



WESTERN PLACER COUNTY
FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE DELIVERY OF EXCEPTIONAL FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY SERVICES THROUGH COLLABORATION AND TEAMWORK

August 31, 2022
Penryn FPD
7206 Church Street, Penryn
IN PERSON MEETING

Call to order / Flag Salute: *0903*

Agenda/Minutes approval: August Agenda, June Meeting Minutes: *Motion: Chief Gow, second: Chief Williams; passed*

Treasurer's Report: August Treasurer's Report: *No report received or presented. Only known new expenditure is refreshment reimbursement*

Presentation: N/A

OLD BUSINESS

1. N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. *Departments working through staffing issues.*

DIVISION REPORTS (brief reports)

1. EMS/Ambulance/SSV: John Poland / Gabe Cruz AMR

- a) *John Poland*

- *Updated, still working with Kaiser Roseville on patient offload times. There have been some improvements, it is a continued effort. Until emergency department expands, limited space will remain an issue. Monthly meetings, next is this afternoon with CEO and Medical Director.*
- *Staffing update – Vickie retired yesterday, John is the interim executive director until next Friday's Board Meeting, when he will be officially appointed. There has been some reorganization, to include two Deputy Directors, Patrick Comstock in Operations and Michelle Moss in Clinical QM. Secured additional State general fund augmentation to hire two additional positions, a quality management QI position and an investigator position.*
- *Placer County EMS Fund meeting is scheduled for October. Currently approximately \$200,000 fund balance for EMS related issues.*

- b) *Gabe Cruz AMR*

- *Currently fully staffed. An academy starts on Monday with seven paramedics and one EMT.*
- *ET-3 update – program implemented in May, still in startup, or pilot phase. Will look at yearlong data to decide if it is a beneficial program to continue in Placer County. Doctors for the ET-3 program are provided through contracting services. Main doctor is in Texas, but licensed in CA, along with doctors across the nation. See informational handouts for current data. Confirmed the process includes follow up with patients that have utilized ET-3. At this time, according to the data, zero patients have reinitiated to EMS system after utilizing ET-3. Patients receive follow up phone call. Only certain counties in Northern CA are participating, approximately 180*

ambulance providers nationwide were approved to pilot the program. Ten to twelve are in CA and all are AMR. ET-3 is a medi-care/medical program. Patients that utilize this service are billed directly.

- *Roseville AMR CAD to CAD, few glitches, not fully implanted at this time. Looking for continued collaboration and further integration to expand programs and partnerships.*

c) Chief Bartee recommended the reconvening the EMS Committee along with SSV to continue to work on EMS and systemwide cohesiveness.

2. OAC: Chief Spencer; OES Chief Zander

a) *Chief Spencer*

- *Supported the state mission in the Six Rivers Lightning Complex. Demobilized prior to switching out crew members. Did have a COVID exposure.*
- *Sent Type 6 resources through EMAC to Oregon from Placer Hills and Foresthill.*

3. Operation/Training: Chief Hudson / Chief Nelson

a) *Chief Nelson*

- *Group has not met in two months. County peer review ongoing, emails are being received and reviewed.*

b) *Chief Laudner*

- *Hosting annual active shooter drill, November 8th at Galleria. Expanding the scope by integrating helicopters, hospitals, and patient transport. Commitment letters have been sent. RSVP needed if you will be sending units to participate for proper planning.*
- *Will be hosting active shooter refresher training October 24th, 25th and 27th. Drill will include a 2-hour matrix on those 3 days. Will incorporate didactic led by Roseville law enforcement and fire, as well as hands on prep for November's drill.*

4. Fire Prevention / Fire Investigations: Chief Rizzi

a) *Chief Rizzi*

- *Rocklin is hosting fire code update November 15th-17th. Target attendees are those in prevention.*
- *Rocklin is hosting a joint training with Placer County District Attorney's Office on September 13th at Rocklin Event Center, specifically focusing on arson fires, arson investigations, report writing, gathering witness statements etc. Start time is 0930, training runs a couple hours. Great training opportunity for Company Officers. Rocklin has seen improvement in on scene investigations since initial training, with improved awareness of what to look for, report writing, and when to call in arson investigator.*
- *In 2023, Rocklin will host Fire Inspector series in coordination with Amador Fire. Inspector 1 series will be held in March, April and June and Inspector 2 series in September, October, November and December.*

5. Sierra College Advisory: Jason Hemler

a) *Nothing received to report.*

6. Communications/CAD:

a) *Nothing to report at this time.*

b) *Chief Bartee - Roseville is moving east side tower closer in towards Roseville for approved transmitting.*

7. Placer Co. OEM/HSGP: Dave Atkinson, Assistant Director / Brandy Dunkle, Staff Services Manager

- *State continues to focus on the drought and continues to budget funds for drought related concerns. Please report any related issues, such as dry wells, or any problems with water supplies to see if funding support can be provided.*
 - *Placer County OES, with Cal OES, is hosting ICS 402 on October 17th at Placer EOC. Flyers will be distributed soon. Class is approximately 5 hours.*
 - *Grant funding - Preparing for 2023 Homeland Security Grant cycle. Expect correspondences soon on how to submit project proposals. This will be done electronically. Not anticipating any changes in national priorities or funding levels.*
 - *Alert & Warning – test just completed last week.*
 - ***** Discussed but noted not for the public at this time **** Sac County is leaving Everbridge notification system and moving to RAVE. Transition to happen in the next 30 days. Meetings have and will take place on the continued partnership with Yolo County now that Sac County has switched. In response, Everbridge has upgraded our membership, or service level, to include new features.*
 - *Placer OES changes – Shaunna Pratt took a new position with Cal OES. A new hire request is out now and position should be filled by September 12th. Bringing in an additional grant analyst and recruitment is out for a position in training and exercise and emergency planner.*
- a) *PG&E Liaison*
- *Discussed new EPSS (enhanced powerline safety setting) and how it affects power outages. Data shows less ignition rate and should limit PSPS events.*
 - *First responder workshops for gas and electricity hazards review completed for some local agencies, which included South Placer and Rocklin. Training is 3 hours and 2 hours of CEs are provided. Additional training is available if needed for your agency or area,*
 - *Safety Infrastructure Protection Teams (SIP engines) carry 300 gallons of water, primary focus is asset protection. Will increase staffing pattern during certain weather events.*

WORKING ISSUES (Items for discussion, action, and implementation, or to “park” for now) Open forum to discuss issues, solutions, and list future issues for work sessions.

- a) *Discussed future opportunities for OES to host both an ICS-300 and ICS-400 class and the importance of continuity throughout the County in our emergency management.*

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a) *Chief Estes – Cal Fire*
- *Predicted winds and heat spells this coming week. Cal Fire will increase staffing pattern as needed. Will be hosting interviews within the next month for the training position, a new relief position and a transitional period with the ECC Chief, as he will be retiring. Currently fully staffed. Tentative agreed MOU, on the BCP side, will include approximately 40 new positions, ranging from AC through FFII and engineers over the next 2-3 fiscal years.*
 - *Exclusive use of two helicopters through November 15th have made a tremendous impact this season. Will move the Blackhawk from Truckee to Grass Valley in the next two weeks.*
 - *Completed ALS upgrades - Personnel is in place. Working on implementation as equipment comes in.*
 - *Finished implementation of Mobile MDC system. Communications is working with the*

County regarding ownership of frequencies, infrastructure on County side, and to look at a total revamping of the system with an end goal of having a multi-tiered dispatch system in Placer County.

- *There have been three significant arson arrests in last couple weeks, one arrest occurred in Placer County.*
- *Oak Fire – Shaded fuel break proved its worth.*

b) Sac Metro Fire

- *Fire Chief has announced his retired at the end of this year, recruitment is open. Staffing has stabilized.*
- *Mobile integrated health (MIH) unit is in service to respond to 911 low acuity calls, staffed with a Paramedic and Nurse Practitioner or a Physician's Assistant from the local hospital system.*
- *Received a SAFER grant that provided 21 additional positions to pilot a squad program of two personnel, one Firefighter and one Firefighter Paramedic, only being dispatched to low acuity calls currently as program is being evaluated. Squad program will be evaluated within 6-12 months. Grant funding has also allowed staffing Medic 59 in Rancho Murrieta full time, historically has been crossed staffed. Prevent move up every time ambulance goes out. Also allowed upstaff 3 additional engine companies to 4 personnel.*
- *Currently in contract negotiations*

c) Chief Gow – Penryn Fire – Newcastle Fire – Placer Hills Fire

- *Enrollment complete for Penryn employees. Discussion has started regarding station remodeling and Penryn is fully staffed.*
- *Newcastle is fully staffed and the tentative move in date to new station is November 1st. LAFCO application for reorganization is almost complete.*
- *Placer Hills is fully staffed. New station 84 build is on hold due to the increase costs from a new quote. Updates and repairs will be completed on current station 84. Placer hills has a new Rescue and new Type 1 Engine inbound.*

d) Chief Duerr – South Placer Fire

- *Benefit assessment did not pass 47% to 53%. Board has decided to close Station 19 and will be idling the Truck for now. Staffing patterns will also change to better serve the response area. With those changes, South Placer will be fully staffed. Anticipating the change as of October 1. The board will finalize and send communique to the community.*

e) Lincoln Fire

- *Lincoln held interviewed, 9 Firefighters are in background check with a hopeful start date of mid to late October. One Battalion Chief and one Captain vacancy. If an internal Captain is promoted, will have two Captain vacancies. October 6th & 7th will be the formal assessment and are looking for members to be on the panel.*
- *Type 3 on order.*

f) Chief Spencer – Cal Fire

- *Staffing has stabilized. Type 1 prebuild is pushed back to November and finishing a request for a Type 3, with a two-year timeline.*
- *Working through mobile MDC integration. Base vs. Toughbook type laptop. Base platform seems to be heat sensitive and has had some overheating issues. Multiple other issues have been identified and have been working directly with the vendor to discuss and make improvements.*
- *Prevention – Stemming from AB38, will be mandating inspections on every parcel within the city, which will occur and be completed over a 3-year timeframe. There will be a fee for inspection, which will be waived if they pass. Owners will also be fined if reoccurring issues are present.*

- g) *Chief Matcham – Foresthill Fire*
- *Foresthill's staffing is stabilizing with one current vacancy for Firefighter/Paramedic and one Captain vacancy. OES currently deployed to Oregon along with Placer Hills.*
- h) *Chief Bartee – Roseville Fire*
- *Chief Diemer retired. Currently ten in process for the academy starting on September 26th. End of academy, approximately five true vacancies, possibly more after impending retirements. Advertised for an AC position, few external applications have been submitted. Funding has been secured for Station 8, which will go to council this week. Truck, a Type 6, and an engine have been budgeted for and are in the cue to be built.*
 - *Discussed joint education and training with law enforcement. Recent discussion regarding law enforcement parking at fires, and other incidents, where they are in danger and could potentially prevent fire services. Continued partnership with local law enforcement agencies.*

ADJOURNMENT 10:44 *Motion: Chief Williams, meeting adjourned 10:44am*

CLOSED SESSION FOR CHIEF OFFICERS

Next Meeting September 29, 2022
South Placer FPD
6000 Eureka Road
Granite Bay