

Fire Chiefs Report for BOS meeting July 8, 2014

Administration

- We have a significant radio communications issue with not having strong signals if any. On the July 6 fire alarm call I was on the scene and could not communicate with St. Louis County or anyone else by radio. I tried using my cell phone and that too had no service. I called the dispatch center by cell phone after leaving the incident and informed them of the issue, I also called the Dispatch Supervisor on Monday.
- Jennifer Dowden and I had E2 in the Tower 4th of July parade.

Personnel

- Asst. Chief Dowden and I met with Mark Plantz and is now ready to respond. Mark attended training on July 5 and was on his first call on Sunday July 6.
- Recruiting; I met with a college student who lives in Ely and is interested in joining the department. I also spoke with another college student who works at Ely Golf Course about joining. I had printed out flyers and have had people posting them at public locations in Ely, Tower, and Soudan. I spoke with a new neighbor about joining the department and he said he would be interested.

Policies

- We are working on SOG's which I have attached.

Equipment

- The blood pressure cuffs, pulse oximeters, EMS vests, and flashlights that the Fire Flies funded have been ordered and are starting to come in.
- The Extrication Ram had to be serviced since it was leaking hydraulic fluid.
- The CO/LEL monitor is not working and will need to be replaced. In the meantime if we get any calls for CO or gas leaks we will have to call for mutual aid for the department to bring their gas monitor.

Training

- We went over pumping and drafting with E1 and the Tender for July's training. August will be pumping and drafting with E2 and the Tender, this will complete the summers sessions on pumping with all of the apparatus.
- The First Responders are going to start training once a month. They will be setting the day and time each month so the majority of them can attend. Monica Curtiss will be leading the training.

Fire/EMS Calls:

- June 14 – Fire – Jesse L Blvd – Fire Alarm
- June 25 – EMS – 1272 Walsh Rd
- July 6 – Fire – 3819 Dorem Dr. – Fire Alarm

Calls 2014 ytd Fire = (3) May 23, June 14, July 6
 EMS = (8) Jan. 5, Feb. 9, Feb. 17, Apr. 28, May 15, May 15, June 1, June 25
 Combination = (2) May 6, 15

Total =13

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