

County Fire

Latest news and bulletin updates



Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Funds

The latest updates

The County CAO's Office again this year provided Agencies, including Fire Districts, to submit requests for funding via the County's TOT revenue. As you may recall, last year was the first opportunity for us to make these requests, which we did seeking reimbursement for our calls within the USFS areas. In anticipation of these funds being available again this year, we created a "tourism call" box within Firehouse for better tracking. This year we submitted for approximately \$69,000 reimbursement for tourism calls, a replacement U-72 tow vehicle, equipment to outfit our rafts, startup funds for a drone program (training and equipment) and a trailer and misc. equipment for the new side by side for Station 17. This past Monday, the Board of Supervisors approved our request as part of their 2022/23 budget. Thank you for everyone who made sure to document tourism calls within Firehouse, as it made the reporting a lot easier and efficient.



Current Engine 17, which will be a simialr build for our new apparatus. For additional information on some of the changes to the new enignes, reach out to Chief Lohan and/or the apparatus committee.

Type 1 Engines

The scoop of the day

El Dorado County Fire Board of Directors Approve Apparatus Purchase

Chief Lohan and the apparatus committee have been maintaining a plan for replacement of our fleet and apparatus. We recently were notified by Pierce of a planned price increase of 7%, in addition to their normal annual increases, this information coupled with production times now extended to 20 months prompted the apparatus committee to reassess their replacement schedule. The committee ultimately recommended the replacement of 3 of our type 1 engines, Engine 19, 25 & 28.

The funding for these engines will be from our annual allocations into the apparatus fund and a request from the County for partial funding from our development impact fee account.

We are going to be a bit ahead of schedule for the ordering of these engines, however, based on the delivery times the replacements should be on schedule.

I would like to thank the apparatus committee for their continued diligence on our apparatus and fleet, ensuring that our personnel have the necessary layout and features to maximize our efficiency, while keeping costs and overall size down on these engines.



Utility 72, Classic 1989 Chevy P/U

Apparatus

New Type III OES Engine coming to County Fire

El Dorado County Fire District, and the previous Pollock Pines - Camino Fire Department, have been partnering with OES for fire apparatus and mutual aid responses since pre-1980's. Pollock Pines - Camino Fire Department originally had OES-176, which was replaced by OES-HRF 1 (Heavy Rescue Fire) in the late 1980's. OES 258 took the place of HRF 1 in the mid 1990's and remained with the District until 2015 when we received OES 372, now 4103. While we continue to support OES with their mutual aid system, it became clear that OES 4103 isn't the ideal piece of equipment for our District, for a variety of reasons. We have reached out to OES the past couple of years to inquire on the possibility of exchanging OES 4103 for a Type 3 engine, which would be better suited for our needs. This request has been unsuccessful.

With the incident involving Engine 319 this past winter, the District again reached out to OES to see about obtaining a Type 3 engine in lieu of the current engine, which again was unsuccessful. Through discussions with our OES Chief, the District has entered into an agreement with OES to receive a Type 3 engine under a similar agreement as OES 4103. This request was approved by OES and the District will be receiving OES 4310 in the next few weeks. This Type 3 engine will be housed at Station 19, for use by our crews while Engine 319 is being repaired. The engine will be available for requests and responses via the normal OES channels. As we have done over the past couple of years, we will need to monitor our staffing levels for availability to staff and respond our OES apparatus. Our apparatus, both OES and ECF is tracked for availability within the OES Google Docs.

Responses are flexible with OES, as they recognize the staffing challenges most agencies in California are dealing with.



2015 OES Type 3 Model 34, illustration only, not the actual engine being assigned to ECF.



Medic 25 providing critical emergency medical services - as intended.

IFT Pilot Program Update

We are almost a month into the IFT Pilot Program at the JPA level and everyone should be seeing a dramatic reduction in the requests for these services. This change has been a long time coming and is needed to reduce the additional burden placed on our personnel and 911 services.

While there have been some ongoing challenges in keeping this change moving forward as presented with the County, the

JPA Board is committed to holding our position and not utilizing our 911 units and personnel to handle these services. While there have been a few adjustments made to the original proposed Pilot Program, the overall reduction of medical transports and impacts to our system is evident. We are continuing to monitor the pilot program and are looking for permanent solutions.

Outside Funds

Follow up on ARPA Funding

The latest updates

The County Board of Supervisors allocated \$500,000 of their ARPA funding to the fire agencies in El Dorado County – East & West Slope, the Fire Chiefs Association determined a methodology for disbursement of allocations per staffed engine company. Each district received a minimum of 1 staffed engine company allotment of \$22,727. ECF is eligible for a total of \$113,635.00, which is being used for uniforms and PPE for personnel. Chief Lohan and Kathleen are working on sizing of personnel to issue these new sets of uniforms. The uniform pants being purchased will meet the single layer wildland standard, with accompanying Class B shirts. We will also be replacing approximately 25 of our wildland jackets and Carhartt winter jackets with these funds. Uniforms and PPE are approved purchases with the ARPA funds.



Class B's looking sharp!