

CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT
GALLATIN RIVER RANCH FIRE DEPARTMENT
Date: 4/15/20

Dispatches for the preceding month

1. Ems/rescue calls
 - a. 3/29/20
2. Wildland calls
 - a. None
3. Motor vehicle crash calls
 - a. None
4. Structure fire calls
 - a. None
5. Service calls
 - a. None

Training conducted

1. Fire Radio-only mock training: Motor vehicle crash 3/23/20
2. EMS/Fire Radio-only mock training: Traveler with respiratory sx: 3/20/20
3. EMS/Fire Radio-only mock training: COVID-19 pt with shock: 4/6/20
4. No face-to-face training due to COVID-19 restrictions

Equipment activity

1. Command-11 (C-11) - In Service
2. Quick Response Unit-11 (QRU-11) - In Service
3. Engine-11 (E-11) - In Service
 - a. Water tank fill gauge service incomplete
4. Wildland-11 (W-11) - In Service
5. Brush-11 (B-11) - In Service
6. Tender-11 (T-11) - In Service
7. Utility-11 (U-11) – In Service
8. Bobcat – In Service
9. Bobcat trailer – In Service
10. F-800 - Not in Service
11. Pumps - Not in service
12. Auxiliary water storage tank (white tank): out of service.

Station activity

1. Monthly vehicle inspection
2. Ongoing cleaning at stations with additional reorganization of additional medical supplies.
3. Daily website updates 3/15-25, every 3-4 days thereafter.
4. Routine medical supply inventory and replacement of supplies and medications that are out of date or soon to be out of date. All up to date for yearly EMS inspection in the fall.

Projects

1. Fire Station Project (discussed elsewhere in BOT Meeting agenda)
 - a. Discussed architectural costs with Comma Q architecture.
 - b. Most of the project on hold due to COVID-19 preparations.
2. COVID-19 preparations:
 - a. PPE inventory
 - i. 110 N95 masks of various types. With reuse, we probably have enough for our needs for now. We had 50 N95 masks prior to 2020. We were issued 60 out-of-date 3M 1860 masks by the County, obtained through the MT state allocation from the National Stockpile. They were each inspected and are adequate for use.
 - ii. 10 surgical gowns from the National Stockpile.
 - iii. 70 disposable gowns, 3 full isolation kits and 3 Ebola kits.
 - iv. 25 simple masks from the National Stockpile, inspected and adequate.
 - v. 150 Level 3 Surgical face masks.
 - vi. 150 Level 2 Procedure face masks.
 - vii. 50 Level 1 Procedure face masks.
 - viii. 25 face-shield masks obtained.
 - ix. 6 sets of EMS goggles (2 in QRU, the rest previously issued to firefighters through the VFA wildland grant in 2019.
 - x. 6 sets of reusable safety glasses
 - xi. 100 head covers obtained.
 - xii. Contacted Bridger Aerospace in follow up of their offer to donate plastic face shields to EMS agencies.
 - b. PPE kits were assembled for each EMT:
 - i. Fabric washable coveralls were identified and laundered then issued.
 - ii. Extra coveralls were identified, laundered, and placed in a protective bag in the QRU for EMT usage.
 - iii. The kits included:
 1. EMS or wildland coveralls
 2. Wrap-around eye shields
 3. Headcover
 4. Disposable gown
 5. Simple mask to put on patient
 6. EMS gloves
 7. N95 mask fitted to EMT
 8. Paper bag for storing N95 mask for reuse
 9. Disposable pen and paper for notes if needed
 10. All contained in medium sized duffle bags purchased for this purpose.
 - c. N95 mask fitting
 - i. Qualitative N95 mask fitting and issue of one properly-fitted N95 mask to each firefighter and EMT. Discussion of COVID dangers and PPE precautions for firefighters with each mask fit testing session:
 1. 3/3/20: Langel and Weskamp (Sprow was present for education)
 2. 3/11/20: Powell, de Maillé, Sprow

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3. 3/19/20: Reynolds
4. Andrews and Sejud have previous fit-tested-appropriate personal N95 respirators.
 - ii. Fit testing is recommended by CDC but many fire departments do not routinely do this.
- d. Staff training:
 - i. Medical Training on 12/10/19 focus on infectious diseases including airborne threats including influenza. This training, though pre-COVID-19 was directly applicable to readiness for an airborne disease pandemic.
 - ii. Medical Training on 3/11/20 was COVID-19-specific. COVID-19 information was reviewed and PPE kits were made and distributed to all EMTs. N95 reuse and QRU disinfection were reviewed.
 - iii. Radio-only training COVID-19 scenarios practiced on 3/30/20 and 4/6/20.
- e. EMS team response protocol revised for acute respiratory illnesses.
- f. Close monitoring of CDC recommendations.
- g. Will continue to acquire PPE as it becomes available.
- h. Airborne Infection Control Policy completed and distributed to Firefighters, EMTs, County Emergency Management website, FSTS, and others
- i. Multiple information documents for the public created and posted on GRRRFD Website, updated when needed.
- j. Neighborhood Support Team (NST) coordinators recruited and organized. NSTs established and email communications sent to them.
- k. GRRHOA emails sent to all members regarding website information and NSTs
 - i. Bulletin board announcements of same.
- l. Town Pump EMS grant application submitted for two Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs) and a fiberoptic laryngoscope (both of which are needed in case we have to do advanced airway management with COVID-19 patients).
- m. Multiple phone and email contacts with State DPHHS and County EMS and emergency management agencies.

Personnel

1. Chief: Marlin Sprow
2. Assistant Chief: Ken Weskamp
3. Training Officer: Ken Weskamp
4. Medical Officer: John Andrews, M.D., EMT
5. Volunteers: Wayne Langel; Bruce Reynolds; Anthony Powell, AEMT.
6. Reserve Members: Spencer Millimen; Ray Rigel; Bruce Buccilli; Paul Sejud (no longer serving in EMT role); Julie Brown; Sue Wassersleben; Mariana de Maille, EMT-B;
7. Auxiliary Members: Lucy Curran; Patti Draude; Maria Fraser; Rob Fraser; Cookie Gonzalez, RN; Cathy Levin; Stewart Levin; Jessica Millimen, Ph.D.; Mara Rigel.
8. Prospective volunteers
 - a. Applications pending none
 - b. Interest expressed: Carl Wassersleben (application sent)
 - c. Interest expressed: Will Stelter, for firefighter and EMT-B when licensed.
9. Departures:
 - a. Ken Weskamp, probably in June with house sale.

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Respectfully submitted,
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