




Fire Chief's Report

 February 17, 2022

Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

- The **contract committee** continues to meet with **County representatives** on a biweekly basis.
 - **Power Load Gurneys** have been ordered; however, delivery is delayed due to **supply chain and shipping issues**. No estimated time of arrival has been provided.
 - The JPA is initiating a **system-wide operational analysis** to evaluate performance and structure at the operational level.
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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- The **County allocated \$500,000** to fire districts, with disbursement approved by the **County Fire Chiefs** based on **staffed engine companies**.
 - **ECF will receive approximately \$110,000** to be used for **uniform and PPE replacement**.
 - Due to COVID-19, increased laundering has significantly reduced uniform lifespan.
 - The District aims to provide **3–4 pants and 2–3 duty shirts per employee**, along with **additional PPE garments**.
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Hiring & Training

- The new group of firefighters has begun **in-house orientation and a 3-week training program**, led by **Captain Adams**, primarily at **Station 23 (Oak Hill)**.
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City of Placerville

- Continued participation in **City staff meetings** and **City Council** sessions.
- Two key development projects continue to move forward:
 - A **potential hotel near Smith Flat**.
 - A **residential apartment complex off Ray Lawyer Drive**.
- The **joint City Council / Fire Board meeting** has been **postponed**.

- Additional revisions are needed in the report from **Dewberry Consulting**.
 - A new date will be announced once finalized.
 - ECF will participate in the **Placerville Fire Safe Council's Public Safety & Fire Safety Event** on **March 19**, alongside multiple agencies.
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District Operations & Information

- ECF sent an **Engine with 3 personnel** to attend the **funeral of Stockton Fire Department's fallen Fire Captain**.
 - The **FEMA/OES reimbursement process** for the **Caldor Fire** is complete.
 - ECF received approximately **\$52,000**, primarily for **overtime costs**.
 - Final administrative reimbursement (~5% or \$2,600) is pending and expected to be completed within weeks.
 - The **Zoll cardiac monitor** project is progressing:
 - The **10% match payment** has been completed.
 - **Train-the-trainer sessions** have been conducted.
 - Once personnel complete training, units will be **deployed to stations**.
 - Old monitors will be **returned to Zoll** as required by the grant.
 - **District website improvements** continue under **Captain Poganski**, with enhanced site flow and use of the **"Engage" feature** for automatic agenda and update notifications.
 - The District continues to evaluate the **Firehouse RMS to ImageTrend** transition.
 - A formal request will be brought to the Board.
 - Funding must still be secured, as the original ARPA request was unsuccessful.
 - **Draft MSRs** for fire districts are now available on the **LAFCO website**.
 - The District's requested changes from last fall have been partially addressed, though **concerns remain** regarding some content.
 - The District is gathering information from **several firms** regarding the development of a **Strategic Plan**.
 - Updates and options will be brought forward for Board review next month.
 - **Water Tender 21** has been temporarily relocated to **Station 19** as part of a **pilot program**, in consultation with our **ISO representative**.
 - The move aims to improve response capability by stationing the tender at a staffed location.
 - **Chief Lohan** has briefed crews on the operational change.
 - The **EDSO Thrive "Back the Badge" Event** is scheduled for **March 12** at the **County Fairgrounds**.
 - ECF will coordinate with **Diamond Springs Truck 49** and **Ladder 26** to provide a **ladder truck flag display** at the event entrance.
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Engine 319 Incident

- On **February 10**, **Engine 319** was involved in an incident while returning from a call on **Clear Creek Road (Pleasant Valley)**.
- As the crew navigated a bend on the narrow road, a **section of asphalt gave way**, causing the engine to **slide down an embankment and roll onto its side** in Clear Creek.
- **One firefighter sustained minor injuries** and was treated and released from **Marshall ER**.
- The engine was **recovered and moved to Station 19**.
 - The District is working with the **insurance provider** to assess and arrange for necessary repairs.
- **Chief Lohan**, with support from **CAL FIRE**, is developing a **“Blue Sheet” report** to document the incident and guide post-incident evaluation.