



Fire Chiefs Report

July 16, 2020

- **Captains' Probation Completion**
Captain Lemos, Captain Rose, and Captain Preston have successfully completed their probationary periods.
- **New Firefighter Paramedics**
Three new firefighter paramedics begin orientation and training Monday, July 20th. FF Ryan Strange will serve as lead instructor, primarily based out of Station 28. Recruits may stay at Station 23 Monday through Thursday, with 10-hour training days.
- **New Air Compressor System**
Installed at Station 23, led by Captain Sime and FF Chilcott. This system is expected to serve the District for the next 15–20 years.
- **JPA Update**
 - Recruitment continues for Executive Director and Administrative Assistant positions.
 - Two power load systems acquired and are currently being tested in Medic 17 and Medic 85.
 - Preparing a list of potential CARES Act funding requests through the County.
- **Conflict of Interest Update**
 - Employees must update their conflicts of interest code.
 - Proposed code aligns closely with Fair Political Practices Commission regulations.
 - A 45-day public comment period will open, with draft shared to Directors and impacted employees.
 - New code will be presented as an action item in September following the comment period.
- **Fire Authority**
Meeting scheduled for July 30th with County CAO, Supervisors Veerkamp and Parlin, and County Counsel to present a conceptual plan for moving the ambulance system under the Fire Authority.
- **Apparatus Status**
 - Engine 17 is out of service; beyond an initial suspected head gasket failure, a crack was found in the lower engine block requiring a remanufactured motor (~\$55K estimated).
 - Engine 19 (OES) out of service due to injector pump issues.
- **Squad 74 / Coloma Staffing**
Current staffing model remains in place. Additionally, Cal Fire Crew 27 is stationed at Station 74. Chief Williams is working with Cal Fire on an agreement, potentially through

year-end.

Mountain Enterprises has expressed interest in assisting with staffing for Station 81 in Rescue and Station 74; collaboration with El Dorado Hills Fire is ongoing.

A joint press release with Cal Fire is in development.

- **COVID-19 Update**

Due to increased cases statewide, stations remain closed with no operational changes. No confirmed cases among personnel, reflecting crew diligence and commitment to safety.

- **Grant Opportunities**

Exploring CARES Act funding through the County for medical equipment and possible extractors.

- **LAFCO Update**

AT&T/Bloxom Annexation reviewed and deemed complete; scheduled for LAFCO review on July 22, 2020.

- **California Special District Association**

Kathleen and Chief meeting with Dane Wadle on Monday, July 20th at 0830 at Station 28 to discuss programs and services.

- **City of Placerville**

- Continuing collaboration with City staff, including attendance at staff meetings and City Council sessions.
- Coordinated messaging regarding the request for fireworks.

- **Administration**

- Gina Alvarado is currently on maternity leave.
- Laura Land has begun training and job shadowing with Gina Tassinari.

- **Strike Team Deployment**

Strike team deployed to the Numbers Fire in Nevada; Chief Lohan serving as strike team leader with Engine 328.