

## Medic 49 “Brown’s Out” prompting movement of Medic 28.

Diamond Springs Fire Department (DSP) had notified the JPA that beginning July 1, 2022 they would be unable to continue operating Medic 49 due to staffing shortages. It is still unknown if this inability to staff will be a temporary brown out or a permanent decision by DSP. In anticipation of this reduction in units, the JPA Board took action to temporarily relocate Medic 28 to Station 48. This action is meant to provide additional coverage in the “core”, which is the highest call volume area in the County. The JPA is monitoring the system on a daily basis regarding call volume and Unit Hour Utilization (UHU) to determine if additional changes to the system need to be made. The restoration of Medic 49, whether by DSP or the JPA, is still pending.

Chief Williams and the crews from Station 28 have been working to ensure that Station 48 has all of the necessary resources to provide our crews on Medic 28 a functional and comfortable facility.

To assist in the transition and provide a “County Fire” presence for our personnel, Chief Dutch will also be working out of Station 48, ensuring the needs of our crews are met.



Medic 49 in Diamond Springs went offline July 1, 2022 due to staffing shortages.



Cal Fire hosted a VMP / Live Fire Training for local firefighters.

## Local Crews participate in Cal Fire’s Lyon Ranch VMP

Cal Fire held a Vegetation Management Program (VMP) at the Lyon Ranch in Cool during June. The VMP / Training Burn was opened up to fire agencies within the surrounding area. During the 2 days of training, crews successfully burned 81.2 acres as part of Lyon Ranch VMP Fuel Break.

County Fire was provided the opportunity to participate in multiple days of live fire training at the Lyon Ranch VMP. Engine 372 attended 2 days, gaining valuable wildland fire training, while working side by side with Cal Fire and our partners from the area. The crews on Engine 372 worked hard and performed well upholding our standards and representing County Fire as expected.

This live fire training provided an opportunity for crews to train on areas such as, mobile attack, firing operations, hand tools and backpack pumps.

*“This live fire training event provided a unique opportunity to train our firefighters and to work with various agencies we would work alongside on a real wildland fire. This is invaluable training that can’t be replicated any other way.”* Cal Fire Battalion Chief Mark Brunton.

Moving into fire season, having the opportunity for these multi-agency trainings are vital in ensuring firefighter safety and efficient operations at wildland fires. Thank you, Cal Fire, for hosting this event.

## County Fire Hosts Instructor of Live Fire Training

In May the El Dorado County Fire District Training Division hosted the Instructor of Live Fire training class at Stations 23 & 28. This is a required Class to certify instructors for Fire Control 3. County Fire had 6 members Complete this training class, moving our training cadre one step closer to Certified Fire Control 3 Instructors.



## The Origins and History of the 10's & 18's Firefighters

The original 10 Standard Firefighting Orders were developed in 1957 by a task force commissioned by USDA Forest Service Chief Richard E. McArdle. The task force reviewed the records of 16 tragedy fires that occurred between 1937 and 1956. The Standard Firefighting Orders were based in part on the successful "General Orders" used by the United States Armed Forces. The Standard Firefighting Orders are organized in a deliberate and sequential way to be implemented systematically and applied to all fire situations.

Shortly after the Standard Firefighting Orders were incorporated into firefighter training, the 13 Situations That Shout Watch Out were developed. Later this was expanded to the 18 Watch Out Situations. These Situations are more specific and cautionary than the Standard Fire Orders. They describe situations that expand the Firefighting Orders with the intent that if firefighters follow the Standard Firefighting Orders and are alerted to the 18 Watch Out Situations, much of the risk of firefighting can be reduced.



### Connor Callahan:

Connor Callahan is 25 years old and grew up in Roseville. He just recently moved to Folsom. He currently has a girlfriend of 2 years who is going into nursing school. Connor comes from a family in the fire service with my dad retired from Sacramento Metro Fire. He has worked on the ambulance for 5 years starting in Sacramento before working for 2.5 years in Nevada County as a paramedic in their system. Connor went through Sierra College Regional Fire Academy last year and graduated in December of 2021. After the academy he returned to the ambulance before getting a job opportunity with El Dorado County Fire.

## County Fire Welcomes Two New



Firefighter Callahan & Firefighter Maleske

### Bayley Maleske:

Bayley Maleske grew up in Amador County California with his mother and two sisters. He spends time when not at work fly fishing in both El dorado and Amador counties, skiing during the winter and learning to cook new recipes. He is currently halfway through his paramedic certification through NCTI training facility in Roseville right on track to achieving his paramedic certification within the next 4 months. He is eager to learn more about this district and is looking forward to serving the citizens within this diverse community.



Tribal Fire Crew 42, a Type 2 Initial Attack Handcrew. Photo taken on their assignment at the McCash Fire last summer.

## Tribal Fire and County Fire enter into MOU for responses

The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Tribal Fire has established a Type 2 initial attack (IA) hand crew over the past several years. The crew has experienced challenges in being dispatched, initial attack, to fires within the County. This has been primarily due to the crew operating on the "federal" side of dispatch. County Fire met with Tribal Fire leadership recently to identify ways to include this resource, automatically, when fires and other calls occur that would benefit from their response. The discussions have resulted in an MOU between Tribal Fire and County Fire, which allows for County Fire to include Tribal Fire on our run cards at dispatch. This agreement will provide a seamless response by Tribal Fire to fires within County Fire's jurisdiction. Ultimately, Tribal Fire's crew is well-trained, prepared, and willing to further support their local fire partners and the citizens of El Dorado County.

## Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians and El Dorado County Renew Contract for Fire Protection Services



The Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians and El Dorado County Fire Protection District have been in partnership for fire protection services since 2008. Over the past 14 years, the support shown to our fire district thru this partnership has been significant. The Tribe and Red Hawk Casino have supported our district with numerous trainings, use of facilities, promotional

ceremonies, use of the parking structure for valuable training, our 911 Stair Climb and by providing funding for the 3rd firefighter on Engine 28.

With the recently approved renewal of our contract for fire protection services, the Tribe has again demonstrated their support for our firefighters with providing funding for a new ladder truck. You may have seen the construction taking place at the Red Hawk Casino, with the addition of a hotel and entertainment center. The Tribe has recognized the additional challenges these additions create, along with the need our district has to replace our current ladder truck.

The new contract provides services to the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians thru June 30, 2027 and includes funds for a ladder truck. Our fire district looks forward to furthering our partnership with the Tribe and truly appreciates their continued support of our district, our firefighters, and the community.

## Apparatus Committee Meets to Discuss New Ladder Truck

Chief Lohan and the apparatus committee recently met to begin preliminary discussions regarding the purchase of a new ladder truck. We are able to purchase through Pierce under our current contract, keeping this piece of equipment in alignment with our current fleet.

The committee spent a couple hours reviewing various types of ladder trucks, pros and cons and the needs of our district. There are several contacts and nearby agencies that can also provide valuable insight to our committee. The committee continues to work towards providing this piece of equipment that will meet our needs for years, decades.



New delivery of a 100' Aerial from Pierce, example photo only.



## County Fire Members Establish New Maintenance Division

The district, much like everyone else, has seen the delays and challenges in getting our apparatus serviced and repaired to keep the fleet rolling. Not to mention, the repairs costs have risen significantly over the past couple of years. Seeing a need for our district and our firefighters, Engineer Iddings and Engineer Wilson have taken on the additional assignment of assisting Chief Lohan with our fleet. The abilities of these members have already saved the district thousands of dollars and days – if not weeks, of down time for our apparatus. Oil

changes, minor repairs and troubleshooting is able to be performed in-house, thus eliminating the need to take apparatus out service and deliver to repair facilities. Firefighter Chilcott is also assisting Engineers Iddings and Wilson – working towards his official “coveralls”! Great job and just another example of the extra work done by our personnel to assist not only the district but the communities we serve.

# Firefighter

## Health and Wellness



## Health and Wellness Exams Completed

The latest updates to get you through the day

Chief Dutch took the lead for establishing a Firefighter Health and Wellness exam for our firefighters, which was recently completed at Station 74. This was a comprehensive physical exam, including blood work, 12 lead EKG and ultrasound. The clinicians were well versed in firefighters and the unique challenges we face as a result of our careers. They provided additional insight on specific cancers that firefighters are susceptible to, along with suggestions to reduce the risk of these cancers.

If you weren't able to participate in this health screening, I would strongly recommend you look to capture this next year - its 2-3 hours well spent.



In an effort to reduce the potential cancer risks for our firefighters, the district has placed "Responder Wipes" on all of the fire engines. Recently, we ordered additional individually packages responder wipes with the intent of having these available to you within your wildland packs. One of the key items to reducing our risk for cancer is to get the carcinogens off our personnel as quickly as feasible. Providing the individually wrapped wipes that can be carried in your wildland gear allows for cleaning your face and neck areas which are high risk areas - getting the soot off you throughout the incident. If you or your station needs additional wipes, go through the chain and we'll get them to you.



### Congratulations are in order!

On June 13<sup>th</sup> the district held our Probationary Firefighter Evaluations and the following firefighters have successfully completed their 12-month requirements:

FF Spiegelberg, FF Alger, FF Pennell, FF Melton and FF Kushner. Congratulations to all of them on completing this task and a huge thank you to all the crews that have trained and mentored them along the way!



We also had several of our Engineers complete their probationary training requirements. Congratulations to Engineers Baker, Iddings, Flanagan, Vermillion and Irwin! Thank you all for hard work and dedication, making this a successful program for our District.