



## El Dorado County Fire Protection District

### Fire Chief's Monthly Report

 April 18, 2024

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#### City of Placerville

##### Wildfire Safety Event – March 23, 2024

The **Placerville Fire Safe Council's Annual Wildfire Safety Event** was held on **March 23rd** and saw **strong public attendance** despite inclement weather.

A sincere thank you to **Diamond Fire, Tribal Fire, CAL FIRE, El Dorado Hills Fire, the U.S. Forest Service**, and all participating personnel for helping make this event a success.

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#### Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

##### Contract Negotiations in Progress

JPA contract negotiations with **El Dorado County** are underway, with **bi-monthly meetings** scheduled as we work toward a new agreement ahead of the current contract's expiration on **June 30, 2025**.

##### Preliminary Budget Development

The **JPA Finance Committee** is currently developing the **preliminary budget**, which will be presented to the **JPA Board** in the near future.

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#### District News & Updates

##### Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Launch

The District has implemented its new **Employee Assistance Program with Concern**. All personnel have completed **onboarding training** for the program.

- A **peer support training** was also delivered by **Retired Engineer Campbell** for both existing and new support members.
- Together with our **EAP, Peer Support Team**, and our **agreement with Sierra Chaplaincy**, we are committed to enhancing **mental health and wellness resources** for our members.

##### Celebration of Life – Retired Captain John Beaver

The District assisted the family of **Retired Captain John Beaver** with his **Celebration of Life on April**

4th. The family expressed heartfelt gratitude for the presence and support of **active and retired fire personnel**.

### **Ongoing Training Activities**

Crews are actively participating in **annual training requirements**:

- **Swim testing** has been completed.
- **Water tender operations** are underway this week.
- **RT-130 Wildland Refresher Training** will take place next week.  
A big thank you to **Chief McVay** and his cadre for their coordination and instruction efforts.

### **Joint Hiring & Promotional Testing**

- A **joint firefighter hiring process** with **Diamond Springs Fire** has concluded:
  - **Diamond Springs Fire** is hiring **one firefighter**.
  - **El Dorado County Fire** has extended offers to **two firefighters**.
- A **joint Captain's promotional exam** is scheduled, creating a **shared eligibility list** between both agencies.
- A **similar process for Division Chief** will follow later this year.

### **Fire Prevention Bureau Transition**

The **Fire Prevention Bureau** has officially relocated to **Station 49**.

- Public notification efforts were conducted in the months leading up to the move.
- **Station 21** continues to provide prevention information for any walk-in visitors.
- The transition has been smooth and effective.

### **Operational & Facility Updates**

- **Chief Williams** is working on a **renewal of our BLM contract** for **Station 27 (Gold Hill)**.
- He is also negotiating a new **propane supply contract** with **JS West** for **Station 25**, in coordination with **Mel's Diner** and **49er Dry Cleaners**.

### **Medic 28 Monitoring**

Staff continues to monitor the **call volume and response data** for **Medic 28**, following recent adjustments in medic unit deployment locations.