

**Arrowhead Fire Protection District
Meeting Agenda
October 8, 2021
1:00 p.m. @ the Firehouse
2069 Spruce Road**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Determination of Quorum**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from September 10th Meeting**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Fire Chief's Report**
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. AVFD Auxiliary Report**
 - b. Communications Update**
 - i. Fire Bar Committee**
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Firehouse Issues**
 - i. Emergency Power**
 - ii. Overhead Doors**
 - b. Equipment Issues**
 - i. Ranger Enclosure**
 - c. Draft Budget for 2022**
 - d. AIA Agreement for 3 Fish Road**
 - e. Executive Session – Fire Chief Discussion**
- 8. Adjourn – Next Meeting – November 12, 2021**

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**ARROWHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Date: October 8, 2021

Time: 1:00 P.M. (MDT)

Location: AVFD Firehouse, 2069 Spruce Rd

Purpose: Regular Meeting

Attendees: Darrell Wagner [Chair/Present]; Steve Gauthier [Vice Chair/Phone]; Stephen Isle [Secretary/Phone]; Al Hale [Treasurer/Phone]; Ken Harbert [Board Member/Phone]; Jim Gelsomini [AVFD Fire Chief/Phone].

Absent: None.

Guests: Carla Vavrik [AVFD Auxiliary/Present].

1. **Call to Order:** Chair, Darrell Wagner, called the October 8, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Arrowhead Fire Protection District to order at 1:00 PM, Mountain Daylight Time.
2. **Determination of Quorum:** A quorum requirement was satisfied with all five of our board members present (one at the fire house; four on the conference call line), for the meeting.
3. **Approval of Minutes for the September 10, 2021 AFPD Regular Board Meeting:** Chair Darrell Wagner, asked for any additions or corrections and Al Hale noted an error on page 4 about half way down in the spelling of AVFD volunteer Norb's name. Secretary Isle made the correction. Steve Gauthier made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Ken Harbert seconded the motion. Chair Wagner put the motion to a vote and it passed unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** All have the September financials emailed by Al Hale. There being no questions, Chair Wagner declared that the treasurer's report stands as presented.
5. **October 8, 2021 Fire Chief's Report:**

Highlights: (A) Chief Gelsomini highlighted that the **wildland fire level status** remains at the **moderate** level. We had two small brush fires reported this week in Gunnison County. The most recent was reported about 30 minutes ago and two type 6 trucks and a tender were requested, indicating it was larger than the earlier fire. Neither fire was in our area of Gunnison County. Arrowhead Security will be bagging the kiosks at the end of October and at that time Chief Gelsomini will pick up the three Wildland Fire Level Status signs at the entrance points to Arrowhead (On the Alpine Plateau Road one at Ute Road, a second at Lake Road and a third at Ponderosa). Steve G. asked Chief Gelsomini what he would like him to do with the Wildland Fire Level Status spot on the ArrowheadFire.Org website and Chief Gelsomini suggested that since GMOG and Montrose Interagency are still reporting "Moderate" as the status level he would like to continue Steve G. to continue posting "Moderate" on the website. Chief Gelsomini will continue checking it on Fridays and if there is a change, he will then notify Steve G. accordingly.

(B) Perhaps the most important thing to notice on this Fire Chief Report is the higher than normal year to date (YTD) **number of Incidents/Calls**. We've had 15 Medical Calls and a couple of them were in September. Hopefully this trend will slow down a bit with the winter season, as this becomes more complicated as many of our volunteers and resources are reduced with the departure of our seasonal demographic. Our percentage of year round residents has dropped leaving us with some challenges to maintaining our present capability to respond. Additionally, the higher rate of 911 calls generates a higher cost. Our 'base user fee' will remain the same, but the cumulative cost per call will increase our annual cost.

(C) **Training:** Medical training for two days on Saturday and Sunday, October 16th and 17th. Firefighter training on the use of SCBA on Tuesday, October 5th; Dispatch training on Saturday and Sunday, October 16-17.

(D) **AVFD Personnel Utilization:** Worth noting that the AVFD has utilized more than 1,000 man hours in 2021. Year to date (YTD) we've utilized **1,049 total hours** of our personnel participating in training. This speaks well of our volunteers who put their time into training, incidents and preventive maintenance: Kudos to each of our volunteers! When time allows, Chief Gelsomini

and Steve G. will craft something appropriate for the ArrowheadFire.Org website recognizing our volunteers and this signature effort. **(E) Building:** Chief Gelsomini is focusing on fixing the fire house garage door bottom seals on the two south facing bay doors. They must be replaced before winter. This became clear after a hail storm about two weeks ago which left puddles inside the south facing bay doors. The other item is the summer project carry over of getting a quote for adjusting the springs and installing auto-stop controllers on the garage doors (c. \$2,500). This will be left on the report so it can be carried forward to 2022 and not forgotten.

(F) Pictures of past AVFD Fire Chiefs on the wall of the main meeting room: The wall is out of space. Jennifer is working on this and keeping the 5"X7" individual photos but making a single, longer frame with room for the photos of past fire chiefs and room for the future. Past fire chiefs Brent Mims and Kevin Stilley have larger photos that need to be replaced with the 5"X7" sized photos. Chief Gelsomini will keep the AFD board apprised so a final approval can be had. Chief Gelsomini has the tenures for Brent Mims and Kevin Stilley, but they are only expressed in years, as are all the other photos on the wall. It tracks with what he sent Steve I. earlier. Chief Gelsomini said he would send another email with that information to Steve I. Steve I reported that Cathy and Kendra have been overwhelmed at Alpine Awards/Copy Cats, and now Kendra is out on some type of emergency leave, so we've been delayed in getting proofs back on the proposed plaque for Kevin Stilley. We'll be discussing by email, so no real delay.

(G) Highlights of the vehicle/equipment seasonal changes: Scene Lighting and the scene lighting generator will be going onto the red fire truck and ready for use as needed in the next week. The scene lighting generator has a longer break in cycle, but Chief Gelsomini will have it ready for use next week and put it on the red fire truck. **Blue first responder vehicle** – As the season winds down, Chief Gelsomini will be taking the **radio** out of it as well as **light bar** (on top) and **control module** (inside). The radio will be mounted on the Ranger, and the medical equipment will also go to the Ranger. Other equipment (light bar and control module), from the blue first responder vehicle **will be installed on the blue brush truck**. The Ranger is currently at Gary Broughton's son's building in White Water while it is retrofitted for the topper that is going to be installed on the bed of the Ranger. **(H) Communications: Fire Bar replacement options** fall into the category of either RF (radio) or telephone equipment staged in the Arrowhead NNTC office. Chief Gelsomini has received the approval from the Gunnison Emergency Management Director and Jody, the Gunnison Dispatch Communications Director to conduct a radio test from "W" Mountain to our Arrowhead Repeater, Updates materializing within the last two days include notification from Chris at 2-way radios that the testing day will be next Thursday, October 14th using the AVFD VHF repeater channel. If the radio test goes well, the next step is for Chief Gelsomini to make a presentation to the Gunnison Communications Board on October 27th outlining a plan to use AVFD VHF radios to receive and acknowledge incident reports from Gunnison Dispatch. Our existing AVFD Kenwood VHF radios can support two-tone paging with audio. As a follow up in 2022 the AVFD will purchase 3 or 4 new Kenwood NX 1200K2 radios at \$450/unit, replacing in-service Motorola VHF radios while keeping Motorola and Puxing VHF radios as spares if needed. **(I) AED's:** All are in good condition and the AED at 105 Aspen Trail will remain in service thanks to the property owner at 105 Aspen Trail who has allowed the AVFD to use their electric service to support the AED enclosure heater during the winter. Our treasurer, Al Hale, has all the information on compensation of the property owner for the electrical service. **(J) Fire Hydrant Status:** Chief Gelsomini lauded the work of Norb, who with the exception of a small number of PVC poles on lower Spruce, has replaced all the **hydrant marker poles** with freshly painted 2' X 2' wood poles, which have new white reflective tape applied. This is particularly important on upper Crest where the wind causes a lot of snow drift issues. Hydrant #77 will be out of service for an unknown length of time and will likely be out of service until at least next spring. The hydrant was apparently hit by vehicle/equipment damaging the collar connecting the lower section with the mid-section. The contingency plan for supporting homes normally supported by hydrant #77, is to use hydrant #76, and hydrant #78. This

information has been communicated to AVFD teams. Donny Squirrell at Arrowhead Water is searching for replacement parts. Hydrant #77 is covered with a black bag identifying the unit as being out of service. (K) **Questions for Chief Gelsomini:** Steve G. asked several questions: (1) Does the AVFD have a light for the Polaris Ranger? Chief Gelsomini responded that yes, we do have one of the bubble gum portable units which sits on top and is attached using a magnet which mounts to a metal plate mounted on the inside; (2) Update on the carburetor for the red generator: They have a new carburetor but since the red generator is operational using the old one, the installation of the new one is a lower priority delayed until the smaller generator is operational; (3) If we go from the Fire Bar to a VHF radio solution will that change our Base User Fee? Chief Gelsomini and Al Hale have been working on all the ramifications of our choice of options for the Fire Bar replacement on the associated fees in their working on the 2022 budget. Steve G. was very happy with the answers as there are a lot of things going on for a small department and none of them are simple.

6. **Old Business:**

A. **AVFD Auxiliary:** Acting Chair Wagner recognized Carla Vavrik, our AVFD Auxiliary Liaison.

(1) **Auxiliary Treasurer's Report:** Carla gave a short summation reporting the Auxiliary had \$28,000 in their account and wished to provide \$18,000 to be used for First Responder Expenses in 2022. Carla reported the largest donations at the 4th of July picnic since the fund raising efforts to purchase AED's and to garner funds for the new building for the AVFD. At a previous picnic the Auxiliary spend about \$2,000 to serve 350 meals. This year the Auxiliary was able to hold that cost to \$750 to feed about 250 people, allowing a much greater margin of profit. (2) Future Events: (a) The Auxiliary will be providing the lunch on the weekend of the medical training in October; (b) The Auxiliary sponsored Christmas Party will be on December 11, 2021 with RSVP required; hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 PM and the main course at 6:00 PM. The dinner is basically pot luck with the main course of turkey and ham; (3) Carla asked if it would help Chief Gelsomini if the Auxiliary tracked the volunteer hours. Chief Gelsomini said it was important to track the volunteer hours put into the picnic and other Auxiliary activities to give recognition to these members of the community. However, the hours he tracked for AVFD are in support of our ISO rating. Carla asked if there were any questions. There being none, she concluded her presentation.

B. **Communications Update:** Steve Gauthier, Communications Manager, said the web page is up to date. All applauded the efforts Steve G. has made and how well he is keeping up with the website.

i. **Fire Bar update:** Chief Gelsomini did contact Kent Tomlinson at NNTC and discussed considerations of a telephony based solution. If we choose that option the AVFD would put a piece of equipment in the NNTC cabin at Arrowhead as opposed to the far distant offices in Nucla which would require also using Tri-State and Century Link for transport. NNTC has experienced a lot of issues with their fiber optics in the last several years. Having any AVFD required equipment located in the NNTC cabin at Arrowhead also plays into the NNTC strategy for 2022 where the current plan is to enable the remote switch enabling intra-mountain calling in a way similar to the old Nortel DMS switch which used to provide the telephony services. So if we lost fiber we could still conceivably make our intra-mountain calls. This telephony solution will continue to be explored by Chief Gelsomini. No further work on the DLC's which threaten the current Fire Bar is planned by NNTC until June of 2022. To get a better picture of how other communities have survived the loss of the Fire Bar technology, Chief Gelsomini has spoken with Greg, the fire chief at Gateway and Jeff, at EMS out of Nucla as recommended to him by Chris at 2-Way Radio. Greg and Chris are very pleased with the radio solution replacing the fire bar / telephony solution. However, they are set up more like Gunnison as combination departments

(with fire, EMS and a radio dispatch), where radios seem more efficient. Two tone radio paging is used effectively in Montrose and Grand Junction as well. They are able to respond with multiple units and the response is much more immediate. Chief Gelsomini emphasized that all these fire departments have a much different structure than our AVFD. The next step is the radio test discussed in the Fire Report section. Chair Wagner thanked Chief Gelsomini on behalf of the board for all the work he has done and continues to do on this Fire Bar replacement project.

7. New Business

A. Fire House Issues:

i. **Emergency Power:** Al and Chief Gelsomini have worked on a UPS solution. An uninterruptible power supply (UPS), also known as a battery backup, provides backup power when your regular power source fails or voltage drops to an unacceptable level. A UPS allows for the safe, orderly shutdown of a computer, but can also be used to power a garage door opener and connected equipment. The size and design of a UPS determine how long it will supply power. Additionally, "My Spool" (<https://myspool.com/content/power-alert>), is a service that provides temperature, humidity and power alerts. It plugs into an outlet without a GFI outlet behind it. That device costs about \$85 without shipping, but they're out of the product until the end of October. It will send alerts to several individuals. Power Failure Alert purchased on MySpool.com comes with support for 1 telephone number and up to 5 email addresses for alert notifications. Chief Gelsomini would like to have someone on the mountain as well as off the mountain on the alert list in case there is a WiFi problem on the mountain. All notification services are included by "My Spool" free of charge. For the fire station garage doors, all four outlets are on a single circuit with no GFI. Mechanically the garage doors are very hard to get up and down manually. Intercept that circuit coming down to the north panel, place a duplex receptacle there that can support a UPS that's plugged into it and an Alert Module. Insert a new duplex outlet to the 20 amp circuit. Plug in the UPS and operate one door at a time which presents a very small load. The doors are one solution that are very easy and this solution can be implemented this year.

In the command room the panel feeds are more complex and we need to investigate a different solution to have enough power over a 2 hour period. Changing the lighting in the command room to include more LED lighting is part of the solution. Chief Gelsomini estimates a cost of \$1,500 to \$2,000 for a solution for the command room.

The fire house garage doors are a relatively inexpensive UPS solution. Solving the power requirements for critical components in the command room requires a back-up generator with a manual transfer switch. But that still doesn't handle the base board heating.

Two pronged short term solution: (1) UPS for the doors; (2) The back-up generator for the command room needs the installation of a manual transfer switch rated for exterior use costs and should cost approximately \$200. However, the installation of a manual transfer switch requires a licensed electrician. Norb provided the name of a reliable electrician he recommends: Canyon Creek Electric. Steve G. has used him and Chief Gelsomini and Steve G. again reviewed the short term installation of the manual transfer switch versus the ideal 'long term' but currently unaffordable solution of installing a larger, more automated generator from Generac which could power the entire fire house making it usable as a community shelter should the need arise.

We continue to pursue a two pronged approach: (1) Contact our local resident who owns Canyon Electric and obtain an estimate on the upgrade of our existing generator; (2) Contact Annie Grace's father, who is a Generac Home Generator Representative, and obtain an estimate

on the cost of installing a fully automated generator to run essential circuits at the fire house during electrical failures. This fully automated generator must be large enough to run the building and not just and essential circuits because in an evacuation the fire house would likely be used as a collection point/evacuation center where residents would gather for shelter, food, care and preparation prior to further evacuation. In this plan, we go beyond the essential circuits to a 20Kw generator which can run the entire building, electric heating and kitchen appliances. As Chair Wagner has said before, "We don't know what we don't know." So Chief Gelsomini will work with Steve G. who will provide the contacts required to get the estimates and include this in the AVFD long range plan.

Chief Gelsomini highlighted that we will need to have a propane tank installed at that point for the fuel solution to power the generator, just as NNTC has done for the back-up generator at their cabin on Aspen Trail.

Our immediate concern is an interim solution to support the critical functions taking place at the fire house. The estimates are needed for the long term solution must address the need to use the building as a center/community shelter where there is heating and the ability to use the kitchen appliances, like the stove for food preparation when the commercial power source is not available in an emergency.

Steve G. will forward contact information to Chief Gelsomini on the recommended electricians from New York, where he is currently located.

ii. **Overhead Doors:**

Although our fire house garage doors were in compliance with the standards at the time they were installed (2005-2006 time frame), there are additional safety features on new installations which are worth considering for a retrofit. Installing the current standard for electric eye/safety switches, mechanical clutches, door tune up could cost up to \$2,500. Even a current system is not idiot proof. It was determined to leave this issue on the table and determine when to address it as it fits into our collective establishment of budget priorities for 2022.

B. **Equipment Issues:**

i. **Ranger Enclosure:**

Chief Gelsomini said the Ranger is now at Drew Broughton's in White Water for the fabrication of the topper.

C. **Draft Budget for 2022:** Chair Wagner offered Treasurer Al Hale the opportunity to address some budget issues. Regarding **Line 11 Donations:** Carla's suggestion that the \$18K Auxiliary donation be restricted to medical creates a requirement to perform the additional accounting to track each dollar to document that use. This prompts the question as to whether community members are donating their money with conditions or donating it freely intending the money to be used as needed by the fire department. The AVFD currently has \$11,500 in tax money designated in the budget for medical. When a person drops money into the donation jar the donator does not specify where the funds are to be used. Should the 5 people attending the last Auxiliary meeting – the holder of the donations --- be placing restrictions on the use of the funds? Carla, as the Board Representative, said that the Auxiliary would "prefer" the money be used for medical.

Al Hale, AFD Treasurer explained that Chief Gelsomini and Lucia, Treasurer for the Auxiliary, had worked out the concept several years ago that the Auxiliary would put out a given amount of

money (\$10K), in January to be spent as the AVFD determined prudent. Chief Gelsomini has had the flexibility to use it for medical although he had no restrictions. Colorado statutes require that if you receive a specified donation you must track every expenditure and that adds an extra layer of tracking. For that reason AI requested a smaller donation if it was to be earmarked.

The discussion continued with several ideas ranging from returning to the smaller \$10,000 donations allowing Chief Gelsomini time to carefully plan what medical expenses the funds were to be used for to the idea of taking the tax based dollars and just using them for fire based expenses. When we need more money for medical from the Auxiliary, we can make a request.

Steve G explained that if we get \$18K as a donation it can be used for medical, but if it comes with a restriction it creates an accounting nightmare for our treasurer.

Carla said she would check the wording and try to add “prefer,” rather than a restriction. All were okay with the language using the word, “prefer.” Carla has another Auxiliary meeting before Jan 1st and they can change the wording at that time to avoid the special book keeping while leaving the donation amount as \$18,000. It appeared that everyone was trying to accomplish the same end but just had various ways of articulating it.

Line 25 Elections under Administration: The AFD is scheduled to hold elections in 2022. Budgeting \$1,000 should cover it only if we were doing it ourselves. Dalby charges approximately \$3,700 to handle an election for the AIA. Chair Wagner concluded we should leave some money here. However we anticipate not requiring an election as the board may do well to find two qualified volunteers to replace our two board members whose terms end (Steve Isle and Darrell Wagner). If we find only two qualified people for the two positions, we will not need an election. Chair Wagner has served one term. Secretary Steve I. has already served two consecutive terms.

Line 28 Legal under Administration: We need funding if we plan to pursue placing raising the Mill Levy on the ballot in November 2022. With the runaway inflation and the possibility the AIA may raise dues, it’s going to be important to show the many reasons why the fire department is underfunded and although the community is supportive of the fire department, it’s not a great time to ask for money. There was an article in the last Smoke Signals that clearly indicated the AIA is considering raising the AIA dues. The cost given us for the preparation of a marketing presentation to share with the community was \$300. To place the Mill Levy issue on the November 2022 ballot would also entail coming up with the legal fee of between \$3,000 and \$5,000. The question on how the ballot issue can be funded is a tricky one. The AVFD may use operational funds only until the moment we file the ballot issue with the county saying, ‘yes’ we’re going to pursue placing raising the Mill Levy on the ballot. At that point we may no longer use operational funds. So if the moment you say to the county you’re going to raise the mill levy, you can no longer fund it, how do we fund it from that point forward? As Carla suggested, the Auxiliary could do it. However, for the average property owner donating there is no expectation their donation would be using the money to increase the mill levy. So as a matter of integrity and trust we would perhaps be wise to identify clearly all the many reasons why we need to raise the Mill Levy and then request the community help fund putting the issue on the ballot through the Auxiliary. When our Arrowhead property owners know and understand the need, as with any identified need in the past (such as AED’s; the addition to the building), they are very supportive. So the key is getting the need articulated precisely and using the marketing video.

Every year there are more homes being built at Arrowhead. There is a much larger demographic of seasonal residents who come here to escape and enjoy the solitude. They support us but not

as many are willing to volunteer all the time required to be trained, maintain those skills and volunteer to serve as needed when the 911 call comes. And along with the population increase there has been a record number of medical incidents occurring in 2021. The people making up the demographic are not year round and come here to escape. So as the population has increased and the medical emergencies have also increased, while the number of volunteers willing to give of their time to undergo training and become a first responder, fire fighter or one of our dispatchers have decreased precipitously. At some point we can't do it with the volunteers. So we must prepare for the contingency where we will have to pay not only a fire chief and medical director, but people who serve as responders and trainers. At present even our fire chief who puts in untold hours is himself a volunteer! This is going to be a costly transition. Funding positions might solve the problem, but we're apt to find we don't have enough local applicants to fill the requirement. Chief Gelsomini has completed a study showing a distinct advantage in our ability to handle emergencies by constructing another building on the Alpine Plateau Road. That will be a major investment. The medical director that Carla and the Auxiliary would like to see heading a group of first responders will need a salary and money to cover the cost for insurance covering the liability above and beyond the salary and training expense considerations. There is a requirement on the long range plan to purchase the large enough generator allowing the fire department to serve as a community shelter with its own power sufficient to handle communications, heating, lights, water and the kitchen facilities needed for food preparation. Our last Long Range Plan update established a need for \$600,000 in additional funding over the next decade.

In spite of our increase in population and homes at Arrowhead our income from property taxes went down dramatically between 2016 – 2020 due to Tabor and the Gallagher Amendment. The Gallagher Amendment, combined with the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR), have not allowed for local governments to raise taxes on businesses, which could compensate for falling residential rates over the years, without calling a vote of the people – a requirement under TABOR.

The push to pass Amendment B came from bipartisan lawmakers hoping to bring more money into all of Colorado – but particularly rural parts of the state that have been even more tightly squeezed because of Gallagher than urban areas – to help the budgets of fire districts, school districts and health care facilities as the state faces a massive budget shortfall.

Fire districts were among the most vocal in pushing for Amendment B's passage, as they do not receive funding from the state to make up budget differences as schools do. However, even with the results of the last election our AVFD funding only increased by \$3,000 from last year's \$47K to this year's \$50. So our AVFD income went down even with more people and without our Auxiliary's work on fund raising events and all the time our Fire Chief puts in looking for bargains and surplus equipment, we'd be in even more dire straits. The Auxiliary had only 5 people at its last meeting and also suffering from a lack of volunteers at the organizational level although participation and volunteers are there when needed for fund raising activities.

Al Hale highlighted that unimproved Arrowhead lots pay a higher rate of tax than a lot with a cabin. Our tax base doesn't increase when a property owner converts from an unimproved lot to a cabin due to the different tax rates. There is an increase if a very expensive cabin is constructed.

Asking for a Mill Levy increase is difficult and entails a lot of extra work by board members. However it is going to be needed and the board may want a video presentation to get the ball

moving. For this reason the board will leave \$600 in this line item for the presentation video and pass it to the new board with the two new members in 2022 for their consideration.

Al said he would add \$300 for the video presentation to **Line 30 Miscellaneous** under **Administration** in addition to the \$600 to cover a couple hours of legal advice under **Line 28 Legal** under **Administration**.

Line 29 Meals has as a comment, "Forest Refuse Burn Effort," and has \$150 in it to cover the meal expenses for those AVFD personnel who volunteer to spend their time on duty watching and monitoring the Forest Refuse burn.

Line 64 Repairs, Al will add another \$2,500 for the Overhead Garage Doors to the \$2500 now in there for a new total of \$5000. Chair Wagner will speak with and encourage the AIA to participate in paying half of this project.

Chief Gelsomini reported that the signs on the fire house facing Spruce Road are metal signs that need painting/revitalizing. Chief Gelsomini plans on Norb handling this important repainting effort.

Chief Gelsomini has given Al the numbers which cover the financial commitment required to replace the Fire Bar if we choose the option of radio dispatching.

Chief Gelsomini and Al plan to use some of this year's funds for the UPS which will provide emergency power to operate the fire house garage doors. Additionally, the cost of the electrician to install the Manual Transfer Switch will also be handled by this year's funding, so that will not appear on the 2022 Budget.

Chief Gelsomini would like to purchase more SCBA's and whether this is accomplished with this year's funds or next year's or a combination thereof spreading it over two years will depend upon what type of discounts he is able to arrange with ROI. If the discounts don't materialize, he will pursue looking at what might be available in surplus sources. Some 2021 funding would come from the estimated end of year funds remaining in **Line 80 Structural Equipment and Supplies**. Each SCBA is at least \$6,500. In 2022 we will allocate \$7,500 for the purchase.

So the consensus is we will purchase a UPS this year. And we will attempt to purchase one SCBA this year and another next year. If we find we have the surplus this year, we can use it in January 2022 to purchase an SCBA. There is approximately \$18,000 left over, part of it what the Auxiliary gave us, so the language in the Auxiliary motion could be very important.

Al will closely watch how the expenses go over the next month and a half to determine what will be left over.

Chief Gelsomini reiterated his intentions to speak with Jim, the owner at ROI as well as the MSA Representative regarding surplus SCBA. Don is the name of another of the contacts Chief Gelsomini will speak with regarding availability of SCBA.

At the AFD Regular Meeting on November 12th, in four weeks we will be approving the 2022 Budget. Chair Wagner said we need to designate money for the SCBA's. Al said he will email out a revised 2022 Budget draft in a week for all the board members and Chief Gelsomini to review.

D. **AIA Agreement for 3 Fish Road**: AFPD board members all carefully examined the proposed agreement from the AIA. All were pleased to finally see a beginning in the process for building a cooperative effort between the AIA and the AVFD to do whatever is required to provide a reasonable egress route for emergency use to save lives and property in the event of a wildfire or other cataclysmic emergency prohibiting egress via the Alpine Plateau Road. Chief Gelsomini reviewed a number of concerns he has with this agreement as written.

All agree that the AFPD should not take on the legal responsibility of the burden that this encumbers the board without further research and a thorough review of the language in the proposed agreement by an attorney versed in this area of the law.

Has the AIA created similar agreements for the water (Arrowhead Water), power (Gunnison Electric) and telephone (NNTC) companies who now use Arrowhead private and common space? Arrowhead Water Company currently uses this specific route (3 Fish Road), as well as Arrowhead private and common land. IF NOT, then why is such an agreement necessary when the Emergency Egress the AVFD is concerned about only transpires subsequent to the official Evacuation Order issued by the Gunnison County Sheriff for emergency egress?

Egress via 3 Fish Road is proposed as a potentially life-saving option for the safety and benefit of Arrowhead property owners/residents and guests. This is not financial responsibility or obligation for the AFPD or AVFD beyond alerting the authorities having jurisdiction of the importance they consider the risks and benefits having or not having this option.

Clearly since Arrowhead resident Doug Cox, Donny Squirrel of Arrowhead Water Company and an unknown number of other people already use 3 Fish Road coming and going from Arrowhead this proposed agreement is NOT an exclusive agreement and it doesn't give the AVFD any authority to use the road or to restrict access.

In this version of the proposed agreement, the AIA is donating time for their AIA employee and the AIA road grader to work on the road, but appears to assume the AVFD to somehow be responsible for everything else. Has the AIA accomplished any grading on the road this year or in years past?

A bit of history might help: Part of the route from Hazel Lake has been approved as a common access for a shared driveway. Exhibit A: Origin of the red line is Hazel Lake. Traverse to upper left a little bit and see the two lots indicated by the first two circles. This is the common driveway agreed upon by the AIA/Design Review Committee (DRC), and the owners of those lots. The red line juxtapositions over onto the gold line. The AIA/DRC/owner moved the driveway allowing the first segment of the red line to be a common driveway.

The erosion is pretty significant because of the way this route has been maintained. Importantly, this route used to be the main route to Arrowhead in the 1980's during certain times of the year because the Alpine wasn't maintained at that time. At that time all the property outside of the Arrowhead gate all the way to the road coming out on Highway 50 by the Igloo all belonged to the Squirrell family.

The Squirrell family sold the land below the 90 degree turn at the Arrowhead gate and that is now the Howell property. There's a right turn down to next locked gate which is the boundary between the Howell and the remaining Squirrell property all the way up to the gate at Highway 50 in the vicinity of where the old Igloo hut once stood.

The AVFD sees the need for an agreement between the AIA, the Howells and the Squirrel family and for the AVFD to have a copy of the agreement and combinations and keys to the gates only for the purpose of use in the event of wildfire and/or implementing the contingency plan for emergency egress along this route when the Gunnison County Sheriff approves it at the time of an official Gunnison County Evacuation Order for Arrowhead.

Interestingly, 3 Fish Road doesn't exist on the Plat Map for the Arrowhead Community. The foreman for the Howell property gave Arrowhead property owner, Doug Cox a key. The code for the gate given to Chief Gelsomini when there was a lightning strike that needed the AVFD's attention. Chief Gelsomini and Gary Broughton responded, but they were not given the gate key for the gate at the bottom of the road.

How would AVFD accessing the Arrowhead portion of 3 Fish Road be any different than using any other common property or road at Arrowhead? Contrast this with the liability of property owner use of the many snowmobile routes going across common ground between Balsam and the winter parking lot and from there to the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge. The consensus is this agreement may be totally unnecessary in its present form.

There is some hysteria associated with the unknown liability involved in a mass evacuation and a proclivity towards covering the unknown by seemingly attempting to transfer the liability to the AVFD. If someone has an accident during an evacuation who is liable?

This is likely why there would be a hesitancy on the part of the private landowners between Arrowhead and Highway 50 on 3 Fish Road. So, our desire is to keep the discussion going and to allay any fears and bring all involved into supporting this contingency plan. We do this by acquiring the facts.

AFPD Chair Darrell Wagner will use some of the \$5,000 we have in the 2021 Budget for legal services (our treasurer says no vote required), and reach out to the election attorney and find the attorney with the expertise to find out if there is some local, state or federal immunity from litigation for land owners cooperating in providing this emergency egress option across their respective properties using 3 Fish Road.

Chief Gelsomini will contact Scott Morrill, Emergency Manager, Office of Emergency Management, Gunnison County, who just returned from vacation and has a wealth of knowledge and experience in this area. The Gunnison County Sheriff, John Gallowich, makes the Pre-Evacuation, Evacuation Order and Return Order.

Both Chair Wagner and Chief Gelsomini will report back to the board and we'll discuss this further at the November AFPD Regular Board Meeting.

E. **Executive Session**: Fire Chief Discussion. Steve I. made the motion the motion to go into Executive Session. Al seconded and the motion carried.

8. **Adjourn – Next Meeting – November 12, 2021.**

Respectfully submitted,
 Stephen Isle
 Secretary, Arrowhead Fire Protection District

Arrowhead Fire Chief Report

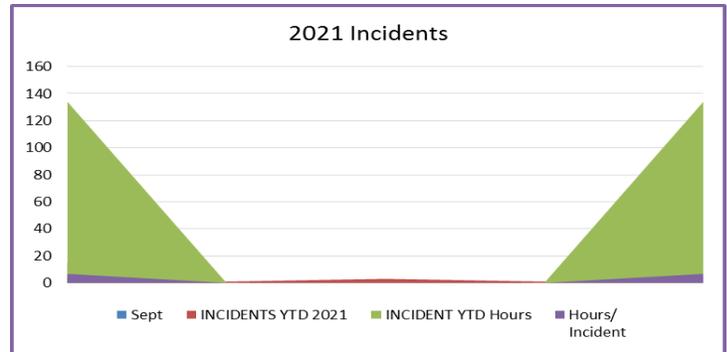
Date of Report: **October 08, 2021**

Wildland Fire Level Status: MODERATE

NOTE: Fire Danger signs planned removal end of October

Part I - Emergency Incidents

	Sept	INCIDENTS YTD 2021	INCIDENT YTD Hours	Hours/ Incident
Medical Aid & Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	15	134.00	6.70
Arrowhead Wildland (vegetation, brush) Fires	0	1		
Structure Fires (Commercial & Residential & Fire Pit & Power Outages & Gas Leak)	2	3		
Search Rescue	0	1		
2021 YTD Total		20	134.00	6.70



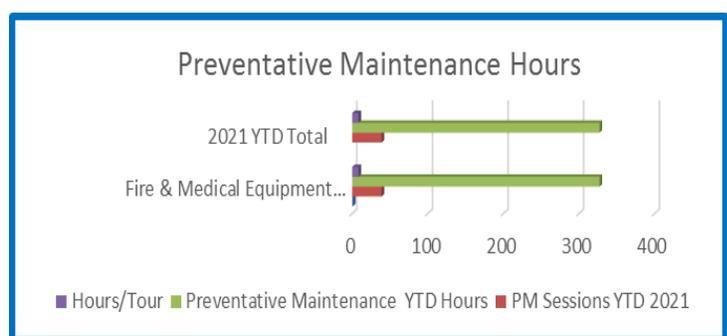
Part II - Department Training

2021 Training			
Groups	Resources	YTD Training Hours	YTD Training Sessions
Patrol	4	24.00	5
Awhd Dispatch	6	51.25	9
First Responder	12	311.65	10
Firefighters	14	201.00	16
AVFD Combined	36	587.90	40



Part III - Preventative Maintenance

Description	PM Sessions YTD 2021	Preventative Maintenance YTD Hours	Hours/Tour
Fire & Medical Equipment Preventative Maintenance	39	327.15	8.39
2021 YTD Total	39	327.15	8.39



Part IV - Incident Overview – 2021 (YTD)

YTD Medical – 15

YTD Fire/Search-Rescue – 3 (two calls reporting CO alarms, investigated advised owner for corrective action)

YTD Commercial Power Loss - 2

Part V - Training overview – October/2021

Medical – Saturday 10/16 & Sunday 10/17 – two-day medical training
 Firefighting – SCBA use Tuesday 10/05 10/Medical-Saturday 10/16 & Sunday 10/16
 Dispatch - Saturday 10/16 & Sunday 10/17 – two-day medical training

Part VI - AVFD Personnel Utilization YTD-2021

Training Hours (medical & fire) – 588

PM Hours – 327

Incident Response Hours – 134

TOTAL HOURS YTD – 1,049

Part VII - Personnel: (staffing): 23 (FF-FR-Dispatch)

Fire Fighters = (9)

Arrowhead Dispatch = (6)

First Responders = (8)

Part VIII - Grounds - Building Inspections:

1. Garage door bottom seal – purchase and install before winter season
2. Summer project – garage door quote (\$2,500) adjust springs and install auto-stop controllers

Part IX – Fire & Medical Apparatus, Tools & Equipment:

1. Tools – operational
2. Firefighting structure gear: - operational
3. Hoses: fully operational
4. Mobile Response Unit (MRU) – operational (staged in FH for summer)
5. Fire Trucks:
 - a. Red Type 3 – operational
 - i. Portable 2000W generator staged on apparatus
 - ii. Scene lighting staged on apparatus
 - iii. New reflective decals added to rear & rear following NFPA standard
 - b. White Fire Truck – operational
 - i. New reflective decals added to rear following NFPA standard
 - c. Blue Brush Truck – operational
 - i. New reflective decals added to rear following NFPA standard
 - ii. Install light bar from 2005 Trail Blazer – 2022 project
 - d. Blue EMS – operational (received update from property owner at 121 Lake Road, EMS vehicle will be parked in garage for winter season 2021-2022, home off market)
 - i. Radio – planned removal of radio completed in house
 - ii. Light bar - planned removal of radio completed in house
6. Snow Cat:
 - a. Operational (used for patient transport if needed), stage at AIA equipment building
7. Polaris-Ranger – departed Arrowhead for topper retro fit
 - a. Install radio from Trail Blazer in Ranger for operation starting winter season 2021-2022.

Part X - Interagency & County & Association Meetings:

1. Gunnison OEM training – zoom meeting sessions

Part XI - Communications:

1. Fire Bar replacement solutions fall into two primary categories; RF (radio) or telephony equipment staged in AH NNTC office.
2. Received approval from Gunnison EMO Director and Gunnison Dispatch Communications Director to conduct radio test from “W” Mountain to AH Repeater, Monday 10-11-2021, using AVFD VHF repeater channel.
 - a. Assuming no issues with radio test next step is Jim will make presentation to GunnComm Board October 27th, outlining a plan to use AVFD VHF radios to receive and acknowledge incident reports from Gunnison Dispatch.
 - b. Existing Kenwood VHF radios can support two-tone paging with audio.

- c. 2022 purchase 3 or 4 new Kenwood NX 1200K2 radios at \$450/unit, replacing in-service Motorola VHF radios, keep Moto and Puxing VHF radios as spares if needed.
- 3. NNTC transition to DLC network devices, impact to Fire Bar
 - a. At this time AVFD has 15 active fire bar members (includes summer residents)
 - b. NNTC has no plans for additional DLC deployments in 2021, at this time. DLC installations resume June/2022.

Part XII - Medical:

- 1. AED
 - a. AED positioned at 105 Aspen Trail, will remain in-service year round after receiving permission from property owner at 105 Aspen Trail to use their electric service to support AED enclosure heater during winter period.
 - b. No identified issues for Q321

Part XIII - Budget:

- 1. Proposed 2020 spend plan submitted to AFD for review and approval
- 2. SCBA – purchase plan is to wait until later in 2021, for fund availability
 - a. ~\$8k for two (2) new MSA G1 back packs w/mask (2) – if available with discount
 - b. ROI will donate four (4) cylinders 45 min 4500psi, if available at time of purchase – if available with discount

Part XIII - Miscellaneous:

- 1. Fire Hydrant status YTD 2021
 - a. All hydrant marker poles painted, replaced with 2'x2" wood poles, new white reflective tape applied to all marker poles.
 - b. Hydrant #77 – out of service for an unknown period appears hydrant hit by vehicle/equipment damaging collar connecting lower section with mid-section. Contingency plan for supporting homes normally supported by hydrant #77, using hydrant #76, and hydrant #78, communicated to AVFD teams. Donny is searching for replacement parts. Hydrant covered with black bag identifying the unit out of service.
- 2. Hwy-50 Update
 - a. Daily updates sent to AVFD team along with emergency notifications, for medical incident response plan, ground, or flight.
- 3. Address sign installation, YTD-2021 update
 - a. Installation priority
 - i. Existing poles requiring new address sign only – none at this time, all installed
 - 1. Note – 161 Ridge owner requested address sign, however the contractors damaged the previous one, as such I requested we wait until contractors finish their planned work before installing another address sign. Met with owner Thursday 10/07, agreed upon new address sign location, minimizing exposure to continued contractor traffic, installation planned for October/2021
 - ii. New address signage requiring new pole
 - 1. Locates needed for telephony, power and water
 - iii. Current status
 - 1. Completed installation sign only at filing road - 12
 - 2. New pole at inside property driveway - 4
 - 3. New Pole & Sign at filing road = 14