

Plumas Eureka Fire Department
Fire Chief's Report
For June 10, 2015
By Tom Forster



Personnel:

Volunteer firefighter Bob Arieta is no longer with the FD. His work schedule did not allow for completion of our required training, and his EMS certification had expired in 2008. He is welcome to reapply should his schedule change in the future, and with successful completion of the minimum required training. We have thanked him for his service and requested his gear be turned in.

No other changes in personnel, recruiting continues.

Tom has completed everything for his EMT-I certification and received his final paperwork this week. Jenni and Chad are also EMT's.

Equipment: Several repairs have been completed to our engines by the firefighters. Everything is back in service.

Insurance Services Office (ISO) review: Tom has discussed with ISO what would be needed to improve to a 3/3Y, following our improvement this spring from a 5 to a 4/4Y rating in fire protection as related to property insurance. There are a number of low or no cost improvements we can make and, while not guaranteed, could get us to a 3. For example, we would need to conduct annual fire prevention inspections at the four commercial properties in the CSD.

Fire Prevention and Ordinance Recommendations: Tom will review considerations for the draft vacant lot vegetation management ordinance at today's meeting with the board.

PECAUX: The FD continues to receive outstanding support from PECAUX for the purchase of needed equipment. Right now we are focusing on protective clothing and equipment needs for firefighters, and later this year will be researching new protective clothing lockers and a thermal imaging camera, among other items.

Training Schedule: Tom will be updating the joint training schedule with Graeagle for the second half of 2015 this month, covering July-December.

4th of July Weekend: We provided coverage as usual for the north end of the region the night of Friday, July 3 for the fireworks. A BBQ was hosted and all went well. This year we offered Graeagle to-go food, and also to two firefighters on an engine helping from eastern Plumas FD.



Special thanks go to Firefighter John Sea for his extra effort to do a thorough cleaning of the BBQ, and to Rich Machado for the use of his trailer in delivering and picking up most of the related supplies for the BBQ.



Thanks also to Chad for his BBQ efforts, and to Jenni for making extra cookies and organizing them in to-go boxes. The other firefighters all pitched in with set up and cleanup, and thanks also to everyone who brought salads and desserts.

PEFD Firefighters responded to a stroke victim at Little Bear RV Park and coordinated an airlift via Care Flight to Reno

prior to the start of the show. We also participated in the July 5 parade with Engine 9122 and the Forster's 1941 Mack fire pumper, accompanied by some special guests.



PCFCA: The 2nd Quarter meeting for the Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association was held on Saturday, June 27 in Quincy. Tom serves as the Secretary/Treasurer. A copy of the updated three-year strategic plan for the group is attached.

National Fire Academy Class: Tom is coordinating and helping teach a class through State Fire Training titled "Training for Small FD's". This is 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.

FD Storage Cleaning & Organization: Special thanks go to Firefighter Jenni McGuire for her outstanding work in cleaning and organizing the FD storage areas. She has made several trips to the recycle center and dumps. Jenni has also taken on the task of sewing patches on uniforms and helping with other needs. We very much appreciate her enthusiasm and willingness to jump in and help where needed.

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