

**CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT**  
**GALLATIN RIVER RANCH FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**Date: 1/20/2021**

**Dispatches for the preceding month**

1. Ems/rescue calls
  - a. 12/27/2020. Rescue operation at East Gallatin River riverside area below Blazing Star
2. Wildland calls
  - a. None
3. Motor vehicle crash calls
  - a. 1/7/2021. Two motor vehicle crash without injuries or fire on Nixon Gulch Road.
4. Structure fire calls
  - a. None
5. Service calls
  - a. None

**Training conducted**

1. CPR renewal at MVFD 1/5/21
2. Fire Training opportunities at MVFD on 1/12/21 and 1/19/21

Going forward, the plan is to primarily train with MVFD to the degree possible and practical. We will continue to do a once-monthly training session with GRRFD equipment and apparatus at a time when most GRRFD members are available.

**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
4. Wildland-11 (W-11) - In Service
5. Brush-11 (B-11) - Out of Service for the winter
6. Tender-11 (T-11) - In Service
7. Utility-11 (U-11) – In Service
8. Bobcat – In Service
9. Bobcat trailer – In Service
10. Pumps: Not in Service
11. Auxiliary water storage tank (white tank): out of service.

**Station activity**

1. Monthly vehicle inspection completed with small battery changes
2. Ongoing cleaning at stations.

**Projects**

1. Fire Station (See this part of the agenda)
2. Recruitment. Future firefighter recruits: will discuss with Manhattan in more detail. Chief Sprow's recommendation is that these recruits should apply for membership with MVFD  
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and undergo their initial training and probationary period with MVFD rather than GRRFD.

3. Website updates done.
4. Radios: waiting to hear back from Gallatin County regarding when donated radios will be ready to install and put in operation. Programming codes sent to GC.
5. 2021 Wildland community preparations. This will be coordinated with MT DNRC and primarily involve reserve and auxiliary members.
6. COVID-19 vaccinations. Vaccinations were offered by GC on 1/7 and 1/8/21. One member received 1st vaccination. A second was not due to a scheduling error on the part of the vaccination program. Other members were either ineligible or unable to vaccinate for other reasons. First responders are in group 1a and eligible for vaccination. The Medical Officer will inform department members of dates when vaccination appointments are available. Members will be responsible for scheduling their appointments. The Medical Officer has sent specific vaccination recommendations to all department members by email and has discussed them with members by phone. Vaccination of all members is strongly recommended. Even after vaccination, other COVID-19 mitigation measures are to be implemented while working in and with the department.

## **Personnel**

1. Chief: Marlin Sprow
2. Assistant Chief: Ken Weskamp
3. Training Officer: This role is deferred to MVFD, see above.
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; Julie Brown.
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

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlin Sprow  
Chief  
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