

24 Feb 2021 Testimony

Our little Volunteer district serves much more than the communities of Detroit and Idanha; When I bring in a new volunteer, I let them know you are now one of the guardians of canyon, we respond to motor vehicle accident's along HWY 22 20-30 miles to the east and west of our district. We are here when the summer months quadruple our population.

We are here to set up Landing zones for life flight, we are here when a wildland fire pop up, we were here Labor day weekend 2020.

We are now hurting, finically (please look over Chief Ewing's testimony) we are hurting emotionally, moral wise. I have young firefighter's who have shared they are struggling after these fires. Our moral is at an all time low.

We have pride in being here and the reality without the assistance from the State and Eboard with allocation of funds to the OSFM for job positions focused on readiness and grants for small districts like ourselves we may not be here much longer. That is also a temporary fix.

Dec 2021, that is when our lights go out. That is when we will no longer be here, for MVA's, Fires, Wildland, Medical and yes if approved for a grant from OSFM we can make it through 2022 maybe. For how long who knows.

I don't have an ask at this time, I just want you to hear, I want you to hear that it is becoming a herculean task to get out the bay doors to run these calls, we are not waving, we are drowning.

Thank you.

I have shared in the follow up email a video I encourage you all to look at that tells our story.

Sincerely,

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