

MONTHLY FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

Regular Meeting: January 14, 2024

Operations:

- We responded to 45 calls in December.
- We responded to a structure fire on 1/10. Everyone did a great job. Our automatic aid with Black Hawk Fire worked seamlessly.
- Nederland Fire returned the Pierce on the 7th with their thanks.
- U54 (Ford Explorer) has officially been retired. It will be used for training until it is recycled.
- Our new shared Mechanic with Nederland Fire officially starts tomorrow.

Wildland/Mitigation:

- Mitigation work to is continuing when weather allows.
- The first wildfire movie was a huge success with approximately 50 community members, the next one is scheduled for February 9th. Thank you to all local agencies that participated.
- Brush 52 with ENGB from 4-Mile Fire and two of our mitigation employees left for California on Saturday, the 11th at 7AM. They arrived in Beaumont, CA at about noon on the 12th. They were then sent to Zuma Beach, CA and are assigned to the Palisades Fire.
- The new brush truck chassis is supposed to be built Monday.
- Total mitigation work for 2024:
 - o 208 free mitigation assessments
 - o Mitigation work performed at 244 addresses
 - Approximately 953.5 cubic yards of chips were removed from 363 properties.

Administration:

- 2025 Audit has been scheduled for June 16 and 17.
- I am discussing two additional SAFER Grants for this year. One would provide staffing at Station 3 (6 firefighters), and the second would continue the Recruitment and Retention Coordinator position.
- We are applying for an amendment to our current SAFER Grant, advertising portion. We've asked for a mobile LED sign that would be used at stations and events to recruit.
- Wrapping up outstanding grants: Roof, fire alarm, and continually working on AIM and SAFER.

R&R:

- The All-hands meeting will be held on January 17th. We will introduce the new points system and stipend for members who meet the requirements.
- Interviews are in process for new volunteers. We have 11 applicants.
- The Timberline Volunteer Firefighter Foundation will be hosting a Super Bowl gathering here at Station 3 on February 9th.