

Technical Services Talk

Newsletter Overview

August 2017

Thank you once again for taking the time to read our Newsletter. It is hard to believe that it is already August of 2017.

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The Technical Services Division continues to be busy working to support the mission of our Department. Our staff is dedicated and focused on providing our Department and the City we serve with the highest level of service and support.

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This issue will spotlight our CSA staff and also lend insight into our Divisions current workload, our ongoing projects, and our day-to-day challenges.

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Technical Services CSAs

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the CSAs who work within the Technical Services Division. Our CSAs report to specific uniformed individuals, but also work hard to support our Division and the Denver Fire Department.



Scott Schneider - Stock Clerk at DFD Warehouse

Scott has worked for Denver Fire for 11 years, prior to that he was at DIA for 6 years as an electrical maintenance worker. Scott works with the Quartermaster at the DFD Warehouse primarily, handling the deliveries to the fire stations and sub-divisions.

Scott says his favorite part of working for DFD is “the people and being a part of an organization that truly makes a difference and cares about its people and the community.”

Technical Services CSAs cont.....



James Harris - Stock Keeper III at DFD Warehouse

This September James will have worked at Denver Fire for 18 years. James's official title is Stock Keeper III and his responsibilities are inventory control and management.

James really enjoys having the opportunity to work with all the DFD personnel and the "real family like atmosphere." He is a huge sports fan (Go Raiders!) and loves working with people and especially mentoring young people.

Shannon Heitman - Accounting Technician at Fleet

Shannon has been with Denver Fire for three years. She works at DFD Fleet as an Accounting Technician.

When asked what her favorite part of working for DFD was she replied "I like that each day is different. Fleet is always busy and things are going at full speed. I am honored to be a part of an organization that is working towards a safer Denver each day. The DFD is a group of amazing people and I am so proud to tell people where I work."



Charlotte Evans – Executive Assistant

Charlotte has been with Denver Fire for three years. Prior to working for DFD, she worked as a paralegal and at the DU library. Charlotte's primary duty is working as the Executive Assistant for Chief Ellis, but she also assists other departments and Divisions as needed.

If you were to ask Charlotte what she likes best about her position with DFD, she will tell you she loves hearing the stories firefighters share with her. Charlotte loves that her days are not "planned" and she never knows the challenges she will face each day.

Fire Dispatch Communications

Operations Division Co.'s and Units, please help Fire Dispatch with a couple of items:

- When on scene, please give us periodic updates / status reports, preferably every 15 minutes. This helps us preplan your needs and make change of locations if necessary.
- When you complete an incident, please let us know, give us a final report / disposition, and termination of command if applicable. This is especially important if you are operating on a Tactical Channel as we remain engaged and monitoring that channel until your incident is complete.
- Before you go available on your status, please provide any and all final information / disposition, and give us the opportunity to document the critical information in the CAD Notes. When you go available before giving final updates, and then communicate with us, the incident is no longer active on our board, and we must re-open said incident to record any pertinent notes.

Thank you for your help. Please let us know what we can do to help you with your operations out there.

Sincerely,

Asst. Chief Dave McGrail and the entire Fire Dispatch Team

Consistency – Professionalism – Teamwork

Fleet Management

Four new electric vehicles were delivered to Fleet in accordance with the Mayor's Green Fleet Initiative. Facilities Management, Public Works, DFD Fleet, and Police Garage have been meeting to finalize permanent charging stations to be installed in the Roslyn complex. Meetings are scheduled to discuss the design phase, contractor bids, and time frame. This is an ongoing project and will continue to evolve as more information is gathered.

The two Type 6 Wild Land Units were delivered to Fleet on July 21st. Up-fitting and modifications were completed at the shop and they were put in service the following week. Truck 8 is currently being modified per specifications and is on schedule for deployment.

The recent summer hail storms have brought several cars in for major repairs. We have been working with Risk Management to get the insurance process completed and these cars back on the road.

Thank you,

Dan Freix and everyone at DFD Fleet

Facility Management

Technical Services has been able to see several fire station improvement projects completed or significant progress made towards completion during the third quarter of 2017. New rubber gym flooring has been installed in Stations 5, 13, and 23 and Stations 20 and 23 received new Wolf stoves.

Port-a-Cool evaporative coolers were provided for Station 3 and 6. Station 6 also saw the completion of their new meter testing fume hood and materials storage. Station 7's day room air conditioning was completed and Station 9's apparatus bay evaporative cooler was replaced. Station 14's electrical system upgrade is nearing completion.

Purpose 5 bond funds kitchen remodel projects continue to move forward at Station 8 and Station 15. The design phase of the kitchen remodels has been completed by D2C and the general contractor bidding process began mid-August. The projects are planning on an end of year 2017 completion.

Technical Services has completed duct cleaning for two additional Stations, 15 and 19. Replacement of overhead bay doors has continued with installation complete at Stations 1, 7, 8, and 24. Exterior seals and window tinting will be finished after the final installation at Station 12 which is scheduled for late August.

An engineering structural review of Station 15's building settling is currently being performed along with the design and construction bidding for the removal and replacement of Station 27's exterior soffits. Station 3 apron repair design is complete and in the construction bid process.

The following projects have been submitted to the Purpose 5 Bond Committee for consideration. Station 6 dorm room AC, Station 8 apparatus bay roof replacement, Station 16 apron concrete repair, Station 19 dorm room AC, Headquarters badge reader system.

Thank you,

David Tade and the Facilities staff

Line Shop

Radwin installations are progressing and will be complete by the end of August except for Station 4. We currently have the following stations to finish: 4, 5, 8, 17, 38, and the Repair Shop.

We will use a crane to raise the six-foot Radwin dishes at station 29 on August 18th and Station 17 on August 25th. Three-foot dishes will be added at Stations 13, 18, and 19 to increase the Radwin signal strength. The Radwin base stations on Mt. Morrison will be raised to reduce interference in early September, completing the Radwin project.

We continue with GoGoGate / Smart Relay installation and still anticipate completion before 2018. Door operators will be done by All Metro Door in mid-August, leaving only Station 25's operator to be completed in early September.

Line Shop cont.

The new Denver Radio System RFP continues with Motorola and Harris vendor demos occurred on August 21st and 23rd. Vendor selection for the project is scheduled for September and will begin the conversion to P25 with a target completion of May 2019. DIA will switch to P25 by September 1st, 2017. District 5 radios will be reprogrammed to accommodate DIA MUTUAL AID with Stations 2, 14, 26, 27, and 29.

Once the DIA P25 is proved working, a fleet-wide radio reprogram will be necessary. At that time, we will be adding the Sheridan, Glendale, Englewood, and Arapahoe police talk groups to all the DFD radios, eliminating the need for extra portable Motorola radios located in the District 4 and 7 fleet rigs.

New Truck 8 radio and communication is current being installed including the Cisco WIFI hotspot. We will be adding hotspots to Trucks 4, 12, 22, 23, and 27 for DFD testing with MDT's and tablets.

The Line Shop plans to build and design our own street Fire Station flashing LED 2-way warning signs. Traffic will provide the posts and signs for Stations 13, 17, 20, and 22. We will design and purchase the equipment for activation and solar charging.

Thank you,

Mike Stutz and the Line Shop staff

Warehouse

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Honeywell PPE assessment. We had a 90% turnout for member's gear being inventoried. I am in the process of reaching out to the members we missed. Honeywell representatives were impressed with our Department's participation and how receptive our members were during this process.

We appreciate everyone being patient over the last month when Scott Schneider was off work. James and myself were working with a skeleton crew, and with the help from all the members, we could keep the Warehouse operating efficiently.

Thanks again, and be safe,

Captain Scott Reeves