

Eastern Plumas Fire reply to GM CSD annual service review.

Pg 1 Last paragraph and continued on Pg 2 first paragraph:

What is not being reported in this document is that first on scene was in contact with 9800 and giving a scene size up. There was no smoke or flame. 9800 and 9813 were in route from "C" Rd and would have stopped at the Delleker or Iron Horse station and picked up an engine if necessary. The last sentence in paragraph one page 2 states it would have taken 15 minutes up to 40 minutes to bring an engine if it was necessary after arriving on scene. Don't know where these time frames are coming from but they are greatly inflated.

Pg 2 last paragraph continued on Pg 3 first paragraph:

States there is concern over mutual aid cooperation having declined. This is absolutely not true. Beckworth Fire and EPRFPD have used each other as needed for mutual aid EPRFPD has never not called for mutual aid when required.

Pg 3 item 3)

The equipment deployed. See the previous two responses. Equipment deployed needs to be at the discretion of the Chief, without others seconded guessing without all of the facts.

Pg 3 last paragraph:

The Chief's move has only added 1 mile to the previous distance. It should not matter where the Chief lives or is at; as there are other fire fighters that respond.

Pg 4 paragraphs under 6) and continued to page 5

As agreed upon with Bill Robinson, having EPRFPD firefighters do familiarization training by driving through and finding specific addresses or locations constitutes training within the community.

Training at the pond was to develop a plan. The challenges identified during the training are an action item for GM CSD maintenance personal to perform, which still has not been done.

Inspection of commercial buildings. Yes an email was sent, however, no one questioned or objected to postponing follow up inspections. The "rewiring" was a recommendation to put a 4 gang box under the deck instead of the power strip. The e-mail was sent to all involved in the inspections not just Bill Robinson. If objections had been voiced at the time, re-inspection would have taken place immediately.

The reason the GM CSD board was not directly briefed on trainings was because it was EPRFPD's understanding that with Bill Robinson being the liaison he would be briefing the board.

This communication challenge has been addressed by two different actions

- 1) All communication between Chief Frank (or any other FF) and Bill Robinson will not be between just the two of them, but will have at a minimum cc to EPRFPD, Rich McLaughlin, GM CSD board chair, and EPRFPD board chair.
- 2) As of March 21st Skylar (sp) will also be contacted.

The leave of absence was not a secret as alluded to. Chief is still very much involved via email and phone, and there is no problem if issues come up to contact him. It is unrealistic to expect the Chief to be at every call.

Lieutenant Turner is highly trained and been acting as a Captain, though not formally promoted until January 2022.

Pg 5 last paragraph

For the radios for GMCSD it was determined with GM staff that spring 2022 would be when training would be done.

Pg 6 Communication

The perceived breakdown in communication with EPRFPD Board Chair says that scheduled meetings have not been attended. The only scheduled meetings not attended were the Fire Study group and another board member was scheduled to attend. There was a tentative meeting scheduled for after the fire study group in July. What was said in the Board Chairs email was that the it is always best to call on land line, that the only time cell phone is used when away from the campground.

Communication during the Dixie fire. Evacuation plans and drills have been discussed and preformed previous to the Dixie fire. Residents were informed not to count on law enforcement or FD to evacuate them as they will be engaged in fighting the fire and traffic control. Disagree with chain of events and statements that are being made. EPRFPD has no record of the District office, Chief, or Board being contacted. EPRFPD Board Chair email, let GMCSD chair know in an email that she was out of town, but did not stat that "I'm too busy"; nor was it stated what the reason for a meeting was.

Chief was looking for Rich McLaughlin to discuss a matter that he was directly involved with. Bill Robinson was not involved, so Chief wanted to communicate directly with Rich. It was not urgent and able to be handled when Rich returned from travel.

Since the current contract went to effect in 2019 there has been a non-voting seat on EPRFPD board for a representative from GM CSD board, which has not been attended consistently.

Pg 7 second paragraph:

If communication is coming from Captain Frank in lieu of Chief Frank it is because Chief is driving and tells Captain Frank what to say and it is sent from her phone. E-mails coming from Captain Frank are usually items she takes care of or schedules; or Chief has told her how to respond. Chief Frank has always been involved in all communication

There appears to be a lot of misinformation, innuendoes, and statements out of context in this report.

It is unfortunate EPRFPD was not included more in the development of this review, so that more factual information could be contained with it.

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