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Memorandum

Date: July 10, 2021
To: Board of Directors
From: Chief Bradley
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update - July

Mechanical CPR Compression Devices

The County of San Joaquin, through the San Joaquin County EMS Agency (SJCEMSA), purchased mechanical CPR compression devices (Lucas III devices) and accessories with Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to ensure that Basic and Advanced Life Support providers in the County could perform effective CPR compressions with minimum risk of exposure to Coronavirus or other airborne pathogens. On Friday, July



9, 2021, representatives from the EMS agency and South County Fire (SCF) coordinated to distribute seven (7) Lucas III devices; one to every fire station in the SCF jurisdiction. Once department-wide training is completed, these devices will be placed on all “first-out” fire apparatus; the anticipated go-live date is August 1, 2021. These life-saving devices will greatly increase the ability of South County Fire personnel to deliver high-quality emergency medical care to the citizens and visitors of Tracy and the Tracy Rural District.

Independence Day

The use of illegal fireworks throughout our community seems to continue to become more prevalent on an annual basis. Technology has been used to improve illegal firework displays (higher and wider display) and has driven the cost down. The availability of illegal fireworks continues to be a challenge for the fire service and law enforcement due to the ease of transporting the products in from other states and countries. And, unfortunately, in segments of our community the use of illegal fireworks is trending towards becoming more of an acceptable social norm (illegal but not unethical). The Fire Authority is working closely with Tracy PD to reverse this trend through change in ordinances, greater enforcement and public education on the dangers (fires, accidents) and other impacts (veterans and pets) associated with the use of illegal fireworks.

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The Fire Authority was busy on July 4, 2021. On average, we respond to approximately 25 emergencies daily. Typically during this time of year, we respond to 2-3 fires daily (part of the 25 daily emergencies). On July 4, 2021 we responded to 47 emergencies. Of the 47 emergencies, 13 were fires of which eight were grass fires, two were vehicle fires, two were dumpster fires and one was a building fire (small outbuilding). Of the 13 fires, two vehicles were destroyed and a tree in Alden Park was heavily damaged. There was no other significant property damage due to fires. We have confirmed that three of the 13 fires were directly attributed to the use of fireworks. Although we do not have conclusive evidence concerning the cause of many of the fires, the significant increase in fire activity on July 4th can be attributed to the use of fireworks.

Station 95

Fire Station 95 in Tracy Hills continues to progress toward completion. The station is substantially complete, pending delivery of items delayed due to industry impacts of COVID-19. The station is awaiting the delivery and installation of appliances and apparatus bay doors. All site concrete is complete, the station interior is complete, and installation of some finish items continues. Further, the installation of the solar shade structure is in progress. A separate project to complete the street in front of the station is also underway. Product delays aside, the project is still expected to be completed on schedule. Staff is working with the developer to organize a ribbon cutting event, tentatively scheduled for August 28, 2021.



Phase 2 of 2018 JPA Agreement Transition

The Authority has worked to refine the employee transition plan to address the City HR and consultants' concerns. The document now exceeds 550 pages and staff is confident we are ready to begin the formal implementation phase. On July 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm the Tracy City Council and the Tracy Rural Fire District will hold a joint meeting to dialogue on the plan and for staff to answer questions concerning the transition.

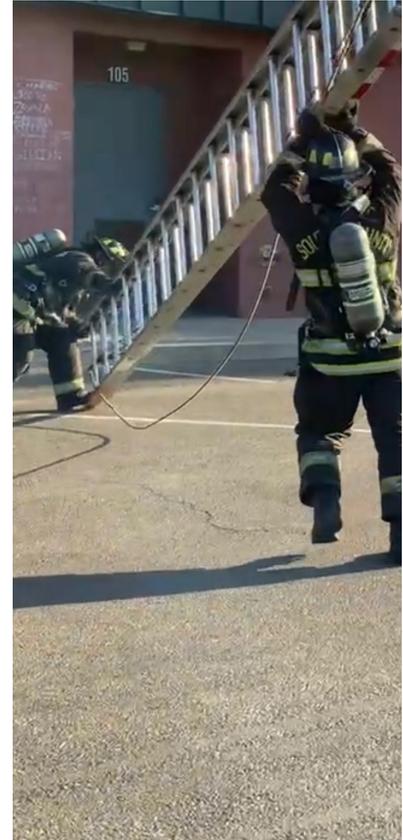
Financial Audit

We continue to work with our auditor and treasurer/controller to complete the 2019/2020 fiscal year audit. Unfortunately, a variety of circumstances has delayed the audit but we expect it to be completed within the next week and for the audit to be presented to the JPA Board in August. The 2020/2021 fiscal year audit will commence immediately after the 2019/2020 audit is completed and accepted by the Board.

Training

During the month of June, the South County Fire Authority Division of Training continued to facilitate and support a multitude of training events. Our members participated in the on-going areas of training including hazardous materials response, multi-company operations, individual in-person and online training, and EMS continuing education.

The annual wildland refresher red card certification training in May was timely, as we currently have our Type 3 OES deployed to a wildland incident. This training consisted of didactic RT-130 and manipulative items such as mobile attack, progressive hose lay, shelter deployment and type III driver training.



We continue to work towards completion of every member having the necessary training for the Authority's tiller truck. We made exceptional progress in June, and only have a couple members left to certify. Training consisted of operating the Tiller Drawn Aerial, and several hours of road driving.

We continued engineer training with the goal of preparing aspiring members for the duties of the position through mentorship from the existing engineers. Objectives of the training consisted of truck operations, pumping apparatus drills with single and multiple lines, drafting operations, and aerial set up.

Recruitment/Fire Academy

A thirteen-week academy required to staff station 91 began June 1, 2021 with six candidates. The academy is currently down to five candidates. Captain Andy Sansaver serves as the

Academy Coordinator. Extensive planning has been completed to prepare and identify training sites, classrooms, supplies, equipment and instructors. After the academy, the recruits will be assigned to shifts and stations based on the openings created by the firefighter positions and promotions required for the opening of Station 95.

We are in the process of hiring personnel to fill additional vacant positions for a new academy starting in September. We are beginning the process of conducting background checks on eight lateral recruits that were selected through a competitive recruitment process. All of the recruits are currently working as fulltime firefighters.

Strike Team Deployment

The Authority's Type III OES Engine with three personnel was deployed to the Lava Fire in Siskiyou County on June 30, 2021. Since that date they have been redeployed to the Salt Incident in Shasta County and now they are currently assigned to the Beckwourth Complex Fire in Plumas County. On Wednesday, July 14, 2021 we will send personnel to replace the crew that has been deployed for the past two weeks. It should be noted, that we continue to staff all stations within the Fire Authority (no service level reductions) and we receive



reimbursement for the cost of personnel assigned to the incident and the cost of personnel who work overtime for the personnel assigned to the incident. Engineer LeBlanc was also deployed to the Lava Fire as part of a state incident management team. On July 5, he was released and has returned from his assignment.

EMS Litigation

The EMS litigation continues to move forward. Currently, depositions are being completed and the expectation is that it will go to trial sometime in the fall.

President of San Joaquin Fire Chiefs Association

In June I was elected to serve as the President of the San Joaquin County Fire Chiefs Association. I thought it was important to step into a leadership role at the county level to continue to pursue the important EMS and fire protection initiatives in San Joaquin County.



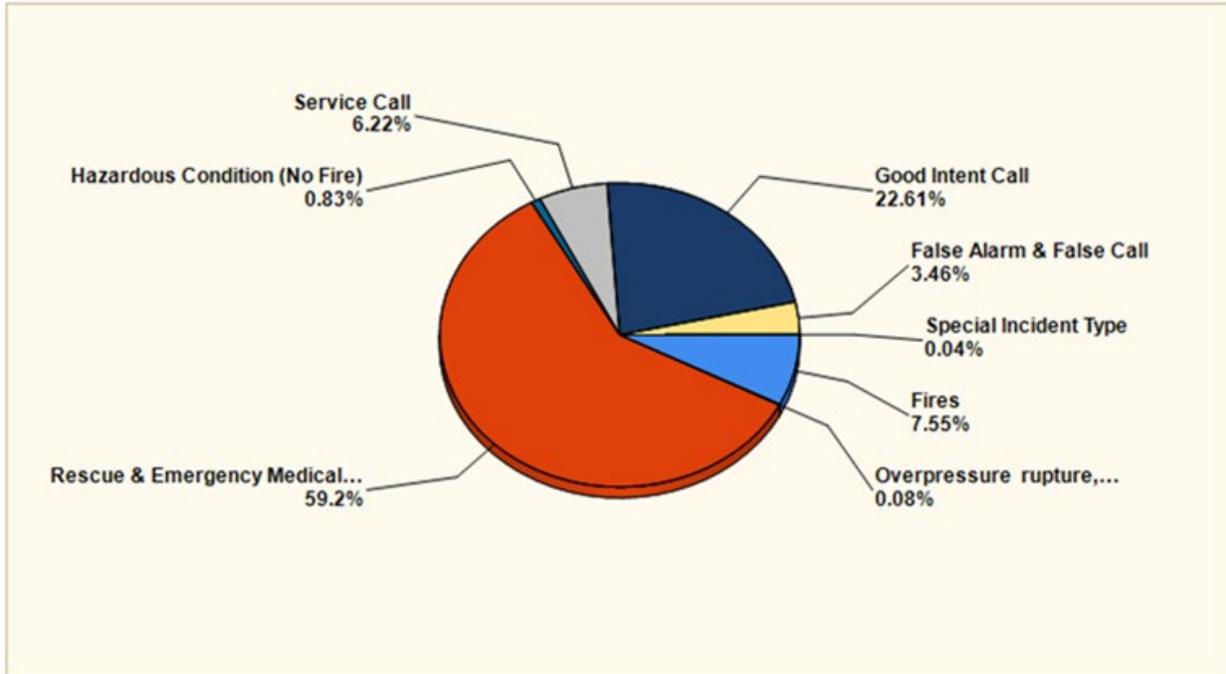
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**CRR Report
1ST – 4th Quarter FY20/21**

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4th Quarter (Fiscal Year 2020/21) Response Summary

During the 4th quarter of Fiscal Year 2020-21, the Fire Authority responded to 2,485 total calls for service compared to 2,294 during the previous quarter. The table below includes only those incidents where the reports have been completed and reviewed for the quarter (2,397). EMS continues to be the most frequent response at 1,419 or roughly 60% for the quarter.



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	181	7.55%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	2	0.08%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	1419	59.2%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	20	0.83%
Service Call	149	6.22%
Good Intent Call	542	22.61%
False Alarm & False Call	83	3.46%
Special Incident Type	1	0.04%
TOTAL	2397	100%

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Sincerely,

Chief Bradley

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Mark Bowman, Counsel, Tracy Rural Fire District
Raychel Jackson, Clerk, Tracy Rural Fire District
Jenny Haruyama, City Manager, City of Tracy