

Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Department Board Meeting

Scheduled time: 6:30pm

July 15, 2014

Gateway Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Fred Bolton

Present: Kristina Harms, Lisa Eakle, John Fuller, Madonna Dormaier, & Fred Bolton - Board Members; Mason Braddock, Student Board Member; David Anderson - Fire Chief; Dorothy Espe - Secretary;

Absent: none

June minutes were accepted as written.

There was no public input - No bills or appropriations

Fire Chief Report:

Department did not get FEMA grant - trucks not old enough

There were 1500 lightning strikes in last day - fire danger high. Calls are down 40% from 2013

Chairman's Report

Both 6x6s and ambulance have new batteries - total of 10 batteries - \$1400. Truck at Thompson waiting for pump - Fred ordered and paid for it but came in wrong. Fast & Easy guy was to install - he realized it was wrong one - department has been reimbursed & correct pump ordered. David & Fred need to do a walk-around before it's closed up. (coated?) Need paint code ##s. Old paint was used on one-ton brush truck. Also a problem getting steel for bed but brush truck should be done this week.

Treasurer Report:

Volunteer account - \$21,581.58

District account - \$91,868.96

Fred talked to Larry Beckner regarding Kristina being registered to vote in another county. There's nothing in GUFD by-laws - State statutes apply to Special Districts. Since she's registered in Colorado and resident of District, she is qualified to be on board.

Fred will go to bank with Kristina & get her on accounts. David suggested changing banks - Fred said accountants recommended changing at beginning of fiscal year.

Old Business:

Fred got a call from Rudy at Gateway Canyons - needed certificate of liability insurance for fireworks. What is extent of coverage? Fred talked to VFIS - Department is covered at \$1 million/ event & \$2 million/year - Current policy only lists 4th of July - need to get other dates through end of year to VFIS.

Darley still thinks bill is owed - there was credit for returned product. Fred called them & they'll research & get back to him by next week.

Volunteer Letter - Fred passed out draft & potential questions from Lisa's suggestions. It is possible to have job specific volunteers. David has to be comfortable with them. By State law, have to be First

responder certified. There are opportunities to be just Wild Land Fire with no patient care or just EMS. Letter needs to clarify that. Fred will rewrite and email to all for approval. Lisa felt best way to get questionnaire answered is to leave it with them with self-addressed envelope. Will add contact line in case they want to be contacted. Questionnaire is anonymous. Mason suggested that the form should also ask if they have volunteered for any other fire department - which one? - that will be added to #1. This questionnaire will not ask about paid fire department. Copy of letter & questionnaire attached to minutes.

Still need to get applications back from Dennis Brock & Titus'

David brought carport prices -

20x20x10 - \$3,461

24x38x10 - \$7,825

Idea is to park fire truck at Ashcrafts - carport needed to protect vehicle from weather. Fred was concerned since last time this was tried the carport was sold with property - fire department out carport cost. Need to involve attorneys in agreement. Madonna suggested utility right away - also are BLM & Forest Service land possibilities - needs to be researched. There is the possibility of a one-time governmental subdivision - smaller than regular split with well allowed on smaller parcel.

David brought current vehicle list - attached. Ten vehicles on it - one 6x6 and brush truck will be back & in use - Pumper needs to be replaced - not worth repairing. Trucks have to meet NFPA standards. Need to watch auctions & know what is affordable - \$10-\$15K should be ok. Will know dollars better at next meeting - several large checks to write for trucks.

Need to get county tax distribution reports going to Kristina.

Mason - no new information on flash flood alert plan. Fred felt it was a good idea & will move to the August agenda.

Lisa will be gone in August.

Fred will complete BLM form for Spring Dynamite Shoot using 3% of revenue - 3% will be used going forward to keep consistent.

There was a motion by Kristina to adjourn. Motion was 2nd by Madonna and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Espe
Secretary

To: Residents
Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Protection District
Highway 141, Cactus Park to the Montrose County Line

Subject: Volunteer Fire and Emergence Response Personnel

Dear residents,

We at the Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Department are sending you this letter in an effort to better communicate our needs concerning community volunteers who can assist with providing community support through volunteering with the fire department. As you may or may not know there are no paid staff at the fire department. The reason for this is that the small mill levy we collect covers the cost of running and maintaining the fire department, buying fire gear for volunteers, and repairing and replacing fire equipment when needed. Once those needs have been addressed there isn't enough money left over to pay for fire and emergency response staff. Therefore, we rely on volunteers to fill that need. This keeps us from asking for a larger mill levy which in turn keeps our property taxes lower.

It has come to our attention that a large percentage of people may have an incorrect perception of what it means to be a volunteer. This would include the perceptions that if you volunteer you have to provide medical assistance and or assist in fighting wild land and structure fires. Although we do need volunteers to assist with those functions, we also need volunteers for other task such as driving an ambulance or a fire vehicle where you would not necessarily need to be involved in the heavy lifting per say. ~~we direct persons to contact~~

So when it comes to volunteering we need people who could drive an ambulance or a fire vehicle, provide basic life support in the form of CPR, provide advanced life support, provide technical assistance, provide basic fire fighting and/or advanced fire fighting as well as other task as needed. All volunteers are provided training before they are asked to become actively involved. All training as well as any personal protection equipment is paid for by the fire department. We also pay a stipend to offset fuel costs associated with responding to an EMS or fire call. The fire district covers a large area and we do not expect volunteers to pay the additional fuel costs associated with responding to an emergency call.

We are including a short survey that we would like you to fill out. This survey will let us know how many people are interested and at what level they are interested in participating. Please help us in our effort to gather this important information. All survey information is confidential and anonymous.

Respectfully,

Potential Survey Questions

1. Have you ever volunteered for the GUFD fire department before? _____
 - a. If so, how long? _____
 - b. If no longer volunteering, why did you stop? _____

2. Have you ever thought of volunteering with the GUFD? _____
 - a. If so, what interested you? _____

 - b. If not, why? _____

3. Do you feel the GUFD provides adequate service and coverage to the community in its current format? _____

4. Did you know that age and gender are not factors in performing GUFD volunteer duties?

5. How many years have you lived in the fire district? _____

6. Have you ever needed the services of the GUFD? _____
 - a. If so, were you satisfied with your service? _____

7. Are you aware that previous medical and fire fighting experience are not necessary to become a volunteer? _____

8. Did you know that 100% of all the GUFD EMS and Fire calls are responded to by volunteers? _____

GUFD
2014 Vehicle List

YEAR	MAKE	TYPE	STATUS	AGE	Condition
1978	Seagrave	Pumper	OOS Reserve	36	multiple leaks
1984	AM General 6x6	Brush	In shop for coverion	30	in shop
1984	AM General 6x6	Brush	In service	30	Runs good
1986	Volvo	Water tender	In service	28	Runs good
1989	Hendrickson	Pumper	Primary Engine	25	Non compliant
1991	Ford	Ambulance	OOS Reserve	23	Good/Permitted
1993	Ford	Brush	Being Repaired	21	Runs good
1996	International	Brush	Primary Response	18	Good
2005	Ford	Ambulance	Inservice	9	New
2012	GMC	Ambulance	In service-Primary	2	New

*Repair
vs
Brush*

Replace