



# Fire Chiefs Report

October 21, 2021 📅

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## JPA Updates ⚖️

- EMSOC is reviewing move-up cover policies. We implemented a pilot program for after-hours move-up and cover assignments, tracking over 3 months before reevaluation. ⌚
  - Update: A request to amend the FF1 hiring requirement for paramedics was discussed at County Fire Ops and recommended to move to County Chiefs. 🔄
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## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 💰

- Submitted requests to the County; CAO's office recommended submitting under the CSDA-sponsored \$100M fund for Special Districts.
  - Attended a webinar and submitted our request on October 7th. This fund reimburses only "unanticipated costs" incurred between March 4, 2020, and June 15, 2021.
  - Our district requested \$167,000 for overtime related to COVID sick/exposure and personnel time at the County EOC. Remaining ARPA funding requests are still under County consideration. 🌱 ⌚
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## Hiring Update 🧑🏻‍🔥 🧑🏻‍🔥

- Swore in 6 new firefighters on October 7th at Henningsen Park, with families, friends, and firefighters attending. 🎆
  - Received resignations from two firefighters — one moving to Texas and leaving fire service for now, another accepted a position with Napa Fire Department. 🙋🏻
  - One firefighter is completing pre-employment; interviews scheduled for early November.
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## City of Placerville 🏘️

- Continuing collaboration with City staff, attending meetings and City Council. 🤝

- Meeting with Vice-Mayor, City Manager, and City PG&E Liaison on CPUC fire hazard ratings for Placerville and surroundings. Ongoing collaboration with CPUC and PG&E. ⚡ 🔥
- Dewberry Consulting progressing on Public Safety Building. Toured City of Winters Fire/Police station and EDH Station 85 for ideas. Visited two potential building sites.
- Planning a special joint City Council and Board meeting on December 14 @ 1500. 📅
- Preparing a joint messaging campaign highlighting needs and deficiencies at Station 25 and the police station for public awareness. 🗣️

## Fire Prevention Update 🔥 🚫

- Captain Stirling is now interim Fire Marshal; rank discussion ongoing during Strategic Planning, but filling the role is a priority.
- Captains Stirling and Shepard working with County FPOs on burn ban discussions and ordinance review regarding outdoor burning, campfires, and cooking fires. FPOs presented a plan to County Chiefs. 📄

## District Information 🚒

- New district website is live, with ongoing updates. Thanks to Captain Poganski for leading efforts. Same web address as before — check it out! 🌐
- Completed LAFCO island annexation process; received State Board of Equalization Final Acknowledgement on October 19, 2021. ✅
- Engine 17 is in service at Station 17. Planning a community presentation at the annual Trunk or Treat event at Pinewood School in Pollock Pines. Captain Poganski coordinating social media, with CEDAPP aware. 🍷 🚒
- Crews will participate in commercial fire night drills in El Dorado Hills this week and next.
- Chief Lohan and I are reviewing apparatus replacement plans, possibly accelerating due to fleet/personnel needs. Awaiting Pierce info to finalize draft for finance and board review. Work in progress. 🚒 ⚙️
- Attended FEMA briefing on Caldor Fire reimbursement process; we've begun requests for overtime and backfill costs incurred. 📁 🔥
- Station 28 bid award efforts ongoing by Chief Williams; aiming for timely completion.
- ISO review process started; initial meetings rescheduled due to River Fire and Caldor Fire impacts. Next meeting October 26. 📅
- Evaluating moving from Firehouse RMS to Image Trend; funding requested via ARPA. Firehouse RMS support ends December 31, 2022. Transition is inevitable. 💻 🔄
- Captain Shepard and I attending National Fire Academy in January for “Wildland Urban Interface: Fire Adapted Communities.” 🎓 🌲

- Remote meeting participation updates: AB-361 passed allowing continued remote/hybrid meetings, requiring Board resolution every 30 days for compliance. Board member and meeting location must be posted on agenda. 🏛️ 💻