



# Chiefs Report

February 20, 2020 📅

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- Fatal fire in Shingle, under joint investigation with ECF, EDSO, and EDH assisting. Captain Preston leading.
- “New Engine 19” expected in service in a couple of weeks. Press release planned highlighting partnership with OES, saving money and extending engine life. 🚒
- Warranty issue with Engine 25; towed to Cummins in West Sacramento for repairs.
- County payroll system is up and running; one significant issue ongoing. The local union is working with their attorney and payroll department to resolve.
- City of Placerville hosting “Fire Safety Fair” March 28th at Town Hall. Planning underway; District will have a booth focusing on defensible space and City & County VMO.
- Five new firefighter/paramedics starting academy March 2nd; Captain Lemos leading the 3-week academy at Station 74.
- Coloma Town Hall meeting Tuesday night: 40-50 attendees. Open forum on service levels and funding challenges. Union partnered to provide weekend coverage at Station 74 from May to October peak season. Future community-driven discussion on special assessments to maintain or expand coverage.
- Several Fire Safe Council meetings held in Shingle, Oak Hill, Pleasant Valley, and Placerville; crews and DCs attending.
- Station 17 remodel experiencing delays at building department/state. Working with contractor to finalize plans for bidding.
- Annual auto extrication drills completed last week at Extreme Towing yard; high angle drills planned soon at Red Hawk.
- Division Chief testing finished: simulation, assessment center, and Chiefs interviews. Announcement expected within 1-2 weeks.
- JPA billing switched back to Whitman after staff change at County level; process is smoother.
- JPA recruiting new Executive Director; hiring led by Deputy Chief Lillenthal.