





# Fire Chiefs Report


September 17, 2020 

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## JPA Update

- First round of interviews for the Executive Director position completed; 4 candidates interviewed, with 2 advancing to the next round. The second round will be conducted with the full JPA Board on September 23rd.
- JPA was awarded CARES Act funds for Lucas Devices, including auto CPR compression devices, video laryngoscopes, and additional PPE items.  


## Fire Authority

- Meeting held with Supervisor Veerkamp; productive discussion about the current JPA structure, our desire to reform the system, and improve service levels countywide.
- Efforts underway to schedule a full JDC meeting in early October, though COVID-19 may pose scheduling challenges. 


## Squad 74 / Coloma Staffing

- Squad 74 continues weekend staffing, with Chief Dutch providing weekday coverage.
- Due to staffing challenges related to strike teams and vacancies, Engine 21 has been used to provide additional weekend coverage. 

## COVID-19 Update

- Crews remain diligent in following COVID-19 protocols.
- Several possible exposures reported, but no positive cases among firefighters to date.
- Three District members are trained to administer COVID testing internally for firefighters, with additional training sessions planned to expand testing capacity. 




## CARES Act Funds

- Awaiting receipt of funds, which should arrive shortly.
- Once received, purchasing of approved items from the CARES Act list will begin. 



## LAFCO Update

- Burr Consulting is working on the Plan for Service for the island annexation project.
- LAFCO hired an outside firm to complete fire district Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs); our district's MSR is near completion and will be submitted soon.

## City of Placerville

- Ongoing collaboration with City staff, including attendance at staff meetings and City Council sessions.
- Captain McKay continues working with code enforcement and the HOT Team on wildfire risk reduction initiatives. 
- Met with City staff and PG&E to review Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) protocols aiming to reduce impacts to the City and Station 25. PG&E is exploring options to include Station 25 in power supply during shut-offs. 
- Chief Williams coordinating annual swim tests using the City pool. 

## Administration

- Laura Land continues training and job shadowing with Gina Tassinari.
- Provided requested information for the annual audit and apparatus/equipment expenditures via email.
- The Grand Jury Report was submitted to the Courts on September 11th and is posted on the Grand Jury website. 
- Mid-America Retiree Healthcare follow-up: no changes to reimbursement for retirees.
- Station 28 has an issue with a retaining wall and concrete near the dumpster area, possibly due to engineering or compaction problems.
  - City representative Rebecca Neeves reviewed the plans and provided recommendations.
  - Chief Williams is coordinating with the builder to assess and address the issue.
  - The station was built in 2008 and is likely outside any warranty coverage. 
- Chief Williams has gathered pricing information for renewal or replacement of the LPG contract (details to follow). 