

KACHEMAK EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA



7-May-21

State of the Department



- ***KESA continues to provide a very high level of service Standard including expertise, quick response times, consistent with career fire departments.***

Budget History



- The Kachemak Emergency Service Area (KESA) has running behind the 8 ball since 2014
- Spread sheet presented in 2014
- Mill rate of 2.75 was requested
- Mill Rate of 2.6 was granted... ***Lowest in the KPB***

Budget History...continued



- Consistent comments of not having the \$\$ Resource to support our Capital Plan.
- No other outside revenue (Oil, High Medic Run Volume, etc.) other than Ambulance Billing at about \$40,000 per annum.
- First 5 years run with Surplus Equipment

Capital Projects

- Paving and Well Replacement at Station 1 (From FY21)
- Backup Generator at Station 2 (From FY21)
- SCBA Replacement

Future Capital Projects

- Type 1 Ambulance
- 2 - Brush Trucks
- Radio Upgrades to Support TDMA



Incident Statistics

- Call Volume –63% EMS Calls -1547 Man Hours
 - 47% Fire Calls- 1924 Man Hours
 - 4051 Total Man Hours = Still equates to 2 Full-Time Responders **Only** running calls - 40 hours a week
- 2019 up 53% to 230 Calls per Year
- 2020 Run Rate to Date at a 33% increase From 2019!
- 2021 Rate to Date at a 15% increase from 2020
- Increased number of Complicated Rescue Calls

Progress



- Personnel:
 - Hired 3 out of the 4 Full-Time Firefighter Technicians
 - Coverage on both sides of Service Area
 - 2 positions have start dates of late June Early July



Issues

- Rate of increasing call volume
- More complicated calls
- Stations in need of repairs/upgrades
- Facilities
 - Apparatus
 - Storage
 - Sleeping Quarters
 - Office Space

Issues Continued...

- Manpower
- Board Recommended 3.1 Mills to 2.95 Mills
- Cannot Afford to take another .15 mill rate hit!

Challenges Still

- Funding Capital Projects
- Facilities – Space/Living Quarters
- Geography
- Recruitment/Retention of Volunteers
- Training/Experience
- Work Load
- Lack of Code Enforcement
- Transition to Career Department.

Kachemak Emergency Service Area

- Questions?