

CHIEF'S MINUTE(s)

November 11, 2015

- Incidents** - October, 2015 17 total, 9 medical, 3 structure, 1 natural cover, 3 mva, 1 lift assist
At 150 calls as of Oct.31st, busiest year ever and still 2 months left.
Structure fires were in Camas Valley, Winston, and at RFP mill. All mutual/auto aid.
- Training** - FF1 class (with Explorers) continuing. 2/3 way through. Recent classes were fire sprinklers, SCBA/PPE drills, spinal immobilization/trauma, and extrication from vehicles. Director Harris took pictures of extrication drill for the website. Thanks to Joe's Towing for the vehicles, and Rich Chitwood, Lindsey Chitwood, and Keith Williams for the instruction.
Scheduling make up sessions of all classes to get all ffs and explorers up to date.
- Firefighters** - Conducted the annual School fire prevention day October 13. 160 kids and teachers. Had 11 representatives of our Dept, including several explorers. Umpqua Fire extinguishers also came out and assisted.
Have two new volunteers attending training, 1 new explorer. Trish Nelson, Mike Nelson, Jerry Rathje
- Equipment** - **1080** -Signed up with NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) and will go to bid for the new 1080. 4-5 week process that meets all state requirements for competitive bids, no cost to us. Initial price estimate at our budgeted amount of \$117,000-\$125,000. Actual amounts as bids are received. No money is committed until bids are evaluated and approved by Board and a decision to go forward is made.
Repaired spotlight on 1030.
Estimate \$500 for radiator, water pump, and new hoses as repair for 1080. Will make appointment now that fire season is over. \$500 budgeted for vehicle repairs in Account 6006.
Will also schedule safety checks and preventative maintenance as budgeted for fire units in November and December.
VFA grant purchases are ongoing as approved in the Budget. Have saved some money and will be able to get more if approved by VFA. Have spent about \$10000 of the \$14000 so far, have to be done by December 31. We are about \$3000 under grant due to purchasing sale/closeout/low bid items. Have 1 set of turnouts, some training expenses, 1 axe, a few pair of boots to finish. We should be about \$2000 under when done. Will meet with VFA/ODF to purchase out full amount with changes.
Inventory - Adding new purchases to inventories, and completing report to ODF for VFA grant 2 years ago. Stocking up new equipment for new 1080.
- Facility** - Still working on bids for capital projects. Electrical reel bids at \$5000, have got final local electrician to bid on it too. Plumbing in washroom will be done in house this winter to get our PPE washing up and running. Outdoor construction will be springtime work.
- Accounting -Office** Worked with Bill and Wheeler Accounting again this month. Seems to be working great. Reports are helpful for my work and address accountability concerns. One update is that they are using 2014-15 budget figures for our General Fund expenditure statement. I will send them the right budget. We updated to Windows 10 and added Microsoft software. It runs great on ours.

Miscellaneous - SDAO/SDIS - Liability insurance update received and submitted for next year (2016) premium. Looks to be about the same or less due to our 10% best practices and some updates made (building construction type was changed to non-combustible). Was \$6100 last year.

DFPA/Fire closures over. Permits are not required for burn piles. Large slash piles require permit even out of fire season through DFPA. Safety and burning information available at the DFPA website.

Remind everyone that cooking, home heating are the biggest causes of residential fires. Time to clean the flues and chimneys. Be safe as the holidays approach.

DEQ and County Code Enforcement sent out information (posted at station) concerning burning garbage, plastic, etc. That is never allowed in this basin, and can be cited. The County Fire Chiefs are working with the Sheriff's office to aid with enforcement. Burn barrels with household garbage has become an issue with the dump fees. There are some extreme examples of violations taking place, with a rise in citizen complaints due to the odors and smoke being produced. We will refer them to the proper authority.