



 **Fire Chief's Report**
 *April 21, 2022*

Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

- We continue to work collaboratively with both the **JPA** and **County staff** regarding the current **ambulance contract**.
 - The **IFT Pilot Program** was implemented on **April 1st**, and has already demonstrated a **significant positive impact** on our personnel and their availability to serve our communities.
 - The success of the program has prompted **multiple follow-up meetings** with the **County CAO's office**.
 - On **April 12th**, we met with **Marshall Hospital** to confirm that their needs are being met under the pilot program.
 - The meeting was **very positive**, and **Marshall expressed no concerns** with the program.
 - The **JPA Ad-Hoc Medic Unit Staffing Committee** continues to meet.
 - **Draft job descriptions** and **benefit packages** are currently under review and development.
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Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Funds

- I spoke with the **Deputy CAO** last week.
 - The **CAO's Office** will be recommending **full funding** of our request to the **Board of Supervisors** at their meeting on **Monday, April 25th**.
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Hiring & Recruitment

- Four new **Firefighter Paramedics** began orientation on **April 19th**.
 - One of the new hires is also enrolled in an **internal FF1 program**, developed in coordination with **our Training Division, Chief Dutch, and Shasta College**.
 - The program is being evaluated for **feasibility** and may support future hiring efforts.
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City of Placerville

- We continue to work closely with **City staff**, regularly attending **staff meetings** and **City Council sessions**.
 - This coming Saturday marks another “**Second Saturday of Service**” event, which includes a **clean-up effort** along **Lower Main Street** and **Forni Road**, **weather permitting**.
 - In support of the **joint Public Safety Building (PSB) project**, we met with **Senator Feinstein’s office** this past Tuesday.
 - The meeting included the **City Manager, City Engineer, Police Chief**, and myself to discuss **potential federal support**.
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District Operations & Updates

- Following the **Engine 319 incident**, I had multiple conversations with our **Region OES Chief**, and the District has now been **approved to receive an OES Type 3 engine**.
 - It will be housed at **Station 19** and will serve **Pleasant Valley** and be available for **County and State mutual aid deployments**.
 - We are awaiting final **paperwork** before we can take possession of the engine.
- The **Fire Safe Council (FSC)** has completed the **draft Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)**.
 - The plan will be presented to the **Board of Supervisors** soon.
 - The FSC is seeking **letters of support** from the fire districts (not formal Board resolutions) to help advance the plan.
- We continue working with **DTA** on the **First Responder Fee Program**.
 - A **draft study** is available for **Board review**.
 - Staff is also contacting **vendors for billing administration** services.
- The **RFP for Strategic Planning consulting services** has been released.
 - Three vendors have expressed intent to submit proposals.
 - One vendor declined due to current **workload and staffing limitations**.
- We were recently notified of the **unexpected passing of our auditor, Craig Fechter**.
 - His firm will complete the current audit, but staff is researching **alternative auditing firms** for future needs, pending clarification on the firm’s long-term plans.