









Fire Chiefs Report

July 22, 2021 



JPA Updates

- The JPA Board and legal counsel are actively working through issues with the County. The Board remains committed and engaged with legal counsel to resolve outstanding matters. 
 - EMS Operations Committee (EMSOC) has implemented a pilot program for after-hours move-up and cover assignments. This pilot will be tracked over a 3-month period before reevaluation and possible policy updates. 
 - A request to amend the current agreement regarding the FF1 requirement for hiring paramedics was submitted. The JPA Board referred this item to County Fire Operations and then to the Chiefs for further operational impact discussions and resolution. 
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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Our funding requests totaling **\$2,144,122.46** were submitted through the County's ARPA funds.
 - The County CAO's office issued a letter regarding an additional \$100 million available for special districts under AB128 & SB129. However, no application process, funding parameters, or timelines have been provided yet.  The district, along with others, has communicated its funding needs to the CAO's office. We are awaiting further guidance on disbursement. 
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Hiring Update

- Four new recruits will begin their training academy on September 20, led by FF/P Derek Duncan. Training will last three weeks. 
- One prospective employee withdrew from the process last week. Two additional job offers were made and accepted; those candidates have entered pre-employment. 

- The district received resignations from two employees: a Captain who accepted a position with a fire department in Idaho and a Firefighter who moved to the City of Stockton Fire Department. 🙌
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- Ongoing collaboration with City staff through staff meetings and City Council attendance. 🤝
 - Dewberry Consulting continues work on the Public Safety Building needs assessment. Staff have provided requested worksheets on current and future space needs. Project work is paused temporarily due to the Caldor Fire. 🔥
 - The City and County are collaborating on a “managed” homeless camp project involving multiple stakeholders, including our district. Meetings were delayed by the Caldor Fire but will be rescheduled soon. Our role focuses on fire prevention, building, and fire-life safety inspections for any new facility. 🏠
 - The “Trip the Green” program, a cooperative effort with the City, CHP, and Cal-Trans, was successfully utilized during early Caldor Fire evacuations. Planned test weekends for this program are postponed until next fall due to fire-related highway closures, ensuring more reliable pilot data. 🚦
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Fire Prevention Update 🔥🚫

- Captains Stirling and Shepard are collaborating with County Fire Prevention Officers on burn ban discussions and reviewing relevant ordinances regarding outdoor burning, campfires, and cooking fires. A plan has been presented to County Chiefs for moving forward. 📄
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District Information 🚒

- The district experienced several recent structure fires, including a fatal fire on Tai Pan Rd (Thompson Hill area), a fire in Sierra Springs (Lupine Lane), and another in Camino. Caldor Fire units assisted during these incidents. Fire Prevention Officers, led by Captain Preston, are conducting investigations. 🔍
- Engine 17 is now in service at Station 17. While some equipment is still arriving, the engine is fully outfitted. A previously planned open house on September 4 was canceled due to the Caldor Fire and evacuations; another event will be scheduled in the fall. 🎉
- Apparatus repairs are delayed due to national parts shortages. Currently, one engine has a part on backorder with a 70-day lead time. ⌚🔧

- The district participated in the annual 9/11 Ceremony at El Dorado Adventist School. Engine and Medic 25 were present, and I had the honor of being the guest speaker. 🇺🇸
- Station 28 repairs: Chief Williams is reviewing bids for the caulking project, expected to be awarded shortly to ensure completion before winter weather arrives. 🏗️ ❄️
- The district's ISO review process is underway but has faced delays due to the River Fire and Caldor Fire impacting scheduled meetings. The process is being rescheduled for October. 📅
- LAFCO Update: Another vacancy exists on the LAFCO Commission, requiring a ballot process. The Executive Officer has resigned, and recruitment is ongoing. 🗳️
- The district website redesign is in progress with Streamline. Staff are completing training to bring the new site online soon. 💻