




Fire Chief's Report

 March 17, 2022

Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

- The **contract committee** continues to meet with the **County**. Although the most recent meeting was canceled, **progress is ongoing**.
 - The **JPA Board** has approved changes to how **interfacility transfers (IFTs)** are handled within the system.
 - These changes will go into effect on **April 1, 2022**.
 - A **staffing ad hoc committee** has been formed to evaluate alternative staffing models for **medic units**.
 - Both **Chief Dutch** and I are participating in this effort.
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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Staff is finalizing numbers for our **ARPA funding request**, which will be submitted to the **CAO's Office** within the next week.
 - Our **allocation** totals **\$133,635.00**, and our request includes:
 - **Uniform replacement** for personnel
 - **Wildland jackets**
 - **Work coats**
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Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Funds

- The **County** invited **fire districts** to submit funding requests related to **tourism impacts**, similar to last year.
 - Our District's request includes:
 - **Cost reimbursement** for tourism-related incidents
 - A **replacement tow vehicle** for the **UTV at Station 72**
 - **Swift water rescue equipment**
 - Additionally, there is a **joint agency request** for **equipment to outfit UTVs** provided to four agencies through **Homeland Security Grant funds**.
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Hiring & Training

- Our **new group of firefighters** is now **on duty** and was **sworn in on March 4**.
 - **Captain Adams** remains on a **temporary 40-hour schedule** to continue supporting district training needs and onboarding of the new hires.
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City of Placerville

- We continue to **collaborate with City staff**, attending **staff meetings** and **City Council sessions**.
 - I participated in the City's "**Second Saturday of Service**" on March 12, assisting with **clean-up at the Police Department's range**.
 - Next month's volunteer project involves **painting utility/electrical boxes** along **Main Street** and **Broadway**.
 - The **special City Council / Fire Board meeting** is still **postponed** as Dewberry Consulting works on additional revisions. A new date is to be determined.
 - We will be participating in the **Placerville Fire Safe Council's public safety event** on **March 19**, alongside multiple agencies.
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District Operations & Updates

- Staff attended the **Celebration of Life** for **Retired Chief Corado**, who served as a **retired annuitant** with **Diamond Springs Prevention Bureau** and more recently as the **Interim Director of the JPA**.
- We have submitted our **final administrative reimbursement** to **OES** for the **Caldor Fire**.
 - The allowable reimbursement was **\$2,580**.
- **New Zoll cardiac monitors** are now in service across **all District engines**.
 - **Captain Poganski** prepared and published a **press release** on our **social media platforms** and **district website**.
- Staff met with **DTA** regarding the proposed **First Responder Fee**, which is nearing completion and should be **brought to the Board** in the coming months.
- The **draft Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs)** for fire districts remain posted on the **LAFCO website**.
 - Our District's submitted change requests have been partially incorporated, though some **remaining concerns** will be **formally submitted** to the **LAFCO Executive Officer**.
- The **EDSO Thrive "Back the Badge"** event was held on **March 12** at the **County Fairgrounds**.
 - **Ladder 26** and **Truck 49** coordinated to **display the American Flag** over the event entrance.
- Staff is actively exploring the **potential purchase of three new Type 1 engines**.
 - **Pierce Manufacturing** has announced a **7% price increase** effective **April 29, 2022**.

- The matter was discussed broadly during the **Finance Committee meeting on March 15**, and a **formal proposal** will be brought before the **Board in April** for consideration.