



El Dorado County Fire Protection District

Fire Chief's Report

 June 20, 2024

City of Placerville

- Staff continue working with the City regarding the Public Safety Building and potential site options. Recently, we conducted walk-throughs of two additional sites for consideration and review.
 - The Fire Prevention Bureau completed all inspection and permitting requirements for the **July 4th fireworks event**. On the night of the event, Diamond Springs, Cal Fire, Tribal Fire, and County Fire personnel provided patrol support. No issues were reported.
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Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

- Contract negotiations with the County are ongoing, with meetings held twice monthly.
 - The Executive Director has submitted the response to the Grand Jury.
 - The JPA fleet will be bolstered with two remounted units and two new units from Arrow Manufacturing over the coming months — much-needed additions to our resources.
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District Information

- Since January, Cal OES has approved several pre-positioning requests within our Operational Area. These additional resources have been instrumental in mitigating incidents on the West Slope. During recent Red Flag conditions, we upstaffed 2 Type 3 Engines, 3 Water Tenders, and 2 Chief Officers. These resources supported response efforts at the **Moccasin Fire** and the **Pay Fire**, among other smaller incidents. We extend a huge thank you to Cal OES for their continued support during these high-risk weather events.
- In the first week of July, the District responded to two significant fires:
 - **Moccasin Fire** (off Oak Hill Rd.) burned approximately 51 acres, destroying one residential home. Several other homes were threatened, but thanks to excellent crew efforts, no additional homes were lost.
 - **Pay Fire** (off Cedar Ravine) began July 6th and threatened multiple homes on Country Club Drive and Duden Drive in Placerville. Thanks to the coordinated efforts of all firefighting agencies, no homes were lost.

- The airport experienced a significant fire in one hangar, with minor damage to several others and loss of several outbuildings, but no homes were impacted.
- Both incidents utilized **Rave** and the new **Perimeter** evacuation platform by EDSO, allowing faster identification of evacuation zones. We sincerely thank all partner agencies and law enforcement for their support.
- **Engine 317** and **Engine 328** are currently hired out to Cal Fire, assisting with staffing and responses across Placer, El Dorado, and Amador Counties.
- Several promotional opportunities are currently posted for Fire Marshal, Engineer, and PAO Bridge to Suppression positions, with testing scheduled in the near future.
- The District will be returning **OES Engine 4103** (Type 1 engine) but will maintain partnership for **Engine 4310** (Type 3). County Fire remains on the OES list for a Water Tender, with no estimated time of arrival yet.
- A recent meeting with **CIRA Insurance Representatives** yielded productive discussions; the District will be requesting additional information later this fall.
- We currently have one Firefighter/Paramedic and three PAO candidates in the pre-employment process.
- Laura's office has been relocated full-time to Station 49. The Fire Chiefs' office is primarily based at Station 49 with a remote presence in Camino. RTS successfully handled the IT and phone service transitions.
- Board seat elections are upcoming, with candidate paperwork due by **August 9th**.