



El Dorado County Fire Protection District

Fire Chief's Report

 May 16, 2024

City of Placerville

- The **transfer of State Funds** for the joint **Public Safety Building** has been successfully completed.
- Continued collaboration with the City is underway regarding **potential land acquisition** for the project.

Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

- Contract negotiations with the County for the **JPA contract expiring June 30, 2025** are in progress.
- Meetings are scheduled **twice monthly** as the negotiation process continues.

District Information & Updates

- A **joint firefighter testing and hiring process** was completed in collaboration with **Diamond Springs Fire**:
 - Diamond Springs is hiring **1 Firefighter/EMT**.
 - County Fire is hiring **2 Firefighter/EMTs**.
 - The **onboarding and probationary process** will be combined for both agencies, with **Captain Duncan** leading the onboarding academy.
- The **Sierrarama Firewise group** held their **annual meeting at Station 28**.
 - The event was well attended by community members and featured representatives from **Assemblyman Patterson's office** and the **Insurance Commissioner's office**.
 - Valuable wildfire prevention information was shared.
- All **Diamond Springs (DSP) and El Dorado County Fire (ECF) crews** successfully completed their annual **RT-130 wildland firefighting refresher drills**, a requirement for maintaining wildfire "red cards."
- **Chief Lohan** is coordinating with **Office of Emergency Services (OES)** to exchange our **Type 1 OES engine** for an **OES Water Tender** when one becomes available.
- Crews are scheduled to participate in **annual swift water rescue drills next week**.

- The **joint DSP and ECF Fire Captain testing process** has been completed with **11 candidates** applying.
- **Chief Gallagher** and I will conduct the **Chiefs' interviews on May 21st**.
- Annual **Defensible Space (D-Space) inspections** have begun throughout the District and Diamond Springs.
 - The target goal is **50 inspections per company per shift**.
- **EDSO OES** will host an **evacuation drill** for the **Log Town area of Diamond Springs** on **May 18th**, in cooperation with **Diamond Springs Fire** and the **Fire Safe Council**.
- Staff continues to monitor **call volume and response statistics** for **Medic 28** following recent changes in medic unit deployment.