

Rural Fire Chiefs Report

4-13-09

1. Since the last meeting we have responded to 27 calls. They are as follows:
 - 3 transports to Billings
 - 14 EMS calls
 - 1 MVA with Extrication
 - 2 Vehicle Fires
 - 2 Service Assist
 - 3 Controlled Burns
 - 1 Structure Fire –Chimney
 - 1 False call
2. I have been checking into getting us signed up on the government contract for cell phone service. I will give you what info I have in person.
3. I believe that we have the frequency issues resolved on our communications grant and we should be getting the portables programmed up and in shortly.
4. As you may have seen in the newspaper the commissioners chose to hire Eric Frank as the new DES agent. They were, though, very interested in the proposal that I gave them but felt that due to the fact that they advertised the position based on an individual then they should hire that way. They have said though that when it comes open again that they will include RFP's in the advertisement.
5. The tank for the new brush truck is currently in production. Should see it within the next few weeks. We are looking at the box set up to see what would be best to order.
6. I have received word from Larry Gee the Rapelje Fire Chief. They have offered us \$2500.00 for the 6x6 with annual payments of \$500.00. That has not reached me in writing yet but it is supposed to be forth coming.
7. We are still working on getting all the proper paper work done and in line to get the ambulance revenues direct deposited to the county.
8. The fuels reduction crew is getting anxious to get back to work. As soon as it dries out enough they will probably be starting. Probably won't be for a couple weeks yet though with the anticipated moisture. We are looking into a few other projects as well in that area.

9. A PO has been submitted for the generator. This is just the paper work to get the thing on order. It should take about 8 weeks to get in.
10. I will also be invoicing all the departments out for their 2nd half of the communications grant here as soon as the portables are received
11. DNRC had all the contracts prepared for this up coming fire season. I have them here for your review if you'd like to see them.
12. There continues to be a good amount of training going on as well. Several folks have signed up to go to the Cody Fire School.
13. We have a committee looking into different kinds of EMS protective gear. They will be getting back to me with some recommendations before the next board meeting

That's all I have tonight, unless there are any questions.

Rich Cowger