



Fire Chiefs Report January 10, 2019

I. The Department:

As 2019 rolls in, we know we have considerable work to complete this year. A focus for the first part of the year is a “Call 911” campaign. We have had a tragedy that may have been prevented if 911 had been called early on, this is not to cast blame on any person or family. We recognize that people move here to get away from the metropolitan culture and those who live here in this community are truly more self-reliant. However, there is a time to call 911. Many times, we here “We didn’t call because we didn’t want to bother you” or “We weren’t sure if we should call 911”. The campaign will focus on public education.

Increasing services and capabilities of the Fire District. Our Goal this year is to increase Volunteer ranks and concentrate on integration of the Firefighting side with the Support Group. This integration will provide a greater Emergency Response capability and on scene scope for all personnel. Integrating the Support Group into Emergency Operations will allow Firefighters too focus on Emergency Control, knowing that there are trained and proficient personnel standing with them with the focus on the same outcome. Though Support Group Personnel will not take part in controlling operations, they will be performing tasks outside impact zones. These Support Operations will include:

1. Traffic Control.
2. Helispot Coordinators
3. Fire Ground Support and Firefighter Rehab
4. Air Supply and tools Caching, exterior Fireground lighting.

This integration will provide a more appropriate delegation of tasks, that will allow for a greater volume of personnel to effect control and mitigation of an emergency.



II. Personnel:

We currently have one Firefighter in EMT Training, another will attend the Divide Firefighter Training Academy beginning February 2nd 2019. At the end of December, I completed my EMS Continuing Education and submitted my application for re-licensure, I will be attending my Wildland IC recertification January 28 through February 1, 2019. We have already begun recruitment drive for new Volunteer Personnel.

III. Information.

- 1. 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

Also, please remember that the Burn Permit issued by the Fire District only authorizes burning of small burn piles; 4 feet wide, 4 feet long 4 feet tall. Burning of larger burn piles require a permit issued by the Air Resource Board. The Office is located at:

2850 Fairlane Ct

Placerville, CA 95667

Phone: (530)621-6662

- 2. I will be holding budget meetings with our personnel to begin the process of fiscal year 2019/20 budget on January 24th at 13:00 hours. This is to build a more defined budget in preparation for this year's budget workshop and to train personnel on District fiscal abilities and increase our personnel's fiscal management skills and budgetary knowledge. This first session will be a closed session with Firefighter Personnel a Support Group representative and two Board Members. It is my goal to submit a budget that is broken down to identify specific costs and true line item budgets. Last year 2018/19 budget we attempted to reduce many line items. Unfortunately, we have gone over budget on some them. Though we remain under budget and will adjust line items as necessary to balance the overall budget at the end of the year.**



3. The MVFA Donated \$2,500 for the purchase of the new Support Group Shed.
4. We will be taking part in the Divide Fire Academy this year. We will participate as instructors and we are sending at least one Volunteer Member to the academy. The Academy training starts February 2nd and runs through May. Most of the training will occur at Garden Valley Fire Station 51. Dates will be Wednesday evenings and all-day Saturday and Sunday each week.
5. Personnel Recruitment is ongoing with a Physical Abilities Test scheduled for Saturday 26. The recruitment process has been released on Social Media and the District Website. As to date, we have not received any interest from the community

IV. The Station

- Fire Apparatus placement on the apparatus floor has been re-arranged to allow for greater efficiency, and more usable space.
- The Front Apparatus Doors were repaired with no charge to the District.
- We are waiting for a dry pattern and favorable weather to paint the front and east side of the Fire Station.
- The Station has been prepped and ready for exterior paint.
- The Firefighters will be painting the interior of the Apparatus Bay. They will be asking the Support Group for some assistance.
- Installation of the Exhaust System will be scheduled as soon as possible.

V. Equipment.

- a. E 275 Headlights Changed to LEDs to provide for greater visibility during night time driving.
- 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 has been sent out for Emergency Light and radio installation.



VI. Calls for Service:

Though 2018 had a lower overall call volume, our personnel operated on some of the most historical events here in the State of California. A total of 142 In District requests for service. Which included a cardiac save.

Out of County responses included the following:

**The Carr Fire
The Stone Fire
The Delta Fire
The Camp Fire**

While on the Carr Fire, our personnel operated in the Community of French Gulch where their Task Force was credited with saving that community. On November 8 we had personnel on the ground as Forward Observers and Line EMTs on the Camp Fire.

In County out of District Fire responses included:

**The Sliger Fire.
The Bumper Fire.
The Laurel Fire**

Medical:	61
Public Assist:	35
Agency Assist	2
Traffic Collision	8
Fire/Smoke Check/ Debris Burns	3 In District Vegetation Fires, 1 Auto Fire 0
Fire Alarms	13
Request for M/A Overhead Command Staffing	1
State Mutual Aid	4 Line EMT Dispatched to the Camp Fire
Electrical Hazards	5



Cover In Assignments 13
Support Group Call Outs 34***

The Support Group was essential to operations as Helispot Coordinators and Traffic Control.

***** Support Group Call Outs are in association with other calls and do not increase the total of in District request for service.**