

Plumas Eureka Fire Department
Fire Chief's Report
For August 12, 2015
By Tom Forster



Personnel:

No changes in personnel, recruiting continues.

Equipment: Chief Ronny Coleman donated a tabletop fire command set to Tom that will be useful in a number of ways for future training.

Fire Prevention and Ordinance Recommendations: We will discuss the current status at the board meeting.

PECAUX: The FD continues to receive outstanding support from PECAUX for the purchase of needed equipment. Right now we are almost complete with issuing protective clothing, uniform and other needs for our new firefighters, and soon will be researching new protective clothing lockers.

Training Schedule: Tom is working with the Graeagle officers and Bill to finalize the joint training schedule for August-December. Some changes have been made following an offer from Care Flight to do some helicopter training in late August, along with a few other adjustments.

PCFCA: The 3rd Quarter meeting for the Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association will be held on Saturday, September 26 in Graeagle. Tom serves as the Secretary/Treasurer. A copy of the updated three-year strategic plan for the group is attached.



NFA Class participants on July 26 in Quincy.

Weekend National Fire Academy Class: Tom coordinated and participated along with Bill in a class taught by State Fire Training titled “Training Operations for Small FD’s”. This was a special outreach class offered from the National Fire Academy, sponsored by California State Fire Training and the Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association, and hosted by the Quincy FPD on the weekend of July 25-26. Nine departments participated with a total of 16 people.

National Fire Academy Class “21st Century Training for Fire and EMS”: Tom will be attending this 6-day class at the National Fire Academy August 15-22. This is at no cost to the FD. FEMA reimburses travel expenses, provides lodging and all class materials. The students are simply responsible for their food for the week and any incidental expenses.

His project for the class is to plan how best to incorporate online training opportunities with hands-on, for both our local training and the Quincy Fire Academy. More later.

Firewise Communities DRAFT Report Out: Nils Lunder has issued a second draft draft report for feedback from the group.

Lost Sierra Hoedown: Asst. Chief Bill Robinson will be coordinating Emergency Medical Services coverage for this 4-day music and camping event to be held in late September at the Ski Bowl. This is volunteer EMS standby with at least two providers. Last year several FD's helped provide coverage. More at our September meeting.