



District 6 DISPATCH

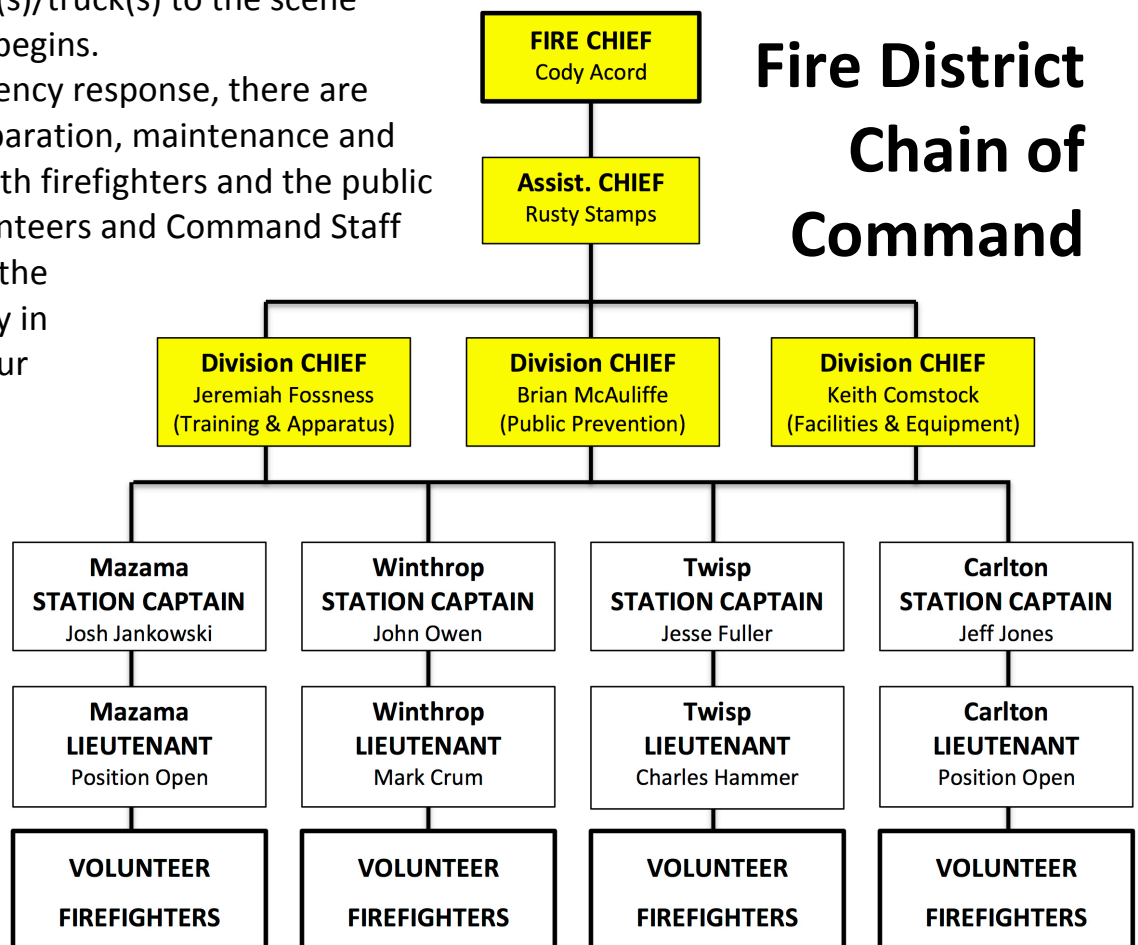
Serving the upper Methow Valley from Gold Creek to Lost River - FALL 2018

HOW DOES YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT WORK?

District 6 is made of 4 fire stations spread throughout the valley from Lost River to Gold Creek. We are staffed with dedicated Volunteer and paid personnel ready to respond, no matter the time of day. Firefighters are alerted of emergencies by dispatchers via cell phone text messages and by pagers or 2-way radios. This happens without warning - at work, during dinner and even in the middle of the night. Time is critical - so tools, forks and blankets are tossed aside to respond to stations, to put on protective gear, then get the proper engine(s)/truck(s) to the scene where the work then begins.

But for every emergency response, there are hours of training, preparation, maintenance and paperwork to keep both firefighters and the public safe. While both volunteers and Command Staff respond when called, the Chief officers work day in and day out to keep our department ready to answer those emergencies. Everything from functioning station heat so fire pumps won't freeze, to answering the phone are handled by the paid staff. And, of course, they are readily available to respond in fire apparatus Monday through Friday during work hours plus as needed after work hours.

Fire District Chain of Command



**Paid staff indicated in yellow*

The Chain of Command gives each member a position within the team and an officer for safety and direction.

302 Emergency Responses 2018

74 more Emergency Responses than in 2017



145 Fires – 48% structure fires, wildland fires, vehicle fires, explosions
86 Wildland Fire - 28% were human-caused wildland fires



87 Vehicle Accidents/Medical assist - 29%



30 Good Intent Calls – 10% controlled burning, unauthorized burning



21 Service calls – 6% smoke or order smell, animal rescue



15 False Alarms – 5.5% alarm systems activation with no fire



4 Hazardous conditions – 1.5% fuel spills, power line issues, gas leak

These numbers are based on a 12-month period from Nov 1 to Oct 31 and are subject to change if additional information is made available



Volunteer Firefighters Needed *still*
 No experience required. Must be at least 16, in good health and ready to join our team to learn, train and respond.
 For more info go to :
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