

Chief's Report:

January 9, 2023

Snow event

Once again hit with a multi day snow event in December. Crews modified the response plans as we typically do to reduce our use of personnel and vehicles on the road and prevent any potential accidents.

We did have one vehicle slide into a ditch but it was able to recover itself.

Use of the brush truck and 4 wheel drive ambulance have really improved our capabilities to get to patients and calls during these events.

Thanks to the Shop for ensuring everything was ready with chains and snow tires.

Values and Mission Statement

Crews have completed an initial “walk around” with the values statements, behaviors and mission statement. So far the initial response has been positive. The team met again with De Hicks and discussed some minor changes and additions. Hopefully the final version will be out this month.

PA Grant Submittal.

Final submittal for the Public Assistance Grant. Thanks To Doug and Linda for getting that completed. This will be our last payment for this reimbursement related to Covid expenses.

SAFER and AFG

The District did receive notification that we will not be receiving an AFG or SAFER grant from last years submittal. We are in the process of determining what our focus should be for 2023 submittal for AFG. Grant application period should open on or around January 9.

Resilience Training

As part of our ongoing Health and Wellness program, we did complete hearing tests for most of the full time and part time employees. The snow prevented the last day of on site testing so we will be rescheduling that day so we can finish that up.

Also we have Julie Boyer making the rounds for Firefighter Resilience training. She has met with all three shifts and has one Volunteer Tuesday night coming up to catch anyone else who she missed. The program covers emotional and mental health challenges and starts the discussion around resources and strategies for dealing with a long prosperous career as a emergency responder.

Policy updates

We are attempting to reignite the efforts to evaluate and review current policies. There are two out for review this month 605 and 644. We have several others in process for review and rewrite with the Labor group. Hoping to have several to the board each month so we can stay on top of that program