track of fire protection systems in the district.

NES and NMSHS are scheduled for inspections next month.

Projects:

First Due –

Pre-plans are still being completed with each business inspection, on track to have them completed by Q1-Q2 2024 – this will improve our ISO scoring.

Invoicing & Permitting modules will be implemented in Q1-Q2 2024. Once the fee schedule is approved, I will begin building out the new permitting process within First Due.

Responder module is still being tested for CAD integration. I currently have it setup on two phones – it still needs some tweaking before we implement on the Captain's phone and apparatus tablets.

Wildland Pre-Plans –

Ember Alliance is still working on the beta version of the mapping data. We are really close to getting a working product and remain on target for Q1 2024 release.

Ongoing Activities:

Was involved with several new construction plans with the Town of Nederland – including a new day care facility and large-scale downtown development projects.

Handful of new residential construction projects along Ridge Road are coming into SPR; I've been discussing with Chief potential cistern placements.

Finished editing the Fee Schedule update, added fines for violations of fire restrictions and fire bans.

Currently rebuilding the Fire Watch logs.

Renewed FF2 certification. I will be testing for Fire Inspector II this month or next.