

June 28, 2018



Fire Chief's Report

2017 NFPA LODD report – 60 on duty deaths last year was the lowest in 40 years; about half were cardiac related and 10 were during traffic management. Two areas where we are placing a lot of emphasis.

Metz retirement party – Thanks to Darla and Linda for putting together a wonderful retirement party for Commissioner Metz. It was interesting to see a lot of faces from the past.

Captain/Paramedic job description – Job description for our first Captain Paramedic is in place.

NWIS – Update included in your packets. We provide financial support to this group and as you can see they do provide a lot of support to us. Our payroll clerk, Kathy Pace, is a volunteer with them.

July 4th staffing plans – Right now we do not have any plans for additional staffing. I did talk to Captain Schmidt and he agrees that additional staffing is not necessary at this time. I am looking at whether or not we can get a volunteer engine staffed on the 4th but I haven't heard back from Chief Waite yet. Weather will dictate some of what we do and at this time it is looking to be cool with average humidity levels. Prediction is for low to mid 60's until the 4th. This is also a midweek holiday which tends to keep some of the craziness down. I will be in the area and Chief Helgeland is on call that day. The last two years have seen quieter days and I think this will be similar.

New Deere lawn mower – We have purchased a new lawn mower for Station 5. The Flames were willing to go in for half of the mower which is exceptionally generous of the ladies.

Drone Program – One of our goals within our strategic plan was to be aware of new technology and if it makes sense to bring that into our department. We are one of only two programs in this area that has a drone program. Some of the Commissioners saw District 21's presentation last week. Our program is in place pretty much due to the leadership of Lt Webb. He not only obtained a drone at no cost to us but has been working hard to become an FAA certified drone pilot.

CrewSense Program – We use scheduling software to manage our staffing levels. These types of software will recognize when there are openings and actually perform the notifications of firefighters for OT. At the first of the year we switched from TeleStaff to CrewSense. This not only saved us money but it is a much easier program to manage. Luckily we had one individual, Fire Medic Brandi Mauck, who was willing to screen various programs and then assist us in selecting and setting up CrewSense.