

Fire Chief Report

5/1 Training

We spread out pretty good on this training night:

- A group set up and did inventory of all our ropes, harnesses and other equipment used mainly for "low angle steep slope" rescue. This gear could be used at any of our cliffs and ravine.
- Another group took our trailer pump to our Umbrage road "dry hydrant," our primary water source and tanker filling pond for the north end.
- Another group took Engine 1 to Schoolhouse corner, pulled out 2 hose lines, and practiced the fine art of water deployment (sprayed water)
- 3 drivers 3 tankers practiced water shuttle from water source to engine crew.

Side note: the engine team was Lucas Montagne (driver and pump operator) and 3 newer members (Hillary Nelson, Nathan Reichkitzer and Lilah Guertin). I keep reminding the older members that we need to get the next generation comfortable with all the equipment even though it's tempting to be the first to jump in and drive the big shiny new equipment.

Attendance: 16 present, 6 excused, 7 not excused

6/5 training

- Presentation by our "in house" dive team that opened the floor for questions and discussion. They also went over all their gear and explained it in detail. Discussion on how and when to deploy and what the rest of the department's role is. Identified equipment still needed and possible funding scenarios. Dive team as follows: Zach Montagne, team leader; Peter Wiggins; Kyle Kruchten; Lucas Montagne; Jack Nelson, surface support
- Practiced the never-ending training of water shuttle. This month, we exercised the smaller portable pumps carried on each tanker.
- Election of chief. Voted in for another 4 years by unanimous vote of members.

Attendance: 25 present, 2 excused, 2 not excused (Awesome Attendance)

7/3 training

Election of officers that rolled into washing trucks for the parade and assigning drivers. Followed with nice "Chief's Dinner" that was catered by the Beach Club and assistant chief Jay Wiltz.

Results and summary of elections:

Chief: Rick Reichkitzer

Assistant chief: J Wiltz

Assistant chief: Tyler Andreas

Captain: Tim Eldred

Lieutenant: Peter Wiggins

Lieutenant: Tavis Pearson

Lieutenant: Lucas Montagne

Lieutenant: Kyle Kruchten

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Initial: dg

Appointed

Safety officer: Chris Wolf

Lead mechanic: Brian Nelson

Lead pumper operator: Alan Hardie

Head of wildfire program: Joe Noha

Head of dive team: Zach Montagne

Recent calls

4/19: Downed powerline. 14 members full response; 2 stand-by

4/23: Smoke alarm at our school. 10 members full response

5/22: Downed powerline. 13 members full response; 2 stand-by

5/28: Lift assist. 8 members full response

5/29: Lift assist. 6 members full response

Be safe,

Chief Reichkitzer