

## **Special meeting-December 11, 2023**

### **Tyson:**

- Lack of volunteers not just a problem in Greenhorn, but all over the country.
- Video is shown about a Midwest volunteer fire department and its challenges. Video was posted on our Facebook page.
- Discussion of firefighter training -What it takes.
- Dispatch when 911 call comes in. Takes 2 to 3 minutes to drive to the station and 3 minutes to leave. May take 10 to 15 minutes to respond; would like to reach 8 minutes.
- Need at least three firefighters on every firefighting call but 4 to provide interior structure attack due to 2 in/2 out requirement.
- Automatic aid agreement with Long Valley. All calls in either district are dispatched together.
- Plumas County Mutual Aid Agreement with all other county fire departments. All will respond if needed.
- Quincy Fire is the closest district.

### **Options going forward:**

- Need more volunteers. Even with other options, still will need firefighters to man the station and respond. Greenhorn had as many as 12 firefighters at one point. Above 10 is ideal.
- Staffing of Chief position.
- Join with Long Valley CSD. Long Valley receives 30 to 50 calls per year with a 40% response rate. Long Valley has a new chief.
- Consolidation with Quincy Fire (option preferred by Tyson). Quincy has trainings every week on Tuesdays. Also fire academy training. CPR classes are available in Quincy - Plumas District Hospital. LAFCO fees could exceed \$25,000.
- Joint Powers Agreement with Quincy. What form would an agreement take. (Becky will research.)
- Quincy Fire Chief support until we find a Chief.
- Hire a full-time Chief. Lack of revenue is an issue.
- Fire Captain act as Chief temporarily.

### **Quincy Fire benefits:**

- Quincy Fire has more resources.
- Quincy has 23 volunteers; 3 are women.

### **Training challenges:**

- Greg Neal: SPI is the largest area employer but many employees work on Tuesdays and can't attend training. 50% minimum trainings must be attended. Firefighters may ask for makeup training if missed.
- Long Valley trains with Graeagle on Wednesdays. It would be possible for firefighters to train in Graeagle.
- Quincy training starts at 6:30 pm and runs 2 ½ to 3 hours every week. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month is a dinner meeting. Specialized training is on Saturdays.
- Quincy auxiliary members are not allowed to enter a burning building. Members must be voted into the Department and be over 18 years of age to become firefighters. There is a checklist for qualification. Auxiliary members may go on calls.

**Volunteers are needed for other activities such as chaining trucks, clearing fire station driveway, fundraising, etc.**