

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2014, 5:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL
250 N. 5TH STREET**

To become the most livable community west of the Rockies by 2025

1. Department Report – Fire

[Supplemental Documents](#)

2. Board Reports

3. Other Business

City Council Budget Presentation



Fire Department
Monday August 18, 2014

125 years of protecting people and property

Fire Administration Hi-Lights!



Fire Authority Process

- Formed Policy Steering Committee
- Built relationship and partnership between the City, Clifton FD and Grand Junction Rural FPD
- Feasibility study in progress

Ambulance Billing

- Reduced billing cycle from 75 days to less than 15 days
- Finance Department Review

Formalized Fire Prevention Bureau

- Fire Marshal Chuck Mathis
- Filled 2 vacant Fire Prevention Officer positions
- Fire Investigation Task Force IGA

Fire Administration Hi-Lights!



Service Delivery Task Force

- Creation of "Synergy" Staffing Plan

EMS Shift Coordinator Pilot program

- Quick response vehicle with 1 paramedic supervisor

Public Information and Education

- New Public Information Officer Selected
- Emphasis on Public Safety PIO Team

Celebrated 125 years of service and support from City Council and the Community



Operation Hi-Lights!



Service & Technology Improvements

- Dispatching units before all information is received
- Fire Station Alerting - Improving F/F turnout time
- Telestaff - Staffing Management Program

Apparatus & Equipment Replacement

- Replaced fire engine and ladder truck from Smeal Fire Apparatus
- Replaced hydraulic extrication equipment, 5 thermal imagers and 8 gas monitors (grant funded)

Emergency Management

- Emergency Operation Plan & Program Draft
- Progress on 7th Street After-Action Recommendations
- Participated as a Lead Agency for NUWAIX 14 federal exercise
- Full-scale training exercise with Grand Junction Regional Airport

Operation Hi-Lights!



EMS

- Two ambulances at Station 2 - Rotate Calls
- Replacing Cardiac Monitors (50% grant funded)
- EMS Supply Inventory / Control System

Training

- Hosted National Fire Academy Week @ Two Rivers
- New Training Officer Selected
- 2014 Training Hours
 - Avg per Firefighter = 62 hours
 - Total Training = 7,964 hours (Fire, EMS, Tech Rescue, Hazmat, Bomb, etc)



Changing Culture




Good to Great

- Mission/Values focus
- Accountability/Behaviors
- Communication
- One department/One team
- Mentoring & Education
- Leadership Rotation


Embracing EMS

- We are a primary healthcare provider
- Medical is 78% of our business
- Career path for both EMS and Fire
- Right people/Right seat/Right bus = Synergy

Embracing EMS



- EMS Shift Coordinator Pilot Study Completed
 - Quick response vehicle with 1 paramedic supervisor
 - Upgrade 3 paramedic positions to EMS Officer
 - Projected revenue increase
- Adopt "Synergy" Staffing Model
 - Ultimately will convert 18 Firefighter positions to EMT/Paramedic positions
 - Seven current vacancies to be converted in September
 - Reallocating Resources



"Synergy" Staffing Model

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|---|---|
| Current Staffing - 105 FT | Synergy Staffing - 105 FT |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Battalion Chiefs - 3Captains - 15Engineers - 15Firefighter/Paramedic - 33Firefighter/EMT - 33Paramedic - 3EMT - 3Part-time EMT - 17- | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Battalion Chiefs - 3EMS Shift Officer - 3Captains - 15Engineers - 15Firefighter/Paramedic - 21Firefighter/EMT - 24Paramedic - 12EMT - 12Part-time EMT - 17- |

“Responding” to the next 5 years!



2015 “Response”



- Ambulance Billing
 - Efficiency and customer service evaluation
- Continued Evaluation of Organizational Structure
 - Reallocation of Resources
- Peak volume ambulance in-service 12 hours/day
- Dispatching via Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL)
- Replace hydraulic stretchers on all ambulances
- Design and Construction of Fire Station 4 (relocated)
- Public Safety Training Center - Mesa FML Grant

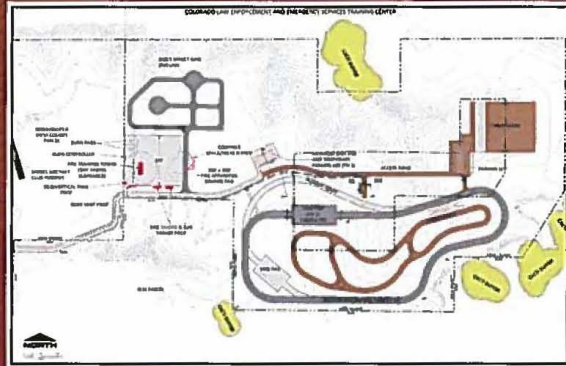
Fire Station 4 - Site Concept



Fire Station 4 - Site



Public Safety Training Center



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The Big 5 in 5



1. Fire / EMS Authority
 - Complete Feasibility Study
 - Develop implementation strategy/plan
2. Insurance Service Office (ISO) Evaluation/CPSI Fire Service Accreditation
 - Lower Fire Protection Class
 - Economic benefits - business relocation, reduced insurance costs
3. Address service gaps in the North and Pear Park areas
 - North Area Fire Station
 - Airport Fire Protection Services?
 - Relocate Fire Station 3
 - Pear Park Area (Fire Authority/Station/Relocation)
4. Complete Public Safety Training Center
5. Dedicated Public Safety Revenue Stream



Questions for the Fire “Chef”?

