



WATER WHEEL FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT

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Chief's Report

December 20, 2022

Operations:

Activity for 2022 111 Incidents

Activity since last report: 1 – EMS
1 – Special Duty

Annual Awards Banquet was held December 14th at 5PM at station 71. FF of the Year award was presented to J Dan Green for 2022. Thankyou to all the staff for making the event a success once again this year.

Equipment / Facilities:

E71 has been removed from service for motor replacement. Shortly after we purchased the truck at the end of November 2019 we began noticing a small coolant leak on the side of the motor. The leak was quite insignificant, resulting in coolant additions of a quart or so every few months. We had our mechanic look at the leak and he said it appeared to be a crack in the engine block but it was very small and we could live with it for the time being and just monitor it. Well, that is what we did and as time moved along the leak became larger to the point of requiring coolant additions to the system every couple weeks, sometimes a half a gallon at a time. In discussing the situation with the mechanic he offered a possible repair by brazing the block to stop the leak, so a couple weeks ago We gave him the opportunity to try his repair option. Unfortunately, it was not successful and in the process of cleaning the repair area he discovered that the crack had grown significantly since we discovered it in 2020 to the point of being unrepairable. Now we are facing a motor replacement with a re-built motor. The estimate for the motor replacement with all parts and labor is \$12, 630. He is planning to do the replacement at station 74 in Bonita Creek. Fortunately, we have a suitable standby fire engine to provide service while E71 is out of service. E74 has been moved to station 71 for fire responses and SQ71 is handling all medical responses.

Administration:

We are still waiting to hear from FEMA regarding our 2021 AFG Grant request.

Still waiting on the appraisal for station 72 so the sales transaction can be completed

Respectfully submitted;

Ron Sattelmair - Fire Chief