



 **Fire Chiefs Report**
 *November 29, 2022*

Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

- The **JPA Board** and **EMS Operations Committee (EMSOC)** continue to monitor call volumes weekly, seeking opportunities to adjust the system.
 - Our request for an amendment to the JPA agreement to include the **Paramedic Ambulance Operator** position was approved by the JPA Board.
 - Deputy Director Jorgensen will transition into the **Executive Director** role effective early next year. The JPA is currently recruiting for an **Administrative Assistant** position.
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- The annual **tree lighting ceremony** was held on November 25th. County Fire participated in escorting Santa to the Bell Tower; however, due to crowd size, the '51 La France could not be safely used. Alternative plans will be explored for next year.
 - The **Annual Christmas Parade** is scheduled for December 4th. Our Honor Guard, two parade engines, and an additional engine will participate. Thanks to Captain Preston for coordinating these events — he has been the lead for County Fire's participation for many years.
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District Information

- The **Station 17 project** continues to advance:
 - Crews will be housed during daytime hours at the old Pollock Pines School and relocate to Station 21 at night, with minor adjustments underway at Station 21 for accommodation.
 - Construction is expected to begin shortly after January 1, 2023.
 - Chief Williams and Captain Van Kirk continue active coordination with the Project Manager.
- The **Station 16 roofing project** is complete, with additional repairs over the bays. Total cost was approximately **\$40,000**.
- Staff continue collaboration with Kronos on the **Loaned Labor** component for payroll software; once created and tested, implementation will proceed.
- The **Image Trend RMS conversion** advances, with Captain Lindberg working alongside Peraton for CAD integration.

- Retired Engineer Campbell is progressing on the **Peer Support program**; several groups have committed grant funds. Fiscal sponsorship discussions with the El Dorado Community Foundation are ongoing. County Fire may assist with program oversight and fund disbursement under contract. A proposal is anticipated for the **January Board meeting**.
- The County Fire Chiefs have a meeting scheduled for **December 1st** to continue discussions on the **LAFCO Fire Summit**.
- **Engine 17** will participate in the **Pollock Pines Christmas Tree Lighting** on December 3rd, an annual tradition.
- County Fire crews have responded to several structure fires recently and performed admirably in containment efforts. Cooperation between County Fire personnel and allied agencies has been commendable.
- November 18th marked the final shift of now-retired **Captain Shayne Harris**, who has served since September 2003. Captain Harris ended his career responding to two working structure fires, cutting his retirement by two hours. Congratulations to Captain Harris on a distinguished career!