





# Fire Chiefs Report

October 15, 2020 

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## Structural PPE

- The second set of turnouts has arrived, inventoried, and distributed. Thanks to the Board for approving the budget adjustment enabling this milestone in personnel health and safety — a long-awaited improvement.
- Ordered additional particulate hoods and gloves to ensure all firefighters have a second ensemble.
- Updated SOGs and cleaning/inspection rotation procedures are in development. 

## Strike Team Updates

- Engines returned and were promptly redeployed to the Glass Fire.
- One fireline remains assigned to the August Complex.

## Public Education

- A Type 1 vs Type 3 video was created and posted on the website and social media.
- Fire information phone line has been challenging; updates are maintained on the website with heavy social media outreach.
- USFS hosted Facebook Live meetings to keep the public informed.

## Personnel Updates

- Firefighter Luke Perry has successfully completed his 12-month probation.

## JPA Update

- JPA adopted a final budget with a positive balance of \$102k and reserves at \$627k.
- Board hired Brian Veerkamp (part-time Executive Director) and Christy Jorgenson (full-time Deputy Director). Both started this week and are transitioning with Tony Corado and Lori Tuthill.

## Squad 74 / Coloma Staffing

- Seasonal staffing at Station 74 has ended; Chief Dutch will continue his office schedule at Station 74.
- Press release issued to Coloma/Lotus news groups regarding staffing changes.
- Commercial kitchen repairs deemed cost prohibitive; Cal Fire issued termination of lease. Crew currently on assignment, moving out process to begin upon return.
- Kitchen hood system upgrade would exceed \$80k; stove to be removed and kitchen likely abandoned downstairs. 🚫🔥

## COVID-19 Update 🧑‍🤝‍🧑

- Crews remain diligent with protocols. Several possible exposures reported but no confirmed positive firefighter cases.

## CARES Act Funds 💰

- Funds received; ordering of requested and approved items is underway.

## LAFCO Update 🏠

- Burr Consulting working on Plan for Service for island project.
- Fire district MSR completed and submitted by outside firm hired by LAFCO.

## City of Placerville 🏙️

- Continuing coordination with City staff, attending meetings and City Council.
- City website is being redesigned; discussions underway with EVOgov for potential linking with our website.
- Feasibility study for joint facility expected to resume; delayed due to COVID.

## Administration 📁

- Member on workers' comp for cancer treatment; cancer is presumptive for firefighters. Anticipated leave is several months.
- National Night Out events modified due to COVID in Pollock Pines and Placerville.
- Tesla grant funds for battery packs at stations expended; monitoring for additional funding opportunities. ⚡🔋
- Payroll training progressing well; Gina Tassinari's retirement set for October 31.
- LPG agreement established with JS West; tank replacements underway. 📄
- Fire Safe Councils exploring citizen radio system for backup communications; Station 17 considered as a repeater site. Captain Stirling coordinating with County radio Frank Yost. More updates to follow. 📻
- Received CEDAPP letter concerning homeless camps and fire risk near Highway 50 scenic area. Response sent outlining HOT Team involvement, fire safety outreach to homeless populations, and emergency response to reported fires in camps. 🔥🏠

