



El Dorado County Fire Protection District

🔥 Fire Chief's Monthly Report 🔥

📅 March 20, 2025

🏠 City of Placerville

◆ City Hydrant Inspection Program

The District continues partnering with the Public Works Department to inspect fire hydrants throughout Placerville. This proactive program responds to community concerns about water system readiness—especially following the recent Los Angeles-area fires—and ensures hydrants remain fully functional for emergencies.

◆ Wildfire Preparedness Event Planning

Initial preparations are underway for the Annual Wildfire Preparedness Event, hosted by the Placerville Fire Safe Council. Scheduled for April, this event aims to boost public awareness and readiness for the upcoming fire season.

◆ “Pi Day Eve” Employee Appreciation

On March 13th, Engine 25, Medic 25, and the Fire Chief joined City employees for “Pi Day Eve,” where department heads served pie to staff as a gesture of appreciation for their dedication and hard work.

🤝 Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

◆ Draft Contract Review

The draft JPA contract was presented at the February 26th workshop, prompting constructive discussions and identification of clarifications needed. The Ad-Hoc Committee has met with County representatives to address concerns, and the draft is now under review by County Counsel.

🚒 District Updates

◆ Extensive February Training

February saw an intensive training schedule including:

- Fire Control 3
- Live fire exercises
- Auto extrication drills
- 8-month probationary firefighter evaluations

◆ **Truck 28 Training Drills**

Crews conducted “hot drills” at Station 49, focusing on ground ladder operations and tactical deployment as part of ongoing Truck 28 orientation.

◆ **SCBA Grant Status**

We continue to await delivery of new SCBAs. While no official pause or cancellation of AFG funding has been communicated, recent federal closures of the National Fire Academy and Learning Resource Center remain a concern.

◆ **Community Engagement: Take Your Kid to School**

On March 19th, Station 28 crews participated in a community outreach event, giving a student from Cameron Park Montessori School a memorable fire truck ride.

◆ **Truck 28 & Red Hawk Event**

Planning is underway for a public event featuring Truck 28 on April 12th at Red Hawk Casino. More details will be shared soon.

◆ **Tourism Reimbursement Request**

A \$92,000 reimbursement request has been submitted to the County for tourism-related emergency response costs, reflecting the significant impact of visitor-driven call volume.

◆ **Captain Meetings Scheduled**

Meetings for all shifts’ Captains are planned throughout March to foster leadership coordination and operational updates.

◆ **Upcoming Community Event: Auburn Lake Trails Fire Safe Council**

District staff will attend the ALT Fire Safe Council event on March 20th to support community wildfire preparedness.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the Fire Chief’s Office.

Stay safe, stay informed, and thank you for your ongoing support! 🙏🔥