



 **Fire Chiefs Report**
 *July 22, 2021*

JPA Updates

- The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director continue negotiations with the County for additional funding under the current JPA contract. Next JPA Board meeting is scheduled for July 28th.
 - EMS Operations Committee (EMSOC) is reviewing move-up cover policies with a pilot study focused on nighttime cover assignments, aiming to reduce personnel impact. Policy manuals, Interfacility Transfers (IFTs), and their handling are also under review and update.
 - A request to amend the current JPA agreement regarding the FF1 requirement for hiring paramedics has been submitted and is pending approval by the JPA Board and Fire District Boards.
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American Rescue Plan Act

- Staff reviewed progress and are finalizing the last items. The funding packet is on track for submission before the July 31st deadline.
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Hiring Update

- Chiefs' interviews were held on July 16th by Chief Lohan and myself, resulting in five job offers made and accepted.
 - One additional Firefighter/Paramedic is expected to come online in approximately two weeks.
 - These six new positions will place the district two over the Board-directed three floaters.
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City of Placerville

- Ongoing collaboration with City staff, including participation in staff meetings and City Council sessions.
- Attended the first meeting with consultants, City staff, and fire personnel to identify broad needs, locations, and pathways forward. Provided additional information on

potential future growth to Dewberry Consulting. Survey needs, both current and future, have been completed and submitted.

- Participated in a special City Council meeting addressing the current homeless situation and fire season. The City is coordinating with the County on possible solutions.
 - Continued work with City Staff, Placerville PD, Cal-Trans, and CHP on Highway 50 traffic mitigation for the upcoming “Apple Hill” season, targeting weekends in September and October.
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Fire Prevention Update

- Captain Stirling and Captain Shepard continue reviewing prevention bureau processes to modernize and streamline operations.
 - The Fire Marshal job description is being updated, with plans to fill the position soon.
 - Successfully completed the July 4th fireworks show at the fairgrounds with no incidents. Thanks to Captain Stirling, Captain Shepard, Engines 25 & 28, and Cal Fire for their efforts.
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District Information

- Engine 17 is currently stationed at Station 21 for equipment outfitting and training. Some equipment remains pending, but preparations for in-service continue.
- Station 28 update: Chief Williams met with the project manager, contractor, and engineer to address issues with the station. Recommendations include caulking and sealing concrete joints on the exterior and bays, and replacing rear landscaping with concrete to prevent water seepage. Bids for repairs are being sought.
- Director Gilcrest and I attended the Taxpayers Association meeting, providing district insights. The session featured good interactive dialogue.
- Participated in an online Zoom meeting with multiple Chiefs, LAFCO staff, and consultants concerning the Municipal Service Review (MSR). Our submitted comments, edits, and changes are under consultant review to ensure clear district representation.
- LAFCO Commissioner update: Brian Veerkamp appointed for a 4-year term, Tim Palmer for 2 years.
- The district is undergoing its ISO review along with other County agencies. Staff will meet with ISO representatives on August 6th.
- WT-21 was deployed to Cal Fire on July 18th and 19th for coverage from Station 21.
- Staff met with Red Hawk Casino representatives to review their hotel under construction and the upcoming event center. Additional meetings are planned as construction progresses. Training related to the use of a sky crane will be coordinated with construction and other agencies.
- The district website is currently under construction by Streamline. Staff are completing necessary training to launch the new site.
- National Night Out is scheduled for August 3rd. We will participate in several district locations and attended a planning meeting with the City of Placerville for coordination.