



Fire Chiefs Report February 14, 2019

I. The Department:

This last week, the Fire District experienced a significant snow fall. This storm caused many incidents of downed Power Poles, high voltage, and telephone communications lines all throughout the community. The snow caused the closing of Mosquito Road. Rock slides and downed trees on Rock Creek Road. The community was without power and phones for several days.

Our Fire Personnel responded to over 30 calls, (not all toned out by Camino) mostly for electrical hazards. Our Support Group assisted with deployment for traffic control and placement of Road Closure Signs. We had personnel in the field as early as 02:30 all through the day and night to 03:00 the next day using chain saws, clearing downed trees trying to keep the roads clear. We also had several community residents assisting with the downed trees.

Though we had no issues with the assistance that we received, however there were several residents who disregarded road closure signs, one nearly sliding into the downed trees and pole at the bottom of Dogwood.

We truly implore the community; please stay away from downed power poles and lines. We understand that at times this may be an inconvenience, but it is for your safety, some will say I'm being dramatic, or trying to use scare tactics, our only goal is to keep you safe. If for some reason someone goes down due to an electrical hazard, I cannot send personnel in to save you until PG&E gives us the all clear. That can take hours, which by then it may be too late.

II. Personnel:

Our personnel are doing well with their training at the Divide Fire Academy and EMT Training



III. Information.

1. Our Fire Marshal completed three building plan reviews in January. We are working on a plans' review and prevention fee Schedule to present to the Board hopefully by April. These fees will be comparable with other Fire Districts. The Fire Marshal will be meeting with the Fire Safe Council to discuss this year's objectives.
2. Our Fire Marshal is member of the El Dorado County Arson Task Force. We have met with the Fire Chief's of El Dorado Hills, and Folsom to build a process that outlines investigations, and enforcement.
3. I have scheduled our second Staff Budget Meeting February 21 at 10:00am. We are preparing a more defined and comprehensive budget. The Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget will be written to reduce the need for mid-year adjustments. This second session will be a closed session to Firefighter Personnel and two Board Members.
3. The IMT
We are working on the Salary Survey. We will be meeting with CALOES Billing and Compliancy Departments to ensure and that we are on the right track.
We have met with the Chester and Bear Valley Teams to obtain information on their Team Models.

IV. The Station

The Contractor/Estimator and the Insurance Adjuster are at odds on the cost of the repairs to the Fire Station. I will be meeting with both, with a focus on quick repairs.



V. Equipment.

- a. E 275 Out of Service at Westmark. Should be returned in the next week
- b. WT 75 No issues.
- c. E 75 No reported problems.
- d. SG 75 No reported issues
- e. E 75 No reported issues.
- f. U 75 No reported issues
- g. SQ 75 No reported issues.
- h. C7500 Is in Service

VI. Calls for Service:

Due to the loss of Data from Active 911, I do not have information on requests for service. This last week tested our capabilities and pushed us to the absolute limits of our response capabilities.

I am very proud to say, that a life was saved recently by Lieutenant Curtis Harper. His fast assessment, with advanced medical care provided a resident with a longer life. I have not received permission from the patient to release more details, as is required by HIPPA