

CHIEF'S MINUTE(S)

January 20, 2021

- Incidents** – December, 2020 28 total, 20 medical, 2 structure, 0 mva, 3 natural cover, 3 public safety/assist. Structure fires were 1 automatic aid to District 2, 1 mutual aid to Camas Valley. Total of 190 incidents for the year per Dispatch. Last 2 months have been the busiest ever for our District.
- Training** – Have been meeting at the Grange Hall due to square footage for Covid. Had a safety committee/officer meeting, ICS/incident command training for two evenings, and Engine/Water Tender Operations on Saturdays and Sundays. Online EMS training is available, and Train Tracks (the County virtual training) is coming back on line fully.
- Firefighters** - After the officer meeting, have notified all firefighters of their responsibilities according to our policies, including 2/3 of training opportunities. We have some who are not keeping up, and our officers and I have decided to remove them from active responses, station access, and alarms until they get the training hours up or resign. There are some legal and procedural obligations that could affect our District that must be met. Emergency Medical Responder training is starting at TenMile, and we have 3 spots. Will run Tuesdays and Thursdays through April.
- Explorers** - Participated in all ff tasks.
- Equipment** - Returned radio equipment to Avista we did not need. Made final order with Cascade Fire for FEMA SCBAs and paid our 10% match to District 2. Delivery should be by April/May. Have had some mechanical issues that are repaired or in the process including Engine 1030 being out of service for 3 days due to pump/road switch valve problem, leaking brake treadle valve on 1030, and on board air compressor on 1030 failing. Scheduling identified problems from pump testing for 1031, and starting maintenance on the light truck units.
- Inventory** - VFA deadline extended to February due to ODF commitment to wildland fire reimbursement. We substituted wildland hose purchases for training tuition on the grant due to all summer and fall training opportunities canceled, and have gotten approval for the recent repair work to be covered at 50%. Requested and received a large quantity of medical supplies through District 2 and the State pertaining to COVID response, will offset medical costs through this year.
- Facility** Continuing Covid19 precautions with masks required and limit on occupancy, disinfecting after use. Received fuel oil delivery for heating. Working on storage, security of supplies, and reducing inventory of old or obsolete equipment. Gas line bill paid tonight for generator and future heating system - \$850.
- Office/Admin** – SDAO/SDIS –2021 insurance packet invoice received and paid tonight, \$7700+. Submitted package for reimbursement for September fires, should result in about \$11,000 reimbursement to the District (\$7000 in equipment costs, \$4000 in personnel). Cost reimbursement grant for pandemic related medical supplies (CARES Act) expired and does not have enough funds to continue. Our department has responded on several confirmed Covid-19 incidents (positive tests) and various ffs have been quarantined until test results have returned due to contact tracing...so far we have no positives but continue to monitor. FFs were offered and some have received vaccines through District 2 or Umpqua Valley Ambulance. Have received about 85% of our tax revenue for the year. Working on new FEMA grants for Engine 1031 replacement and joint radio grant with District 2 for 15 portable radios and 2 mobile radios. District May election forms and dates...discussion.