



Ret. Assistant Chief Grandinetti

Ret. Firefighter John Dufek

Hope Fire Chief Maguire





CHIEF'S AWARDS 2020



- Fire Chief's Commendation: Sarah Howard
- Fire Community Business Partner:
 - Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center: Brush/Christmas Tree Wood Diversion Program
 - Girdwood Brewery: Fundraised over \$2000 for new vacuum splint
- Fire Community Member:
 - Denise and John Gallup, Christina Dixon: Covid mask production
 - Carol and Jerry Fox: Gunnysack Mine Road Gas Leak
- CERT Member of the Year: Mike Opalka





SERVICE AWARDS



20-25 years Captain Olson, Richard Parry

10-15 years Deputy Chief Garhart, Captain Heuer, Lt. Bartholomew, FF2/EMT1 Lovelace

5-10 years Lt. Ferntheil, Lt. Gamache, HSO Gamel, FF1/EMT2 Howard, Training Officer Olson, Administrative Officer Dixon, Captain Carson, HSO Kusmider, FF/EMT2 Ky Martin

2020: 399 CALLS

Fire 20
Hazardous condition 11
Service call 33
Good intent 77
False call 21
Other 1

EMS 236 (59%)



Structure Fires: Olympic Mountain Loop, Old Girdwood, Echo Ridge

Significant EMS calls: MVAs, Byron Glacier, Winner Creek



2020 STRENGTHS

Resilient

Professional

- Strong Teamwork
- Dedication of the paid staff to respond in off hours
- Skills and knowledge transfer between members
- Enthusiasm for learning and personal goal setting
- Compassion for patients and each other
- Covid conscious
- Flexible

Forward-Leaning





2020 SUCCESSES

Training Goals Completed

- 3 Fire Instructors
- EMT 1, 2
- Membership Leadership summit
- Covid Procedures, New SCBAs
- 1 Engineer
- Teams

Administrative

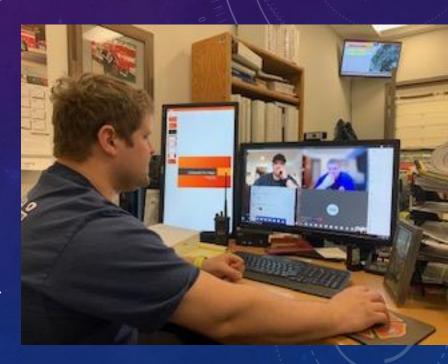
- We survived Covid 2020
- Policy review with MAC
- 30K Grant
- Covid Vaccinations
- Woodlot

Fundraising Goals Completed

- 6 sets of fire turnouts, new mask bags
- 12 water rescue dry suits
- water rescue gear
- avalanche beacons
- vacuum splint

Equipment Replaced

- SCBAs replaced
- Air Compressor on order
- 3 Thermal Imagers
- Wildfire Equipment
- Additional uniform set, coveralls, Covid PPE, Xtratuffs
- Better fire hoods to fight carcinogens





2021 CHALLENGES

- Training in small groups
- Teamwork and skills degradation due to lack of consistent Tuesday training
- Covid 19: rapid AFD policy changes, ppe procurement, response changes, every changing hospital entrances
- Budget
- Contract Negotiations and Girdwood Service Area Tax Cap
- Ambulance and Apparatus breakdowns
- Staffing levels, Covid isolation
- ALS Coverage on A and D shifts





2021 OPPORTUNITIES (GOALS)

Training Goals

- Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, Fire Instructor, Company Officer
- EMT 1, EMT3
- 2nd Leadership summit, monthly leadership book reviews
- Alaska Firefighter Conference Fairbanks
- Winter bootcamp

Administrative Goals

- Lieutenant testing and promotion (2)
- Improved shift staffing levels
- Continue policy, and SOG updates, written training plans
- Contract Negotiation
- Improve wages for staff and paid part-time members
- Implement cancer reduction initiatives, medicals

Fundraising Goal

Water rescue boat

Capital Goals

- Rescue 41 Areawide Bond Funding
- Engine 41 Service Area Funding
- FireAct Grant application for extrication equipment

<u>Advocate</u>

Cell Service Turnagain Arm

BUDGET VS STAFFING CONSIDERATIONS

Under the current MOA contract for our 24 hour/365-day operation, we are provided \$90.53/hour to provide fire protection and \$23.69/hour to provide emergency medical services.

AMC 16.95.015.C: The municipal emergency medical service shall: Include an adequate number of health professions, allied health professions and other health personnel with appropriate training and experience to provide emergency medical services 24 hours a day within the municipality.

The level of fire prevention and fire protection is not defined in AMC for the service area.

Staffing Goal: 6 Firefighters available at anytime to respond to an initial incident

Why 6?

- 1) NFPA 1720 guideline requires 6 firefighters for interior attack to begin
- 2) 6 people to run a cardiac medical incident
- 3) Mutual aid response is 32 minutes
- 4) Girdwood residents pay for both fire protection and emergency medical services
- 5) Relying solely on paid call back firefighters from 1830 (6:30pm) to 0630 (6:30am) is not consistent

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

13 Community members

2020 Activities: 5 Activations, 3 Prevention Activities

- 3 Search and Rescue Missing Person Searches to assist Whittier Police/Anchorage Police Department
- 2 Structure Fire Support standby to assist Girdwood Fire and Rescue
- Covid Girdwood PPE Collection site staffing (KTUU news story)
- Wildfire Prevention Education event at Girdwood Post Office
- Bear Dog training from Girdwood Bear Aware/Wind River Bear Institute

2020 Organizational Improvements

Suburban donated to CERT by Firefighter Lou Morgan Funding for CERT uniforms



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

2021 Goals

- Consistent monthly training and training schedule
- CERT Volunteer Coordinator Identified (other than Chief Weston)
- CERT training series to recruit new members
- Collaboration with other Alaska CERT Teams
- CERT Funding for CERT Jackets, winter hats
- CERT Policies developed
- CERT added to department webpage

