




Fire Chiefs Report

 June 17, 2021

JPA Updates

- The JPA Board approved the Finance Committee’s proposed changes regarding “true-cost” methodology, Class 40 standardized costing, and UAL segregation. These remain pending approval by the County and all transporting agency boards.
 - EMS Operations Committee (EMSOC) is reviewing move-up cover policies, including a pilot study for nighttime coverage assignments, updating policy manuals, and reviewing Interfacility Transfers (IFTs) and their handling.
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American Rescue Plan Act

- A list of potential funding requests has been established with assignments to staff members for each item. Submissions are due by the end of July.
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Hiring Update

- Six candidates have completed orientation and are now active throughout the district. Three additional candidates are expected to come online by mid-July.
 - The JPA is exploring alternative hiring strategies to assist with recruitment for El Dorado County Fire and the system overall. Productive discussions during EMSOC included potentially adjusting hiring requirements to broaden the candidate pool.
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City of Placerville

- Continued collaboration with City staff, including attendance at staff meetings and City Council sessions.
- The contract with the City and Dewberry Consulting for the Public Safety Building needs assessment was finalized this week.
- Chief Wren, Rebecca Neves, and I met with El Dorado Sheriff’s Office to discuss their process and toured their facility.

- Met with the new Marshall Hospital Head of Security and Head of Facilities to discuss operational coordination. These meetings are expected to become quarterly to maintain open communication. Subsequently, they met with our Prevention staff, with similar regular meetings planned.
 - Ongoing coordination with City Staff, Placerville PD, Cal-Trans, and CHP for Highway 50 traffic mitigation during “Apple Hill” season, targeting weekends in September and October.
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Fire Prevention Update

- Captain Stirling and Captain Shepard continue to review prevention bureau processes to identify areas for modernization and streamlining.
 - Updating the Fire Marshal job description with plans to fill the position soon.
 - Our receptionist/prevention assistant will attend classes this fall to expand her capabilities in support of the bureau.
 - Collaborating with the City and the fairgrounds on the 4th of July fireworks program. The application and permitting process with the Fire Department is complete and pending City Council approval.
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District Information

- Engine 17 is at Golden State in Sacramento for final punch list work and radio installation. Delivery to Station 21 is imminent. Equipment continues to arrive daily. We anticipate 4–6 weeks before the engine is fully operational, pending equipment delivery.
- Attended a meeting with Chief Wren and Rebecca Neves hosted by Kingdom Builders, Congressman McClintock, and his staff. A follow-up meeting with one of his staffers is being scheduled to discuss public safety building needs and assistance.
- Final strike team reimbursements for summer 2020 incidents have been received; all pending reimbursements are now complete.
- Engineer testing is nearing completion. Chief McVay and his team held multiple training sessions for candidates. Testing spans three days with separate events.
- Crews participated in Cal Fire’s Vegetation Management Program (VMP) and live burn drills at Bacchi Ranch, providing valuable live fire training alongside Cal Fire crews in preparation for the current fire season.
- Our Municipal Service Review (MSR) for LAFCO, completed last fall, has a draft report out for review. Several substantial issues were identified with the report’s content. We are preparing follow-up information and requested edits. Additionally, we have reached out to LAFCO and the consultant to schedule a meeting to discuss methodologies used, as these concerns appear widespread among districts.
- Captain Stirling and I met with Shaunda Crane from Marshall, who is developing a community outreach mobile medical clinic and is exploring the use of a JPA ambulance for this clinic.

