

Gateway-Unaweep Fire Department Board Meeting  
Scheduled time: 6:30pm  
April 21, 2015  
Gateway Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Chairman Fred Bolton

Present: Fred Bolton, Lisa Eakle, John Fuller, Kristina Harms & Madonna Dormaier, Board Members; Dorothy Espe, Secretary; Bear Barnett, Fire Chief

Absent: None

Guests: Jeannie Lewis & Ray Gooch

March minutes were accepted as written.

**Fire Chief Report:**

Bear has applied to the Colorado Fire Chief's Association. Edward Morgan from the County is going to look at window for office situation. Bear will also ask him about door bell. He seems open to county putting window in.

Bear is putting expenses on hold until he has a better understanding of department finances. The washing machine grant was denied.

There are now parking lines in station, Fred is working on hose drying rack (they don't get dry spread out in parking lot)

Rides with Clifton have been initiated – 3 month waiting period to get on protocol starts when rides are initiated. Bear attended a wild land refresher – would like to get a Firewise program started in Canyon. Paul Ashcraft may be good person to head it up. Ray started it last year – Bear contacted Kami Long with county to get check lists.

Kaila gave notice – she got a Police Department job – she will still be on call. Alex started ride alongs with Clifton. Katlyn will start in May. Mike Johnson gave notice – Sunday last day.

Volunteers - Paul Ashcraft completed online training. Kevin Duckett & Ray Gooch have good involvement in department. Olivier is moving to Denver. Tim McGrew & Alan Sisson have not been historically involved – Bear is talking with them. Dennis Brock joined department and has completed radio training – he completed the new volunteer waiver – other volunteers will also be asked to sign.

Training is posted as it comes up – Bear is not pressuring, prefers that they want to do it. VFIS is offering in-house driver training. VFA grant that David applied for was finally

approved. It's for Wild land equipment, clothing, Packs, Fire shelters. It's for \$5,000 but requires a 50% match – 1<sup>st</sup> of June is deadline to submit receipts.

Vehicles – there is more expired product than he thought – need to replace all expired. Brush Truck 121 is good – does need alignment (Fast & Easy can do) Brush 122 now has lighting & controls – Ray got a \$1,200 donation (need to send thank you note & BBQ invitation) Truck required a lot of electrical work. State did annual inspection on Brush 123 – had 350 miles on it which is record! Trucks don't usually get that many miles. It does need scene lighting. Also loud so can't hear radios – Bear would like headsets. Volvo Tender – brakes are a concern. Tender 122 is parked near divide (Ray Gooch yard) Faster response since it's downhill to incidents.

Gwendolyn is writing grants – large ones may require professional grant writers – some manufacturers have grant writers on staff to help get funds for purchases.

Bear will start generating call reports – have had several brush fires & one structure fire. Asked about burn permits – (permits come from Mesa County Air Quality) Department has the ability to set own policy – Bear suggests no charge in order to encourage people to call for stand by – does mean volunteers not available for other calls.

#### **Chairman's Report:**

Fred contacted HIH & Rudy regarding grant match – they were not aware of it & did not feel it was prudent to step up with match.

Unused vehicle has been stripped of all usable parts – next step it to take to VanGundy's & get scrap value – could be close to \$1000.

#### **Treasurer Report:**

District - \$15,918.68

Department - \$6,102.56

Payroll - \$26,303.03

Need to pay liability premium (covers Dynamite Shoot – one year policy) It's around \$1000 – main policy with VFIS paid – close to \$10,000 for annual premium

#### **Spring Dynamite Shoot**

Mark Zilm, new Canyon resident, bringing his staff to Dynamite shoot – has paid 45 shooter fees & purchased 1000 tickets – Fred has \$2045 check. Nickle ad was placed for 5 weeks & Fred did targeted mailing to Sportsman Warehouse & active Gun Clubs (20 different ones) Feedback has been good,

#### **New Business:**

Bear would like Board to pay for rental card for volunteer & contract people going to Snowmass for S131 course – it's intermediate wildland fire course. Paul Ashcraft, volunteer, and Alex, Gwendolyn & Bear are going. The class fee is paid by BLM grant. Bear feels any training is beneficial – typically travel expense would be paid by Firefighters Association – Lisa felt contracted people should get their own training – Madonna agreed

but thought volunteer expense should be paid.. After discussion, it was decided that reimbursement for mileage would be made on case by case basis to volunteers only. There was a motion by Lisa to reimburse Paul \$.56/mile for mileage for this trip. It was seconded and all were in favor. Paul may let others carpool with him.

### **By Laws/SOG Approval**

Bear would like to move to electronic approval – can final approval be electronic? Fred will check with attorney –policy decisions may have to be in a public forum. Bear will number his revisions starting with 1000. He will keep the original document. Policies 1005 & 1006 were submitted for approval – Dress Code & ?. Madonna made motion to accept revisions, John seconded and all were in favor.

### **Community Letter**

Letter is ready to go – there are 209 to be mailed – Fred had Dawn at All Star Copy stuff them – will be mailed Thursday or Friday.

### **New Business:**

Performance Evaluations – Fred visited with Clifton & Palisade Fire Departments – Palisade is closest fit to Gateway so Chief Rupp sent him a clean copy. Fred sent to Bear – need to evaluate Bear in June. Board & Bear to review for relevance – will solidify at May meeting.

Priorities – Fred wants Bear to start working on them – Send electronically – need expenditures for next budget. Current budget was developed without knowledge of outstanding grants – can look at funds from Dynamite Shoot & dollars from salvaged truck to get 50% match. Bear feels bad etiquette to not use grant but need to have funds before spending. Budget is very tight.

Ambulance 123 – old Ford ambulance – Bear says will never be used – better to cycle out & get it off insurance. Has not been used in 6 years – it's in good shape but is third ambulance. Kept to be used at substation but that's far in future & rodents are getting into it – could put on Ebay – has a 7.3 liter diesel engine – should get at least \$4000. There was a motion by Kristina to sell, seconded by Madonna – all were in favor

State did annual inspection on 'Golden Goose' They want it kept inside – Bear would like to place at Paul, Ray, or Kevin's – close to divide – for fire season – faster response. (can take 2 hours from station to other end of canyon) It's up to Bear where trucks are kept.

Jeannie will take over as Treasurer Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Board entered executive session at 8:15PM – re-entered regular session and adjourned and adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Espe  
Secretary