

Fire Chiefs Report
December 12, 2018

I. The Department:

As we prepare to close out 2018, our personnel are working diligently on the completion of projects and assignments.

This last year, much has been done, experienced and learned. Our Members have taken part in historical events and have done so with great skill and ability. They have experienced great adversity and witnessed hardship. With each event and personal impact, they displayed great professionalism and human empathy and compassion.

This month the Fire District has transitioned to new governance and oversight with the swearing in of the new Board of Directors on December 7, 2018.

As we say goodbye to those who guided this department through rough times, I want to express my gratitude and thanks for all the support you've shown me. I will endeavor to continue to earn that support.

In January I will be holding budget meetings with our personnel to begin the process of fiscal year 2019/20 budget. This is to build a more defined budget in preparation for next year's budget workshop. It is my goal to present to the Board a budget based on historical expenses and needs to accomplish our mission, with fiscal responsibility for long term apparatus, station maintenance and District Operations.

II. Personnel:

This last month, our Firefighters rendered aid to a longtime citizen of the community. It is with great sadness we must state the incident had a negative outcome. A member of the community who was on-scene and aided our personnel and who also wrote a letter of recognition for the professional and aggressive actions taken on behalf of the patient.

III. Information.

- 1. Though CALFIRE has lifted the ban on debris burning, please remember the grasslands around us are still volatile and can ignite relatively easily. Please monitor all debris burning, if you are burning on a slope, even the slightest slope cut an underslung trench below the fire to catch rollout. If you have any questions about burning or how to conduct a burn, call the Fire Station. You can schedule a pre-burn evaluation with the on-duty Company Officer.***

Please remember to avoid the fine, call before you burn.

Camino Burn Info Phone Number (530) 621-5897

Air Resources Board Phone Number (530) 621-7501

- 2. There are many changes coming at the end of this year for other County Fire Agencies. El Dorado County Fire District Chief Mike Hardy is retiring at the end of this month. Chief Greg Schwab from Georgetown has accepted a position in Colorado, his resignation will take effect December 21. Chief Thomas Keating of Rescue/El Dorado Hills Fire is retiring March of 2019. El Dorado Hills Fire just recently hired a new Fire Chief.*
- 3. The Fire District received thirty BK radio's and battery clam shells from CALFIRE, 10 of these radios have been marked with a green florescent paint and programmed and*

