

Plumas Eureka Fire Department
Fire Chief's Report
For November 11, 2015
By Tom Forster



Personnel:

1) Lew Prince is re-joining PEFD as a volunteer firefighter. This will help us with daytime coverage during the workday hours. Please join us in welcoming him back. The General Manager and our Labor Attorney were consulted to assure there is not a work hours or overtime issue given his employment with PECSD. Since his regular full-time job is in the Water and Sewer Departments and not the FD, the volunteer firefighter role is allowed and the regular stipends will apply.

2) Captain Chad Castagnetti has relocated to Reno, and will no longer be an active member as of December 31, 2015. He will be helping with some training and projects until then. Please join us with thanking Chad for his 17 years of service.

3) Firefighter/Engineer Rich Machado is being promoted to Captain for the FD to replace Chad's position. The Captain position serves in a supervisory officer role on engine companies, and is in charge in the absence of Chief Officers. Rich has been one of our most active members for many years, and regularly helps out with non-emergency maintenance and other FD tasks.

Equipment: The broken discharge pressure gauge on Engine 9121 has been replaced, and the leaking foam tank repaired. A new access door to the foam tank plumbing was also installed. We now have some pump gasket leaks and a pump engagement issue that will need repair on this engine, and it will be going back to the Quincy FD Mechanic for work soon. This engine is now 26 years old, and is otherwise in very good shape.

PCFCA: The 4th Quarter meeting for the Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association will be held Saturday, December 5 in Graeagle, 9-Noon. Tom serves as the Secretary/Treasurer, and Graeagle Chief Ed Ward is the President. Board members are always welcome to attend. This meeting will include annual accomplishments and goal planning work, annual awards, and a burger BBQ lunch to follow.

Weekend National Fire Academy Class: Tom is coordinating the upcoming weekend class from the National Fire Academy, titled “New Fire Chief: Challenging Issues”. This is another special outreach class offered from the National Fire Academy, sponsored by California State Fire Training and the Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association, and will be hosted by the Quincy FPD on the weekend of November 21-22. This is targeted towards not only new fire chiefs, but also other Chiefs and officers in general.

Firewise Community: The Firewise Community Committee accepted the draft report recently at a group meeting, and the application to NFPA will be submitted soon.

Annual PECAUX Firefighter Appreciation Dinner: PECAUX hosted the annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner at Longboards on Friday, October 30.

The firefighters presented the following in appreciation:

Special thanks and recognition with a trophy for outstanding, long-term PECAUX service to:

- a) Doris Olsen, one of three founders of PECAUX 20 years ago,
- b) Muriel Aman, a long-time board member and volunteer,

c) Sue and Bill Carrera, who since moving here in 2000 have been very active in PECAUX and have provided PECAUX equipment and supplies storage in their garage.

The firefighters also gave special thanks to Captain Chad Castagnetti for his 17 years of excellent service, and to Firefighter/EMT Jenni McGuire for outstanding support to the FD since joining. Chad was given a plaque of appreciation, and Jenni will receive hers soon on a training night.

