



 **Fire Chiefs Report**
 *January 21, 2021*

JLMC Implementation

- The approved business model plan is now being implemented. On **January 16th at 0800**, Engine 21 was shut down, and staffing levels for Engines 17 and 19 increased to 3/0. Payroll adjustments related to overtime and working down are in progress and expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks.
 - The JLMC issued a projected timeline to the membership outlining when key portions of the plan will be enacted.
 - The **Amador Plan** is scheduled for state review in March or April alongside other statewide plans. Upon approval, a formal contract will be signed. Charges for services will begin only after contract execution.
 - Chief Lohan and I met with Chiefs Blankenheim and Schwab in late December; Chief Blankenheim agreed to provide coverage under the local agreement until contract finalization. Chief Lohan has held multiple meetings with Chiefs Schwab and Kalsbeek to review operational components moving forward.
 - This plan represents the largest proactive undertaking by the District since inception and will require continuous monitoring by myself and the JLMC, along with direct feedback gathering from field personnel.
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CARES Act Funding

- All purchases with CARES Act funds have been completed and equipment distributed to stations. Chief Williams is finalizing close-out documentation to submit to the County, pending scheduling.
 - The JPA also received CARES Act funds for equipment, with residual funds potentially covering COVID-19 related loss time and increased costs. El Dorado County Fire (ECF) submitted approximately \$35,000 in overtime costs incurred on medic units due to COVID-19 exposures.
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Personnel Updates

- Two new Firefighter/Paramedics have started in-house orientation and will begin paramedic accreditation next week. Badge pinning is scheduled for Saturday afternoon following their final training day.
 - Two additional firefighters began training at Sacramento City Fire Academy on January 19th, with Captain Adams attending as a Drill Instructor. I attended their recruit orientation and family night on January 14th. Unfortunately, one recruit resigned after their first full day, and another new hire left mid-orientation for another department.
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JPA Update

- New leadership continues to onboard, and we have assisted in several areas including fleet, supplies, and AVL. There have been multiple inquiries regarding financial alignment among districts.
 - Chief Dutch and I met with Chiefs Ransdell and Brown to discuss the Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) and impacts related to legacy costs and ambulance operating costs. We plan to schedule additional meetings with Cal Fire, Cameron Park, and El Dorado Hills to align understanding as providers consider approaching the County for additional revenue and capital funds.
 - No new updates from the County regarding the potential reallocation of CSA-7 revenues to the County's Vegetation Management program.
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COVID-19 Response

- Our crews remain diligent with COVID-19 protocols and recently implemented additional measures in compliance with updated Cal OSHA requirements. Enhanced face-covering policies were adopted to minimize cross-shift and station exposures.
 - The County Emergency Operations Center is organizing a vaccination clinic at Red Hawk Casino, targeting mid-February. Chief Lohan is serving as Operations Chief for the event.
 - The first round of personnel vaccinations occurred over three days in early January, with the second round scheduled for the first week of February. Several members are trained vaccinators. Vaccination sites include Stations 28 and 89.
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City of Placerville

- Continued collaboration with City staff, including attendance at staff meetings and City Council sessions.
- Chief Williams and I attended an operational briefing for potential demonstration/protest events on January 18th; plans were in place, and no reportable incidents impacted our district or response activities.

- The City is preparing an RFP for a feasibility study on a joint public safety facility. A joint City/ECF presentation and RFP review will be hosted.
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Administration

- Fire Marshal McKay has resigned. Recruitment flyers for this and the temporary prevention position currently held by Captain Stirling will be released soon. DSP Chief Ransdell has offered interim assistance, and overtime is available for qualified personnel to support prevention duties. Shared service discussions to capture Fire Prevention efforts will resume shortly.
- The annual audit with Craig Fecter & Company is underway, mostly remotely, with plans for limited on-site work following safety protocols.
- Chief Williams met with GHD Engineering regarding compaction and settling issues with Station 28's retaining wall. Repair options range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and are necessary but not urgently critical. Planning and budgeting for repairs will continue into FY 2021/22.
- The AFG grant period is open; discussions with Captain Snyder and Chief Lohan consider applying for replacement of WT-28. Research on reserve impacts and award eligibility is ongoing. The SAFER grant application will open soon, with Captain Snyder focusing on addressing Station 72 staffing needs.
- Our portion of the LAFCO process for island annexations is complete; public hearings and notifications will proceed through LAFCO with dates pending.
- LAFCO engaged a third party to complete MSRs for west slope fire districts. Our MSR was submitted, with two follow-up meetings held for additional information.
- A firefighter previously off due to cancer treatment has fully recovered and returned to duty.