Manager's Report

July 25, 2023 Employee Recognitions

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Vermont Flooding Emergency Response Efforts

Recognizing the tremendous work of our intergovernmental team

Asheville Fire Department:

- Isaac McCurry
- Scott Hare
- JM Keupp
- James Kodaras
- Charles Heard

Partners:

- Buncombe County Fire Dept.
- Charlotte Task Force
- Greensboro Task Force
- National Weather Service
- FEMA

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DeadRiver

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Coordination

On Sunday, July 9th, 5 AFD members were deployed as part of the Task Force 2 Type I swiftwater team

- A total of 17 county members were part of this Task Force

Actions Overview

- July 11, 9am- AFD TF2 participated in recovery after a Dam Break in Berlin, VT
- July 11, 5pm- AFD TF2 participated in a hotel evacuation in Cambridge, VT
  - Over 30 people were trapped and rescued that evening
- July 11, after the hotel evacuation, AFD TF2 immediately went to an apartment complex to rescue more residents
- July 12, AFD TF2 staged: awaiting a dam failure at the State's capital, it thankfully didn't break, relocated to Cambridge to evacuate a motel
  - 26 residents were gathered in one house, recon needed to get to this location, the high water vehicle failed due to the 6-8ft water levels. Paddle crafts were deployed to rescue residents. All 26 were evacuated.
  - AFD TF2 proceeded to rescue 34 more residents bringing them to a local school shelter, TF2 hit bed down well after midnight
- July 13, AFD TF2 met with FEMA, assigned to Cambridge/Jefferson VT, awaited further instruction as another storm system is hitting

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Actions Overview Continued

- July 14, AFD TF2 Met with FEMA, storm was short lived, recon missions to make sure there were no unmet needs
- July 15, TF2 assisted local authorities for a missing person at Huntington Gorge
  - TF2 is the only team handling the north section of the state, all other teams have been moved to the southern part of the state for the anticipated storm arriving
  - Vermont extended the NCEM team's assistance from 10 days to 14 days, unless released sooner.
- July 16. TF2 packed and ready to move south for Flash Flood warnings
- July 17, 12:30pm TF2 received their release of assignment and headed back home

The AFD was told by the Vermont Commissioner of Public Safety and Fire and Life Safety that we were one of the best teams in the country!

The City of Asheville couldn't agree more.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

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North Carolina Local Government Budget Officer Certification



Lauren Brune

Financial Business Manager, Public Works

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- Certification is achieved through a combination of professional experience and/or education, continuing professional education (CPE) requirements, and successful completion (score of at least 80%) of three examinations in the public budgeting field:
  - Local Government Budgeting
  - Capital Financing
  - Performance Measurement & Management

- Lauren is the ***first*** City of Asheville employee to have this distinction and exemplifies the professionalism we are striving for in Public Works and our organization.

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- Lauren has been an incredible asset to the City of Asheville since July 2016.
- Happy 7th year Anniversary!
- We commend your efforts and dedication in achieving this personal and professional milestone.
- Thanks for all you do for Public Works and the City of Asheville!

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