

May 11, 2016



Fire Chief's Report

1. Response Times – April was an average month for us. Since we dropped the on call pager program on the south end I have been watching response times out of Station 5 to make sure we didn't see a negative impact. YTD there hasn't been a noticeable impact on response times.
2. Rocky Point Community Club meeting report - I was very impressed with the status of their water system. Hydrants are well marked and maintained, good distribution, good flow, good storage. Would like to consider recognizing those systems which meet a minimum standard. Maybe bronze, silver, gold levels. I will work with AC Helgeland on developing a system.
3. Nine recliners (\$5391) were ordered from a company called DreamSeat. The ones at Stn 1-3 are in horrible condition and the wood frames on the ones at Stn 1-2 have all bent. The new recliners are steel frames so they should last a little longer and covered in vinyl so they are less expensive than leather. The company was having a great sale, free shipping and free logo. Previous recliners at Stn 1-2 were purchased by the Union. Recliners at Stn 1-4 are in decent shape and the ones at Stn 1-5 were recently donated by the Mabana Flames.
4. Ambulances – We were notified two weeks ago by Braun that both ambulances are ready for a final inspection and acceptance. This is far in advance of our requested delivery dates of July and October. Since we wanted to finance them through the State we are limited on when we can accept them. Absolutely not before the loan is approved. Funding is released by the State in August once approved. Unfortunately no one has this request written down so we are negotiating delivery dates. Braun has requested that we inspect them anyway. We have no room at the present time for two more vehicles along with our new tender and pump trainer. Will be asking Board to consider getting rid of two ambulances and possibly an engine by surplus resolution at the next Board Meeting.
5. Pump test trailer – Came in this past week with training starting now. We are incredibly fortunate to have been able to purchase this piece of equipment with funds from the Pat Keating donation. Our ability to train our engineers without having an impact on our local water system has improved dramatically. For example, on the first day of training the crews pumped the equivalent of 60,000 gallons of water without putting any water on the ground.
6. New tender push in – We are still a few weeks out from putting our new tender in service. It may work to have a combined ceremony with the tender, pump trailer, and ambulances. The Communications committee is working on a ceremony to celebrate the new acquisitions.
7. Insurance policies – Nicholson doesn't have time to submit a bid. We are meeting with Enduris on May 19th, although we aren't sure if they will be able to do anything prior to June 1st either.