



City of Grand Island

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Special Meeting - Updated

Item -2

ICMA Public Safety Study Fire Update

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ICMA Public Safety Study Fire

- Study was released early 2012
- Reviewed by new Chief in October, 2012
- Fire Department discussed study December, 2012

Implementation Highlights

- 🌊 Incorporated compressed air foam system (CAFS) in the last two fire engine purchases
 - 🌊 Reduces water damage to structures
 - 🌊 Has proven to be more effective in fire operations

Implementation Highlights

- Vehicle replacement plan
 - “Apparatus is in serious state of disrepair due to age and without a vehicle replacement plan.”
 - Replace ambulances on a 12 year schedule
 - Replace engines/aerial at 35% maintenance to cost threshold

Implementation Highlights

- 🌊 Hired a life safety inspector (July 2013) to increase fire prevention efforts
 - 🌊 “Grand Island has a very limited prevention program which has shrunk. Inspections of all commercial establishments do not regularly take place.”

Implementation Highlights

- Changed organizational structure to mirror similar departments by eliminating one division chief and adding shift commanders (December 2013).
 - Improved day to day supervision
 - Strengthened mentoring program and succession planning

Implementation Highlights

- ➊ Added Mobile Data Terminals to all front line vehicles (April 2014)
 - ➋ Increased available information to personnel
 - ➌ Improved accuracy of call times
 - ➍ Made department more efficient

Implementation Highlights

- Started the accreditation process (May 2014)
 - Attended Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE) conference in Colorado
 - Became a registered agent (July 2014)

Implementation Highlights

- 🌊 Evaluated Turnout time and made significant improvement
- 🌊 2012: Average time was 1:20
- 🌊 2013: Average time was 1:10

Implementation Highlights

- Improved training direction and focus
 - FF II certification
 - Driver/Operator certification in future
 - Mentoring system implemented for future officers

Where do we go next?

- Continue working on accreditation
 - Community Risk Assessment
 - Standard of Coverage
 - Internal documentation and review (2-3 year process)
 - Implement a customer feedback system (update website)