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Memorandum

Date: May 10, 2022
To: Board of Directors
From: Chief Bradley
Subject: Monthly Fire Chief Update-April 2022

Strategic Planning

The South San Joaquin County Fire Authority draft 2022-25 Strategic Plan has been completed (attached) and will be presented to the Authority Board on for acceptance on May 17, 2023. The collaborative strategic planning process identified strategic initiatives and supporting objectives that will serve as an organizational road map for the next three years.

Brian Bagley Promoted to Division Chief

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Brian Bagley to the rank of Division Chief. Chief Bagley has filled the position on interim basis for the past six months and has proved to be a valuable asset to our management team. Chief Bagley will be assigned as the Operations Division Chief, a role he has successfully filled in an acting capacity during his interim assignment.



Chief Bagley is a 23-year veteran of the fire service. He started in 1999 as a Firefighter with the French Camp/McKinley Fire Protection District. Brian became a licensed Paramedic in 2003 and accepted a Firefighter/Paramedic position with the Lawrence Livermore Fire Department. On October 1, 2007 Brian started his employment with the South County Fire Authority as a Firefighter/Paramedic. He was promoted to Engineer in December of 2011 and to Captain in January of 2017. Chief Bagley is a certified Hazardous Materials Specialist, Rescue Technician, Fire Officer and a licensed Paramedic. Chief Bagley obtained an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from Modesto Junior College (2009), his Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Services Management from

Union Institute & University (2015), and a Master's Degree in Management from California Coast University (2018). Brian managed the CERT program (2010-2017), served as a Telestaff administrator (2020-current), served as and EMS Peer Reviewer and recently established and Chairs the SCFA EMS Committee. He lives in Manteca with his wife Nicole and their four children; Jared, Nolan, Kyle, and Katelyn. He enjoys spending time with his family and camping trips in their 5th wheel trailer. I hope that you will all join me in congratulating Chief Bagley. The promotion was effective on May 8, 2022.

Larry Vickers Promoted to Battalion Chief

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Larry Vickers to the rank of Battalion Chief. Chief Vickers has filled the position on interim basis for the past six months and has proved to be an effective



leader on and off the fireground. Chief Vickers will be assigned as the C Shift Battalion Chief, a role he has successfully filled in an acting capacity during his interim assignment.

Chief Vickers is a 28-year veteran of the fire service. He started in 1994 as a Reserve Firefighter with the Tracy Rural Fire Protection District. Larry became a licensed EMT in 1994 and accepted an EMT position with American Medical Response. On April 1, 1997, Larry started his employment with the City of Tracy Fire Department as an Engineer, and in 1999 transitioned to the South County Fire Authority. He was promoted to Captain in June 2014. Chief Vickers is a certified Hazardous Materials Specialist, Strike Team Trainee, Rescue Technician, Fire Officer and Chief Officer. Chief Vickers obtained an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from Los Medanos Community College, and his Bachelor's Degree from

California State University Sacramento. Larry managed the Reserve Firefighter program (1997-2001), served as the Authority's Training Captain (2018-2020), and currently serves on the SubJac Committee and Training Committee. He lives in Lodi with his wife Jessie. He has four children; Mason, Austin, Logan and Lauren, and two grandchildren. He enjoys spending time with his family and traveling. I hope that you will all join me in congratulating Chief Vickers on his well-deserved promotion. The promotion was effective May 8, 2022 and Chief Vickers will be assigned to C Shift.

Ryan Gall Promoted to Captain

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Ryan Gall to the rank of Fire Captain. A 25-year fire service veteran, Captain Gall will be assigned to Station 94 on the A-Shift. Captain Gall began his fire service



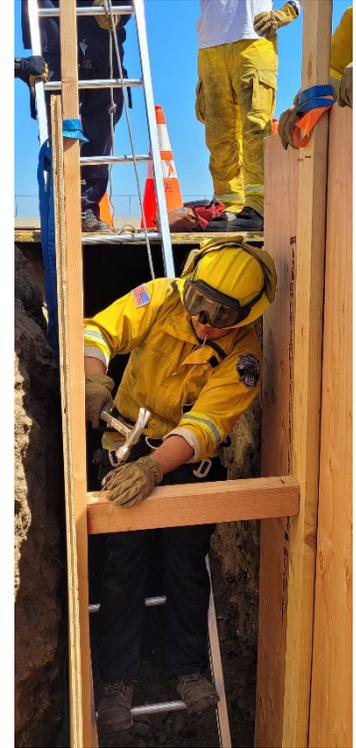
career in 1997 as a volunteer firefighter with the Ripon Consolidated Fire Department. He attended the Columbia College fire academy in 1999. Captain Gall was hired by the Tracy Fire Department on May 16, 2000, and shortly after promoted to Engineer on January 16, 2003. He holds an Associates Degree in Fire Science from Modesto Junior College. Captain Gall obtained his paramedic license in 2012 from EMSTI in Stockton. He continues to work admirably alongside the leadership of the California Professional Firefighters and Authority staff in our efforts to preserve local control of EMS resources. He is a proud father of three sons; Andrew, currently serving as a combat medic in the United States Army; Branden, an electrical mechanic in the U.S. Marines; and Caiden, a senior at Ripon High School. Captain Gall enjoys physical fitness activities such as paddleboarding, golfing, and being outdoors with friends. Please join me in congratulating Captain Gall on his well-deserved promotion. The

promotion was effective May 8, 2022. His first day as the A-Shift, Station 94 Captain will be May 17, 2022.

Training

In the month of April the Fire Authority continued to re-implement a comprehensive training program that meets state and mandates and ensures personnel remain in a state of readiness to respond to medical, fire, rescue and hazardous material emergencies. In April, personnel participated in the following training activities:

- Probationary firefighter 10-month evaluations - truck operations and ladder deployment
- Water shuttle operations, determining water shuttle timing capabilities
- Annual wildland training that included progressive hose lays, cutting fire line, shelter deployment, off road Type 3 driving
- Low angle LARRO training department wide amongst all 3 shifts. Man down over the side non ambulatory
- Paramedics infrequently used skills
- Probationary firefighter 7-month evaluations - 1 ¾ hose pulls, equipment familiarity, firefighter down, mayday radio traffic, profiling and entanglement
- Trench Rescue Technician refresher training



Budget Development

The Authority began our fiscal year 2022/23 budget process in December when program managers submitted budget recommendations for consideration. After meeting with member agencies, a draft preliminary budget was developed and an Authority Board budget workshop was held on March 22, 2022. Based on the feedback from the Board, staff worked with member agencies to develop a draft budget proposal for the Board's consideration at the regularly scheduled Board meetings in May and June, 2022.

Firefighter Recruitments

The Authority received over 250 applications through the current firefighter recruitment. After screening applications, 50 firefighter candidates were invited to interviews on May 10, 2022. The top candidates will be interviewed by the Fire Chief. After Fire Chief interviews, the top candidates will go through comprehensive background review, if they pass, they will be given conditional job offers and complete medical exams and psychological exams. The Authority is currently recruiting firefighters to fill the anticipated six to eight openings in the next fiscal year. The vacancies are due to retirements, anticipated retirements and one resignation. In September successful candidates will be placed in a joint fire academy with Stockton and Lodi Fire Departments.

Training Facility

At a special Tracy Rural Fire Protection District Board meeting on May, 5, 2022, the Board approved their share (\$252,000 in addition to \$200,000 originally funded) of funding for the Phase 1 of the proposed training facility. The Tracy City Council will consider approving their share of the additional funding at their City Council Meeting on May 17, 2022. Phase 1 includes site selection, the erection of a grant

funded training tower, utilities, asphalt and site improvements for parking and drainage. The Phase 1 went through a competitive bidding process with a cost of \$1,030,731 with an expected completion date of August 2022.

Phase 2 of the project will include a classroom, restrooms, shower facilities and extension of the paved training area. The engineers estimate for the second phase of the project is \$2,599,235. Staff is working to identify grant funding opportunities for Phase 2 of the project. The site was designed to accommodate Phase 3 of the project based on the future public safety training needs of the community. Phase 3 could include additional classrooms, drafting pit, rescue and fire props and emergency vehicle operator's course.

Deuel Vocational Institute

The Deuel Vocational Institute was closed in September of 2021. Since that time, the Authority has been working with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to develop a contractual agreement to provide fire protection to the expansive state facility. While the contractual negotiations continue, Authority personnel continue in facility familiarization tours and have begun the process of developing operation response procedures.

Regional Hazardous Material Response Drill

On April 27, 2022 personnel with our Hazardous Materials Unit (HM 42) participated in the 2nd annual Sentinel Response Drill at the Sonoma Developmental Center in Eldridge, CA. It was a simulated large-scale disaster event, and consisted of numerous Hazmat and USAR Teams represented by federal, state, and local government agencies.



Personnel received hands-on training on several aspects of hazmat, including:

- * CBRN Scenarios
- * Mass Casualty incident
- * Liquid Ammonia leaks
- * Propane emergencies

The team has a new propane flaring kit called the tool called "The Dragon Slayer." The team received good training on the new tool from the person who developed the kit and the process.

This drill was very beneficial to our team and we plan to attend next year and send additional personnel. The team came away with an expanded knowledge base on the equipment carried on HM42, and on hazmat response in general. Staff received several compliments from event organizers concerning the competencies and professionalism of our personnel that participated in the event. South San Joaquin County Fire is becoming well known throughout the State of California as a competent Hazmat Response Team.

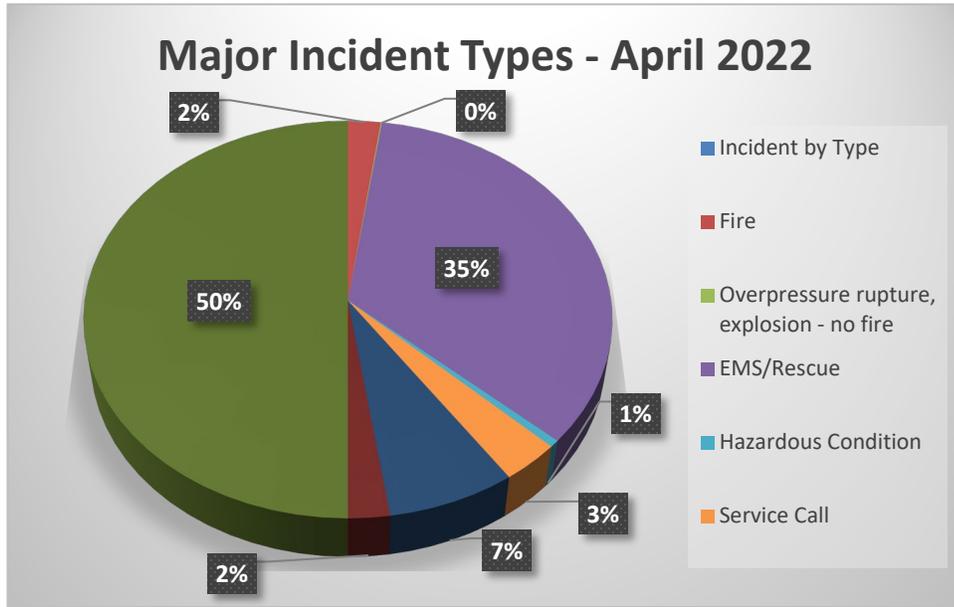
Dream Flights for U.S. Military Veterans

Fire Authority Personnel were honored to participate in the Dream Flights for U.S. Military Veterans on May 7, 2022 at the Tracy Airport. The event sponsored by Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation provided WW II veterans the opportunity to fly in WWII era bi-planes.



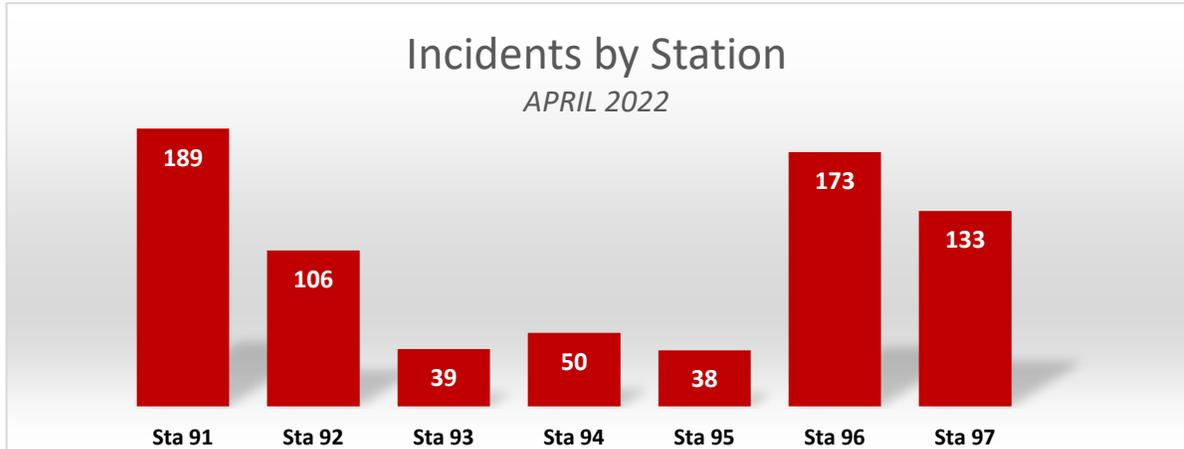
April Response Data

There were 808 total reported incidents in the month of April 2022. The charts listed below reflect only those incidents (729/808) where the incident report has been completed and reviewed. The remaining calls are pending review prior to inclusion in the following charts. EMS incidents continue to be the predominant incident type (501 incidents comprising 69% of all calls for service in April).

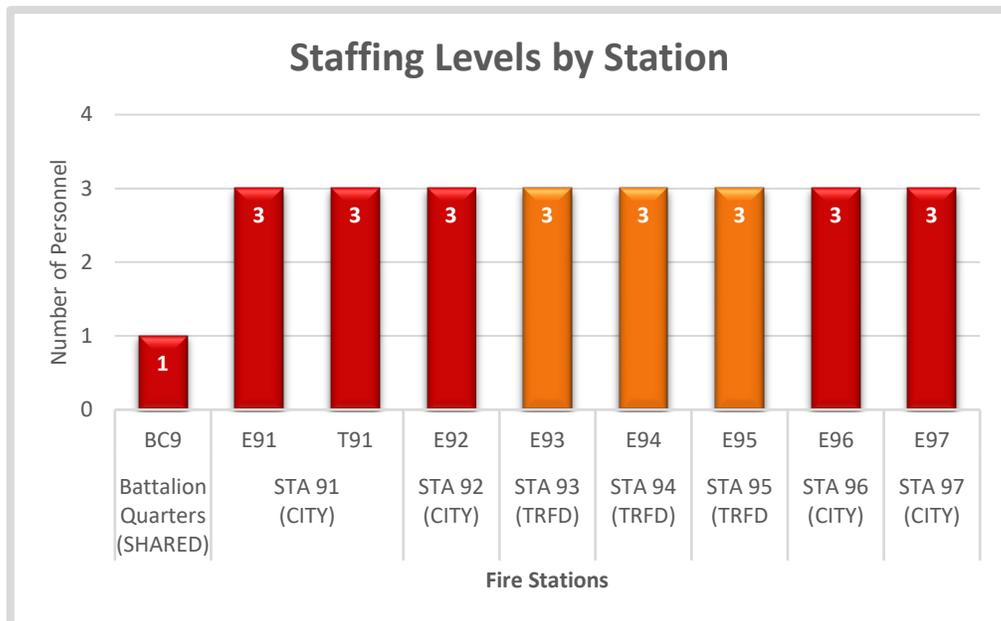


MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	32	4.39%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheat - no fire	1	0.14%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	501	68.72%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	8	1.1%
Service Call	48	6.58%
Good Intent Call	105	14.4%
False Alarm & False Call	34	4.66%
TOTAL	729	100%

Station 91 was the busiest fire station in the month of April. There are two staffed units responding from Station 91; Truck 91 and Engine 91. All other fire stations are staffed with a single fire engine. Engine 96 was the busiest single unit.



The Joint Powers Agreement of the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority states the Chief Executive Officer will provide the Board of Directors a report on the staffing levels at each station. Authority fire engines and the ladder truck are staffed with 3 persons each. There is one Battalion Chief on duty each day to supervise one of three shifts.



Community Risk Reduction

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Fourth Quarter FY21/22
April - June

- Will begin a recruitment for a Permit Technician following a recent vacancy
- The pictures included in this report show a few of the recent inspection activities conducted by the Community Risk Reduction Division for the month of April



SPECIAL EVENT

Inspection completed for outdoor special event in San Joaquin County



UNDERGROUND PRIVATE FIRE SERVICE MAIN INSPECTION

The pictures above are from a completed inspection of the underground private fire service main. Inspection was conducted to inspect the locations of the proposed piping restraints.



EMERGENCY REPAIR

Inspections completed for an emergency repair to piping supplying the fire protection systems.



REMOVAL OF LPG TANK

Inspection completed for the removal of a liquefied petroleum gas tank.

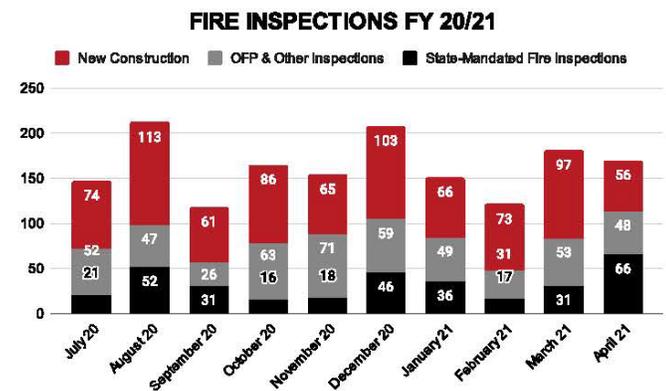
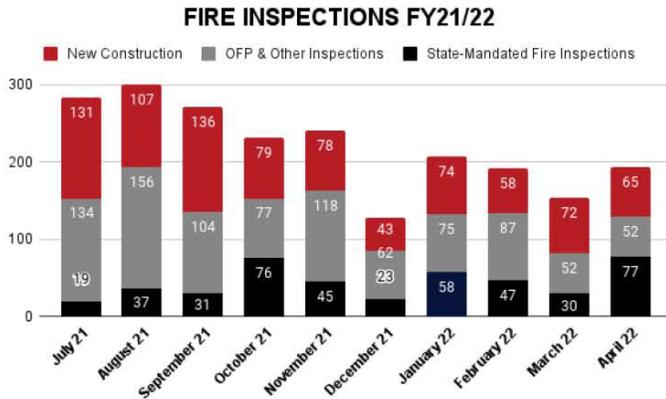
Community Risk Reduction Statistics

Fourth Quarter FY 21/22

April - June

FIRE INSPECTIONS

Fire Inspection Totals FY21/22:



YTD STATE-MANDATE INITIAL FIRE INSPECTIONS

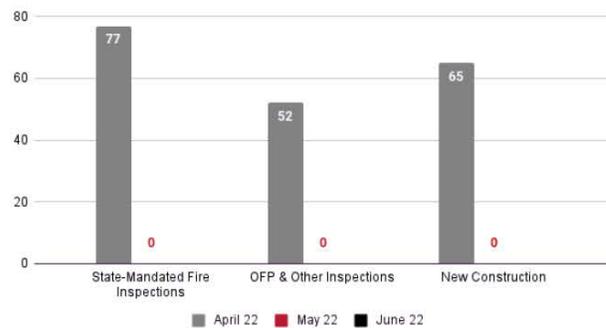
ACTIVITY	COMPLETE	TOTAL	%
Apartment building complexes	131	158	83%
Schools (K-12)*	38	43	88%

*CORRECTION: The total number of school locations needing inspection and number of completed inspections this fiscal year has been updated. Review showed several occupancies and completed inspections were incorrectly included in this portion of the report.

FIRE INSPECTION ACTIVITIES

- To begin the quarter staff has completed 194 inspection activities
- From March to April staff completed 40 more inspection activities

MONTHLY COMPLETED INSPECTION COMPARISON



4RD QTR FY21/22 INSPECTION OVERVIEW

