**Background:**

Gold Mountain CSD Fire Cadre is a group of citizens that are concerned about wildland fire danger and want help protect the Gold Mountain/Nakoma community. With firefighter safety as our main concern, Fire Cadre personnel attend fire training drills, class room and online training with the goal of attaining Basic 32 certification. Fire Cadre have access to our Quick Attack Vehicle (QAV) whose sole purpose is for early response to control vegetation fire ignitions within or threating the Gold Mountain community services district. Currently we have six full time and 4 auxiliary volunteers.

**Year in review:**

This year’s fire season began early in April with a 12 acre vegetation fire west of the district boundary near the Feather River on Forest Service land. Response from CSD was limited to CSD personnel and HOA staff as the QAV was not in service at that time, it did present a training opportunity for Fire Cadre to be able to walk the burn site and discuss Fire watch outs, what happened and how the fire was attacked. This fire walkabout was led by Rubin Villa who is a retired Forest Service firefighter and a paid member with Beckwourth Fire Department.

Training and drill topics this year included:

In June, Hands on training on QAV pump operations, containing spot fires, hand tools

July was 8 hour field day for Basic 32 students. Morning was classroom and after lunch was hands on training and certification of skills.

August, Basics of firefighter safety in the wildland urban interface (WUI).

September’s topic was Class A foam induction system that was recently installed on the QAV.

In October the Fire Cadre attended joint training with Eastern Plumas Rural Firefighters as they conducted training in the district. Firefighter safety, progressive hose lays and hand lines was discussed, demonstrated and performed.

Summary:

It has been a challenge to conduct covid 19 safe training this year. With everyone’s cooperation we were able to train maintaining safe distancing and wearing masks. It has been a pleasure to work with highly motivated volunteers who want to help keep the neighborhood they live in safe by not only being a member of the Fire Cadre but also some are on the board of directors of the CSD, members of the Firewise Committee and the HOA. It reflects great credit to those who volunteer their time and effort to the Gold Mountain / Nakoma Community .



Pictured from the left are Rubin Villa BFD, Phil Curtis, Cary Curtis Patricia Ryan, Rich McLaughlin, Bill Seney, Pete Baumhefner, Marty Heinrich.

Members not shown are Kathy Kogge, Mike Callaghan, Gordon Benie.

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