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TO: Heather Johnston, Interim City Manager
FROM: Don Johnson, Fire Chief
DATE: February 22, 2021
SUBJ: Monthly Fire Department Update

Fire Department Staffing

Department staffing is at 41 paid on-call firefighters. A Fire Captain was placed on a six month personal leave during the first week of January. A probationary firefighter tendered resignation effective March 1 based on starting a new job as a Full-Time Fire/Medic on a full-time metro fire department.

Fire Department Response

The fire department responded to (59) calls for service in January. Call Breakdown for the month:

0 Chief Only
14 Day Only
24 Duty Crew
21 General Alarms

Significant calls included the following:

- (33) Rescue/EMS calls with (5) motor vehicle accidents.
- (3) Fire Responses
 - Snowmobile on Fire in front of a residence on Tecumseh Ln
 - Car Fire on Flying Cloud Drive
 - Mutual Aid Structure Fire in Chaska

Other Activities

- Firefighters electing to receive the COVID Vaccine received their 2nd dose on January 28 or February 2.

- A COVID Compliant “Black Hat” Ceremony occurred on February 15 with Deputy Mayor McDonald swearing in 4 firefighters moving off of probationary status.
- I attended the Carver County Radio User Group meeting on February 17
- Engine 13, a quick attack mini-pumper, returned to Fire Station 1 from Lift Station 24 due to low utilization. It will be placed back into primary service on medicals from Station 1.

Monthly Training

- Training schedule altered for February due to dangerously cold weather and wind chill temperatures. The training will be moved to on shift training for duty crews.
- On Line learning classes on Ethics and Storage Facility Safety were assigned
- Assistant Chief Nutter was attending International Code Council Continuing Education Classes the week of February 8.

Fire Marshal Council Update for February

- Several meetings and inspections at Chanhassen Brewery have taken place. Life safety inspections should be complete the week of February 15th.
- Working through tenant design for new thermal barrier walls and high piled storage of food products at 2100 Stoughton Ave.
- We are receiving good feedback from weekly social media postings on fire safety topics. Follow up calls and emails are coming in with follow up questions from the community.