

Chief's Notes October 13th, 2026

My presence

- I have been given the go ahead to return in an admin duty for the time being and I have officially signed my retirement paperwork with the City of Vacaville last week. I'm waiting on what my restrictions will be, but I know for sure that I'm not going to be allowed to do direct patient care. Commanding incidents according to me attorney is acceptable as well.

Calls/Staffing

- To date we have responded to 195 calls
- All calls have been responded too. We did have a delayed response last week due to multiple medicals being dispatched within minutes of each other and we received mutual aid from Capay and Ord bend.
- We interviewed a total of 8 individuals in which I am in the process of bring them in for chiefs' interviews to make final decisions.
- Tim Janes is off on FMLA for an unknown time period.
- Hank has been burning through his sick leave and vacation over the past few months.

Grants

- I had advised you last year that we were applying for the Office or Traffic Safety grant and we have officially been given a \$57k grant for new extrication gear. The extrication gear is going to be Holmatro electric gear that will drastically increase and improve our extrication times. This grant was offered to adjoining departments and there was no interest in moving forward with us. The gear will be here early to mid-November, and training will begin as well as our obligation to publicize being awarded the OTS grant
- We have been awarded \$16k grant for wildland gear. This again is in part to Engineer Johnson actively chasing grants and applying for everyone that I approve of going after. We are waiting on the check to deposit it and then we will be ordering off the quote from Cascade that we used for the grant.

Banking

- I met with Golden Valley Bank regarding using them for our department accounts. I have also referred them, to county board and county finance in which they agreed to a meeting, although have yet to set a date. Golden Valley Bank is very eager to work with us and sounds like can provide better interest and are a locally engrained bank that invests in our local communities. Although I haven't gotten exact numbers etc. yet, I am working on gathering more information to bring to you. I have to research if we have a choice where we bank and also if we can make that switch due to being a dependent district.

Strike teams

- As of today, we have participated in a total of 10 preposition and out-of-country assignments. It's still early in the year and we still have a prime southern California burning season as well as a possible El Nino year which will provide us with plenty of Mud/Debris prepositions. The gross revenue from these assignments is \$401. After wages we should have around \$235k profits left over for the general budget.
- Last month a total of \$43,181.86 was deposited from strike teams and USA recovery.

Training

- Jeff and I have completed the Fire Investigation series and are currently working on our state fire task books. I have acquired my National Arson Fire Investigator certification. We meet with the Glenn County DA, and he is in full support of our arson program and advised us that if there is anything he or his department can do for us to let him know. We have reached out to Sheriff Gibb's and are awaiting a response. Our goal is to have a great working relationship with Glenn County SO. The state task books are being initiated, and we are working on getting an agreement with CalFire to assist with their fire investigations to speed up the process of getting 25 fire investigations.
- Jason Garner is almost done with his instructor series and once he is done we will be hosting an in-house Driver operator 1a/1b to get our members up to speed on driving and pumping. This will be a great benefit to the department as we will be able to host an assortment of state fire classes at the station which will provide a small revenue stream as well as provide our volunteers with state approved training.

