
EASTERN PLUMAS RURAL FIRE ANNUAL CONTRACT REVIEW

BACKGROUND: In 2019, Gold Mountain CSD entered into a 5-year evergreen contract with Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District (EPRFPD) for fire protection and emergency response services. The contract terms outline EPRFPD service obligation agreement and the financial agreement between EPRFPD and GMCSO.

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT:

Fiscal Year	Increase 3%	FY Fire Contract Budget
2019/20		\$36,050
2020/21	\$1,110	\$37,132
2021/22	\$1,143	\$38,245
2022/23	\$1,178	\$39,393
2023/24	\$1,213	\$40,575

SERVICE OBLIGATION AGREEMENT AGAINST PERFORMANCE:

1. EPRFPD agrees to furnish such fire protection and/or emergency incident personnel, resources, and facilities to Gold Mountain as may be necessary to suppress fire or mitigate any emergency incident.
 - Incident response to the Nakoma Community from EPRFPD has been very satisfactory. There are no known situations where response did not occur. For the period of July 1, 2019 – January 21, 2020, EPRFPD reported the following incident responses to the Nakoma Community:

Response Type	Number of Incidents
Fire	0
Medical	4
Car Accident	2

Note: Due to COVID 19, callout reports have not been distributed for the months of March – May 2020.

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2. EPRFPD agrees to request mutual aid as needed from nearest fire or emergency response agency depending on apparatus, equipment or personnel needed, immediately upon being dispatched to an incident within the Gold Mountain community.
 - Mutual aid cooperation to requests from EPRFPD has vastly improved from our former contracted services with Portola VFD. Chief Frank has built strong relationships with Beckworth and Graeagle Fire and there is a new level of commitment and respect between these three local fire agencies.
3. EPRFPD agrees to notify Gold Mountain of any responses to or affecting the Gold Mountain community monthly at the EPRFPD board meeting in the form of an acceptable standard “run report”.
 - GMCSO receives call out detail in the form of a chief report that is distributed at EPRFPD board meetings. If GMCSO does not attend, then the monthly report is not obtained. There is an opportunity to streamline this EPRFPD obligation that works for both organizations.
4. EPRFPD will respond to requests for emergency assistance with available equipment and personnel. It is understood by the Parties that the level of EPRFPD response shall be subject to the availability of equipment and personnel as determined by the EPRFPD Chief in his or her sole discretion, or his or her next available in command.
 - GMCSO has thus far received excellent response from EPRFPD. There have been no deficiencies with this obligation.
5. EPRFPD’s response time will be dictated by weather and road conditions. EPRFPD will make every endeavor to respond as expeditiously as possible with the goal being within 10 minutes from time of incident notification.
 - Response from EPRFPD has been satisfactory during this report period. As a side note, Chief Frank has expressed his concern that inadequate address signage, particularly in the winter months, could cause delay in locating a residence in the community.

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6. EPRFPD agrees to provide certain non-emergency ancillary services to include familiarization and training, fire preventive inspections of commercial property, and upon request, EPRFPD agrees to interface on Gold Mountain's strategic fire plan and will consult with the Gold Mountain Firewise Committee. A Pre-Incident Plan in accordance with NFPA 1620 will be developed after fire prevention inspection corrections are completed.
 - EPRFPD completed commercial property inspections and has worked cooperatively with Bill Robinson, GMCSD Fire Services Coordinator and Nakoma Resort management in conducting these inspections and with correction of findings. According to Chief Frank, Nakoma community familiarization training is conducted frequently via drive throughs in the community and include gates, hydrants, buildings, and driveways. Prior to COVID 19 SIP requirements, EPRFPD discussed conducting multi agency familiarization tours of the Nakoma Resort commercial facilities and plans to follow through with that training once restrictions are lifted. There is an opportunity to enhance the NFPA 1620 pre-planning agreement and to provide GMCSD with semi-annual training reports.

FIREWISE COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

The Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Department has been a great partner and supporter of the Gold Mountain Firewise Community. Both Chief Frank and Captain Frank have been readily available and eager to add their insights into our various community Firewise efforts.

They actively participated in our most widely attended events.

May 26, 2019- GOLD MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FIREWISE DAY. Chief Frank and Captain Frank reviewed various options for the GM pre-planning, notifications and evacuation best practices. Held a round table discussion to answer questions by community members.

August 12, 2019- Chief Frank and Captain Frank met with Kathy Kogge, Marty Heinrich and Cary Curtis to discuss details of upcoming evacuation drill. Their input was especially useful to help plot out a scenario for evacuation and re-convening.

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August 26, 2019-GOLD MOUNTAIN PERSONAL EVACUATION DRILL- Chief Frank, Captain Frank, and Battalion Chief Attama met community members at the HOA/CSD maintenance building after the voluntary evacuation drill by community members. The meeting lasted over an hour, with their questions and guidance helping to understand how to make the next drill even more efficient.

October 26, 2019- SECOND GOLD MOUNTAIN PERSONAL EVACUATION DRILL- Chief Frank, Captain Frank and Battalion Chief Attama moderated the second voluntary personal evacuation drill with community participants. They helped to lead discussions on alert systems, and best practices for actions to be taken, or not, to prepare the home for responders.

Chief Frank and Captain Frank also were instrumental in helping a few homeowners create the best possible 911 house address beta test markers for use in Gold Mountain. They advised on best height and made 6 prototype reflective markers.

COMMENTS - PERFORMANCE TO CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS:

Eastern Plumas Rural Fire has delivered against contract obligations this review period satisfactorily, meeting and in some areas exceeding expectations. As in any organization, there are always opportunities to enhance performance and the findings in this review will be followed upon by GMCSO. It takes commitment to lead a volunteer fire department and to dedicate the necessary time to fulfilling every requirement while prioritizing the most important ones. Chief Frank and Captain Frank have proven to be great partners to GMCSO. Our working relationship is strong and respectful and one we look forward to continuing to build upon.