




Fire Chiefs Report

 March 18, 2021

JPA Updates

- The new sub-committee for system enhancement held its first meeting, reviewing call volume, locations, medic unit placement, and ALS deployment. The meeting provided an overview of the EMS system; additional meetings will follow. No actions were taken at this initial session.
 - Chief Dutch and I met with Chief Johnson and his finance staff from El Dorado Hills (EDH) to discuss the JPA legacy costs. We have now met with all provider Chiefs and are preparing for a discussion with the full JPA Board. This dialogue is critical as we consider either opening or negotiating a new contract.
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CARES Act Funds

- A second round of CARES Act funding is anticipated. We have not yet received confirmation on allocations to local fire districts but have identified potential purchases should funding become available.
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Hiring Update

- Welcome to Firefighter/Paramedic Tyler Yost, who will begin on April 5th.
 - Last week, we conducted interviews for both Firefighter EMT and Firefighter Paramedic positions. Chief-level interviews are scheduled for next Monday and Tuesday. We currently have nine open positions.
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COVID-19 Update

- Crews continue to adhere strictly to COVID-19 protocols.
- Chief Lohan is collaborating with the County and EOC to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at expediting reimbursement for our support at vaccine clinics.

- The County continues to host weekly vaccine clinics at Red Hawk Casino, with our participation ongoing but potentially subject to change based on personnel availability.
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- Ongoing collaboration with City staff, including attendance at staff and City Council meetings.
 - RFPs for the proposed Joint Facility have been reviewed. Chief Wren, Rebecca Neeves, and I interviewed the top two candidates. We plan to meet with City personnel and two Board members to discuss next steps, process, and costs. Additionally, we will schedule presentations for both the City Council and our Board by the top firm.
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Fire Prevention Update

- The district will begin annual Defensible Space inspections in the coming weeks. The goal is 50 inspections per shift, or approximately 150 per station, focusing on their respective response areas. Captain Stirling has distributed all materials and information to stations and crews.
 - Congratulations on the promotion of Firefighter/Paramedic Lucas Shepard to Captain – Prevention Specialist.
 - Fire Prevention Specialist interviews concluded last week, with thanks to Chief Earle (DSP) and Chief Richards (Cal Fire) for their assistance. Announcements regarding the selected candidates will be made soon.
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District Information

- Construction on Engine 17 at Pierce has commenced, with completion targeted for May 2021. Photographs documenting progress are being posted by Pierce.
- Station 28 retaining wall compaction issues remain under review; Chief Williams is consulting with engineering contacts, with no new updates currently.
- The AFG Grant submission for a SAFER grant to support 3/0 staffing at Station 72 has been completed by Captain Snyder. Grant awards are expected this fall.
- LAFCO's February 24th meeting was cancelled due to technical issues but the island annexation has been rescheduled for the March 24th agenda.
- Recent Live Fire Drills and Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations (LARRO) were completed successfully, with personnel from El Dorado County Fire (ECF), Diamond Springs Protection (DSP), and Cal Fire participating.
- Strategic Planning is scheduled for March 25th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, facilitated by Chief Ogan. We have received feedback from several Fire Service Councils, City and

County officials, and Coloma residents. A press release will encourage public online participation to comply with COVID-19 restrictions.

- We submitted a request to the County for potential TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) funds to offset costs related to tourism impacts, specifically in USFS areas with high visitor activity. The request totals approximately \$68,000 and will be considered in the upcoming County budget cycle.
- The Marshall Foundation for Community Health has requested our participation once again in their annual golf tournament by providing the “Ride in a Fire Truck to School” prize. The event is scheduled for June 25th.
- Our peer support team has been activated twice in recent weeks to assist personnel coping with difficult calls. We are fortunate to have these trained personnel available to support our crews.