



July 22, 2019

Via email – original not sent
marnee.benson@burningman.org

Ms. Marnee Benson
Associate Director of Government Affairs

Re: Request for Financial Assistance – Gerlach Fire Station

Dear Marnee,

On behalf of Washoe County and Gerlach Fire - please accept this letter as a formal request for financial assistance to increase staffing to support the Burning Man event. We again plan to increase staffing to support the event Aug. 22nd to Sept 4th 2018, with an increase from 2 employees to 4/6 employees; prior history has shown the need to be able to cover multiple emergency incidents at the same time during the pre-opening and the event.

This will allow us to support the increase in emergency incidents as a result of the increase in Burning Man Volunteers prior to the driving of the Golden Spike, emergency calls to the Playa during the pre-build, and multiple incidents along SR 447, CR 447, CR 34, and all other areas impacted in our jurisdiction for fire, extrication and medical 24 hours a day during the event.

Starting September 5th staffing will return to 2 personnel on 8 hour shifts.

The fiscal impact consists of pay for the career staff overtime and additional staffing. Since the department is staffed currently eight (8) hours per day plus emergency call outs after normal working hours, we have deducted the normal staffing hours which are already covered in the GVFD budget for the 2 full-time personnel.

Total impact for staffing is approximately \$12,300 and this total includes call outs, volunteer call outs and any additional benefits associated to the overtime. Miscellaneous impacts to the budget would be ambulance supplies at a cost of \$3,000.00. Bringing the total requested reimbursement amount to cover the impact of the Empire/Gerlach area to \$15,300.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Best Regards,

Charles Moore
Fire Chief