



## El Dorado County Fire Protection District

🔥 Fire Chief's Report 🔥

📅 January 19, 2023

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### 🤝 Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

- The JPA Board and EMSOC continue to monitor call volumes weekly, with EMSOC exploring opportunities to optimize the system.
  - Cristy Jorgensen has assumed the role of Executive Director of the JPA. Efforts are underway to hire an Administrative Assistant.
  - The JPA Board awarded the 8th Medic Unit Request for Proposal (RFP) to County Fire. We are currently hiring PAOs for this unit, targeting a start date around March 1, 2023. Key items to address with this addition include:
    - Amending the agreement with the JPA to reflect five medic units
    - Updating the PAO agreement with the local to include Medic 49
    - Establishing a housing agreement with Diamond Springs Fire Protection District (DSP) covering rent and utilities
    - Staff will meet with DSP personnel to coordinate daily operations and set expectations for the unit and assigned personnel
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### 🏠 City of Placerville

- Staff collaborated closely with the City during recent storms; fortunately, there were no significant impacts to fire or EMS operations.
  - The City is operating a temporary inclement weather shelter in Placerville. Fire Prevention personnel conducted a life safety inspection with City staff prior to shelter activation.
  - The District will participate in the City's second "Trip To Green" public meeting scheduled for January 19th.
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### 🚒 District Information

- **Station 17 Project:** Progress continues smoothly.
  - Crews are currently housed at Station 21 and cover Pollock Pines from the Old Pollock School during daytime hours. Apparatus has been temporarily reallocated to support this arrangement. Staff and crews have demonstrated great flexibility during this transition.
  - Cal Fire crews at Station 20 have been invaluable partners as we navigate the Station 17 project.

- **Payroll & Telestaff Upgrades:**
  - Work continues on upgrading the payroll software. This upgrade also requires a Telestaff platform update. We are collaborating with HRTM, a UKG third-party vendor. The loaned labor component is nearing testing, with implementation of UKG Ready payroll software anticipated soon.
- **Image Trend RMS Conversion:**
  - Captain Lindberg and his team are finalizing required data fields to support the new Records Management System, NFIRS reporting, and First Responder Fee processes.
- **Staffing Updates:**
  - Two members recently left the agency: an Engineer Paramedic moved to El Dorado Hills, and a Firefighter EMT transferred to Cal Fire.
  - Two probationary Firefighter Paramedics were released from probation.
  - Recruitment continues actively for Firefighter Paramedic positions. Currently, 12 PAO applicants are undergoing pre-employment processing, with additional applicants being filed as received.
- **County Fire Chiefs Coordination:**
  - The County Fire Chiefs met to discuss the upcoming LAFCO Fire Summit. Chief Ernst from Modesto Fire presented on regional consolidations and contracting efforts in San Joaquin County.
- **Apparatus Updates:**
  - Replacement cab for Engine 319 has arrived; repair completion date remains pending.
  - OES Engine 4310, involved in a recent embankment incident during storms, is under repair with all paperwork completed.
- **Pre-Positioning Resources:**
  - During early January, OES approved pre-positioning several resources within the County. El Dorado County Fire had personnel assigned with Diamond Springs Fire on Rescue 49 as part of a Swift Water Rescue Team. Chief Lohan was on duty as an additional Chief Officer. Operational Area Coordinators continue to monitor conditions for potential further resource requests.
- **Operations & Incident Response:**
  - Crews remain busy addressing daily service demands alongside additional challenges posed by recent storms. Several structure fires occurred within the District and Diamond Springs, including two tragic fatality fires. Despite these challenges, I am immensely proud of the dedication and professionalism our firefighters demonstrate every day.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Fire Chief's Office.