

Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Department Report

1. Department Activity since the last board meeting -

Business meetings: 1

- NW Larimer County Fire Chiefs ZOOM call: First Wednesday of the month via zoom. Quarterly in-person. Marian Kelly attended this month
- Monthly meeting with NLCERA medical directors (UCHealth): This is the first of this monthly meeting during which UCHealth and its medical directors discuss next month's medical training topics, and answer questions. Following the meeting, there is a train-the-trainer session for those who are providing training for individual NLCERA departments. Mark Weeks attended this on behalf of CLVFD this month. I hope to be able to attend these ASAP.
- Greenbelt Management Committee Meetings: Monthly on 2nd Thursday at 19:00. Continued conflicts in my schedule prevented me from attending this month. This will likely continue. I will discuss with Carmel Mawle.
- Incidents – 1 since last CLFPD meeting.
- 021: 06/21/23 – False alarm on Pearl Creek Rd
- 022: 06/22/23 – Medical on Navajo Rd
- 023: 06/24/23 – Medical on Micmac Dr
- 024: 06/24/23 – Medical on Tesuque Tr
- 025: 06/29/23 – Medical on Huron Rd
- 026: 07/04/23 – (Assigned in error)
- 027: 07/04/23 – Medical brought to the Fire Station
- 028: 07/08/23 – Medical brought to the Fire Station
- 029: 07/10/23 – Medical Stage on Okmulgee Circle
- 030: 07/13/23 – Medical on Huron Rd
- 031: 07/20/23 – MVA on Ottawa Way

2. PERSONNEL:

- Two new members I failed to mention last month: Jim and Pam Liebl have joined as SDRs.
- One member has been voted in as a full member: Mark Weeks.

3. TRAINING:

Department trainings:

- July's training was switched with the August topic (Low-Angle Rescue) because of RF Engine 1 being out of service at the time. During this training, firefighters practiced setting up and operating a 3:1 "Z-rig" employing ropes, pulleys, and carabiners to safely move a Pt and rescuers up a slope.
- August training is Structure 2.

Outside trainings:

- Nothing right now. Tony Falbo with Poudre Canyon FPD indicated they would be holding some trainings soon and inviting the mountain departments to join them.

2023 Training schedule in place with RFLVFD:

JANUARY Scene Size-Up, ICS

FEBRUARY	Apparatus Rodeo (separate)
MARCH	Ice Rescue
APRIL	Wildland 1
MAY	Structure 1
JUNE	Wildland 2
JULY	Structure 2
AUGUST	Low-Angle Rescue
SEPTEMBER	Cumulative scenario
OCTOBER	Extrication
NOVEMBER	SCBA
DECEMBER	Radios (Combined Training = Mock Incidents)

4. GRANTS:

- No grant news, currently.

5. COMMUNITY

- The FD has been working with Raina Eschelmann from Larimer County Emergency Services to standardize an HIZ assessment tool for use by both the County and the Department. Assistant Chief Kelly is in communication with Raina to set up a training for Department members interested in becoming HIZ assessors. This is a step in a developing process through which property owners could gain a certificate from the County to present to insurance companies, and through which the County and Department could build GIS-based data related to mitigation treatments.

6. EQUIPMENT

- Engine 1 has had some problems recently thought to be electrical in nature. Alex and Mark have been troubleshooting this.
- The siren stopped working on Brush 2. Emergency lights are still operational. I have no status update.

7. EVENTS

- 07/22: Safety Day at the fire station. This is an event in cooperation with the Wildlife Committee.

8. OTHER:

CL Open Space Conservancy (OSC)

- The emergency vehicle pullout and fuels reduction work proposed for Hidden Park, on Ottawa Way, just west of Shoshoni Dr. was approved and will be funded by a grant secured by the OSC. This will be a relatively small pullout, capable of allowing one large apparatus or one smaller apparatus to stage without impeding traffic flow or for visitors to Hidden Park to park off the right-of-way on Ottawa Way. The primary purpose of this project is two-fold: complete another highly visible (because of location and traffic volume) wildfire mitigation project, and help provide for fire apparatus staging and maneuverability while helping ensure traffic flow on this arterial road in case of evacuation.

Respectfully submitted,

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