




## Fire Chiefs Report

 May 20, 2021

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### **JPA Updates**

- The JPA Board approved the Finance Committee's proposed changes regarding the "true-cost" methodology, Class 40 standardized costing, and UAL segregation. These changes are pending approval by the County and all transporting agency boards.
  - The EMS Operations Committee (EMSOC) meeting was cancelled due to unavailability of the Chair and Vice-Chair.
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### **American Rescue Plan Act**

- Attended multiple virtual webinars discussing potential funding opportunities and criteria. Federal and County guidelines have not yet been released. We continue compiling a prioritized list of COVID-related needs likely eligible under the American Rescue Plan Act.
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### **Hiring Update**

- Six candidates are scheduled to start on June 1st.
  - One candidate will begin shortly after July 1st, following paramedic school completion.
  - Three additional candidates began the pre-employment process in mid-May to fill gaps left by those who did not complete the hiring process.
  - The JPA is exploring alternative strategies to assist with hiring efforts, benefiting both El Dorado County Fire and the broader system.
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### **City of Placerville**

- Ongoing collaboration with City staff, including attendance at staff meetings and City Council sessions.
- Finalizing contract with the City and Dewberry Consulting for the Public Safety Building needs assessment.

- Coordinating with Placerville PD, Cal-Trans, and CHP on Highway 50 traffic mitigation plans during the “Apple Hill” season, focusing on weekends in September and October.
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## **Fire Prevention Update**

- Crews remain engaged in annual defensible space inspections across the district.
  - Captain Stirling and Captain Shepard continue working on modernizing and streamlining prevention bureau processes.
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## **District Information**

- Engine 17 construction completed at Pierce; final inspection conducted by Chief Lohan, Captain Andreis, Jon Lyons, and myself. Minor items are expected to be completed by mid-next week. Following this, the engine will be shipped to Golden State in Sacramento for pre-delivery inspection and radio installation. Anticipated in-service date is mid-July, pending equipment delivery.
- LAFCO approved island annexations on April 28th; final paperwork and billing are underway. These annexations are expected to be reflected in tax rolls for the 2022/23 fiscal year.
- Strike Team reimbursements: Four pending reimbursements from USFS incidents remain outstanding. Coordination with Cal OES and USFS indicates payments are forthcoming.
- Held a community meeting and public education event on May 15th in Strawberry, with Director Harper, Captains Stirling and Shepard, Engine 17, and myself in attendance. Approximately 40 community members participated in the two-hour presentation and Q&A.
- Following a meeting with Director Gilchrest, Chief Johnson, Chief Lilienthal, Director Bill Roby, and myself, a grant request was submitted to provide training for firefighters across all ranks over a four-year cycle, including instructor funding and classes for 20 students each.
- Annual RT-130 wildland fire training was completed in early May. Thanks to Captain Harris and his support team for coordinating.
- The upcoming Engineer’s exam preparation is underway. Chief McVay and his team have finalized testing procedures and communicated details to candidates. Several Captains have hosted training sessions for exam preparation.
- Firefighters Eric Banuelos and Brandon McMurtry successfully completed their probationary periods.
- Diamond Springs has seen significant leadership changes with Chief Ransdell’s retirement and Chief Earle’s pending retirement. I have met with Chief Gallagher and offered our assistance as needed. We have provided Chief Officer coverage on several occasions. Due to these internal transitions, the shared services agreement is currently on hold. We may revisit in the future once Diamond Springs stabilizes internally.

