



City of Stevenson

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To: Stevenson City Council
From: Rob Farris, Fire Chief
RE: Fire Department Update – June 2022
Meeting Date: July 21st, 2022

Executive Summary:

Department is still experiencing low turnout on Monday Meetings and fire calls. Conflicts with youth sports cited as number one reason for low turnout at meetings. Unknown reasons as to low turnout for fire calls. I suspect that the loss of more experienced volunteers is contributing to the issue.

Department has been prepping for wildfire season. We currently have 12 volunteers with Red Cards, which is a decrease from last year. The decrease is due to loss of volunteers due to relocating out of the response area.

The Fire Chief is no longer able to attend weekly Department Head meetings due to lack of a regularly virtual option. Zoom can be requested in advance by the Fire Chief as need.

Overview of Items:

- *COVID-19 Response: Ongoing*
- *New Fire Hall: **Stalled out***
- *Preparation for wildland season*
- *Building “Play books” for response*
- *Strategic Plan for Stevenson Fire/SCFD 2: **Stalled out due to Fire Chief Bandwidth***

Drills/Training/Calls:

June Drills/Training – 25 hours

June Calls – 10 total

- 1 – Structure Fire (All Mutual Aid Given)
- 4 – Burn Complaint
- 2 – Citizen Assist – People stuck in elevator
- 1 – MVC w/Fire – Mutual Aid
- 2 – Commercial Fire Alarm

Action Needed: Open invitation to council members to visit the fire station to see the current condition and space needs.