Crystal Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Department Report, YTD.

- 1. Department Activity since the last board meeting (April 2020)
 - Business meetings 1 via Zoom
 - Department trainings 1, in person training on hose deployment
 - Incidents 1 since last report, <u>13 YTD 2020</u>
 - #13 70 YOF, suspected Covid symptoms (later determine negative).

2. **PERSONNEL:**

- No new news. Officers developing recruitment plan for the summer.

3. TRAINING:

- In-person hands-on trainings resumed in May. Face masks and social distancing still being practiced.

4. **GRANTS:**

- <u>AFG grant</u>: Will apply for new Brush truck, approx \$140K. Grants are usually for approx 90%. If cost is \$140K, then AFG would pay \$126, and we pay \$14K. Still under review.
- <u>Firefighter Safety and Disease Prevention Grant</u> Submitted for 6 more SCBA bottles (\$1K ea) plus an air gas monitor (CO + flammable gas meter). Total \$7,283. Grant is 100% pay. Still under review.
- <u>VFA Wildland Grant</u>- Submitted for all new wildland gear for Firefighters. Total cost is \$6,490, CLVFD portion is \$3,245. Grant is 50%. Still under review.
- <u>Homeland Security grant</u> for station backup generator. Gemerator and 1000 gallon propane tank installed and working. Generator is 48KW and can run the entire station. Station will become potential community haven in the event of a long(er) term power outage.
 - <u>Homeland Security grant</u> for 2 dual band radios was awarded and out to bid. \$5,000. We will be responsible for any excess currently estimated at \$400. We should receive radios in a couple of weeks.
- <u>County Emergency Services Grant</u> Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon to hold external structure training acadamy this summer. Approximate \$4,500. Grant was awarded and acadamy being scheduled for October.
- RETAC grant for Covid supplies Joint mountain grant developed for Crystal Lakes, Red Feather, Glacier View, Livermore and Poudre Canyon. Grant is for \$13,000. Supplies include 7 foggers and disenfecant concentrate, 100 x 3M P100 masks and 200 replacement filters. Masks are much better than N95 masks and can be decontaminated and reused multiple times. There will be enough of the enhanced masks for all firefighters of all the mountain depts. Grant submitted and approved within 4 hours! All supplies being purchased now. Crystal Lakes acting as group purchasing agent. We place the supplies order and make payment. Reimbursement to come back to CLVFD

5. OTHER: Covid-19

- Working with Larimer County Emergency Services for daily communications on State and County protocols.
- CL and RFL response developed in accordance with State and County.
- For any patient, only a single EMT will approach the patient in full personal protective equipment (PPE), including mask, goggles, gown (or coveralls), and gloves.
- If Patient has covid19 symptoms or has been in contact with someone tested positive, the Patient will be assessed for immediate life threats and if none, the EMT will await for the arrival of the UCH ambulance. UCH will be

notified of the Patients condition and the Patient will be moved by the single EMT and the UCH EMT/Paramedic to the UCH ambulance for transport. This will eliminate the need for a completed interior scrub-down of the RFLVFD ambulance.

- If the Patient does indeed have life-threatening symptoms (severe respiratory distress, etc), the patient will be moved to the RFLVFD ambulance by as few dept members as possible. The RFL ambulance will rendevouz with either the UCH ambulance or the Lifeline helicopter.transport as normal with single EMT.
- If patient does not have covid19 symptoms or contact with positive tested person, Med1 will transport for rendevouz with UCH or Lifeline
- Currently, both CL and RFL have enough PPE tto manage several corona calls. There have been only one "corona-like" medical response so far, but we do anticipate that to change in the near future. We have "some" access to additional PPE through the county and we will be asking the community for donations of excess PPE (mostly construction-type dust masks).

Respectfully submitted,

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