

Chief Report

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Stats

- ✓ Total Calls 39 for 2025: 37 EMS, 2 Fire, many community service walk-ins
- ✓ 6 EMS calls, 0 fire calls this last month
- ✓ 0 capital expenses 0 Disposals

Various Updates

- The district received all the new nozzles for our units. The hose will be delivered in the next 8 weeks. This is the fire grant Crystal wrote for application to Firehouse Subs Foundation and was granted not only ~\$24k but an additional ~\$4k recently due to her appeal regarding rising costs and tariffs. Thank you again Crystal.
- I reached out to the county regarding grants and Crystal filled out the required information to try and obtain them during the current cycle. We missed it by just thaaaaat much!!!!!! We would have been on the top of the list had I known. Now with this information, we are better prepped for the next opportunity. We are now expected to get emails when opportunities are available.
- We have a 6-yard dumpster on property to have a good clean out of unusable stuff at the station. This will include leftover flooded or damaged equipment or gear, along with any trash. The end goal is an even tidier environment, ultimately prepping for an Open House in Q4 of this year!
- T192 had a new starter installed, but I believe we have a wire that is damaged or improperly attached creating a firing issue. This will be tended to promptly.
- E191 is still at SFEV (mechanics) being repaired. After detailed inspection (that we've done with each apparatus), there is much more wrong with the unit other than the refill pipe. I have an itemized bill that shows everything they have found wrong and have spoken to the seller of the unit. My goal is to have them pay for the repairs, as this unit was 1 week in our possession when this happened. I informed them then. The issue was we didn't have any other units to provide service to the district so we had to wait to address the one issue until we had something that could provide adequate fire protection. As soon as T191 (hybrid) arrived then we could get repairs performed. We are currently at 22K in repairs. I am not pleased about this at all. When one purchases a used unit that is a 2001 you cross your fingers.

I did send an email to Maggie (our attorney) asking about a potential letter (and options) to the company who sold the unit. I will keep each of you in the loop.

- I have had my first week-10 days in the condo and am doing my best to get used to my new routine. This is a very big change. I have worked 2 jobs since I was 16 years old. It may take me a little while but I will get there. Coverage for the station continues and we've set up a response routine to ensure adequate response times, according to each circumstance.
- Helene FEMA has been reopened and we have 2 meetings with FEMA officials and Mitigation divisions. Lots of information. We are working on items needed to make us whole from all the damage from flood waters. We have a conference call on 8/18 for hurricane Ian. I am hopeful we can truly close out the Ian claim. I would like to be able to run the fire district and not have to rebuild, rehire, beg for money and fix units. LOL I'm kidding but in all seriousness, I am looking forward to closing out all the hurricane claims.

Any Comments Questions Concerns