

Chief's Report
Emergency Services Division
Chester Public Utility District
for May 2022

- Continuing to meet with USFS re: long term lease potential of district facility for their fire suppression staff and equipment. Have a facility walk through scheduled for the week of June 27th.
- Completed our CFAA Salary survey and resolution. **Board Action Needed**
- Finalized ambulance service fee update. **Board Action Needed**
- Re-starting our volunteer firefighter training and drill, one of our two volunteers has been out of town and will return on the 28th. I will be starting regular Thursday training nights on the July 7th.
- Met with the other Almanor Chiefs over a variety of issues, including our re-start of a Fit Testing program for our firefighters, resolution with the Sheriff's department over the cost of our repeater that is housed on Stover Mountain, and sharing Chief Officer coverage for our departments when needed.
- We were awarded \$113,000 from KBK grant for the purchase of Breathing Apparatus. This is a sorely needed purchase to provide protection to our firefighters. We will be looking at other avenues to attain the items that KBK did not fund this application cycle. We are grateful to the KBK organization!
- Continuing research and assist in action on tax assessment and benefit assessment information.
- Meeting with other local service providers to improve our relationships and streamline operation and interface opportunities.
- Providing information to Seneca Healthcare District regarding the new hospital construction.
- Lot inspections for hazard reduction are close to completion. Concerns I have noted include vegetative debris (mostly pine needles) on roofs and within close proximity to structures. The annual issue of cottonwood "fluff" as debris is now occurring and citizens should remember that this debris is highly flammable and is easily ignited. It should be removed and disposed of.
- We are now in the burn ban as advised by CALFIRE. No burning of materials is allowed until later this fall.
- Have improved various administrative tasks relating to Personnel and Operational effectiveness. As we move forward, we are finding issues that need attention from both policy and implementation avenues.
- Have developed a program to utilize our past IMT Division employees for district work and to be available for deployment under the CFAA Agreement.
- We are in the beginning phase of rejuvenating our Firewise program.

Responses and Ambulance Billings for May:

Fire-1 False Alarm-2 EMS in Chester-15 Vehicle Accident - 4 IFT to Airport-1 Traffic Collision-1 Public Assist-5

Total Calls for Service - 29

Ambulance Billed out - \$49424.35 Received - \$2930.92

End of Report

