

## Personnel Actions and Activities

We had 100% participation at our PEFD Critical Incident Stress Diffusion Wednesday evening. Briefly, talk centered around What did you see, what did you do, and how did you feel? This was done regarding Tuesday morning's call at Chief Forster's residence.

At 6:30 we went to Graeagle's Critical Incident Stress Management debriefing sponsored by Sierra Nevada CISM and Careflight. Others in attendance were CHP, Sheriff's office dispatch, and GFD. Following discussions, which is similar to our debrief format, Stress management tips and available resources were given.

Monday after learning of Tom's passing we conducted a brief meeting to discuss what was on our mind. All expressed a desire to help Maureen with any tasks she may need help with.

No formal training courses are planned in the near future, other than normal Wednesday training drills. Julie and Jennifer have agreed to take the lead for medical training and have posted a training calendar.

GFD and PEFD will continue to work together with our training schedule with the goal of making drill nights relevant. We will also continue to improve our auto aid agreement to give to best coverage to our districts.

## Fire Apparatus and Equipment

Vehicle tires as you may already know have been steadily replaced as dictated my service life recommendations.

9122 needs the front tires replaced. They are nearly 18 years old.

9178 rears are nearly 11 years old.

9153 All tires front and rear are 18 years old.

9121 May need the rears replaced, there is some difficulty finding the date code.

Bob from Les Schwab will be by to look at all the tires and give us an estimate, from there we can plan our expenditures accordingly.

We will monitor and maintain proper air pressure and inspections are completed on a regular basis to ensure safe operation and maximum life out of our vehicle tires.

Jennifer has equipped and updated all vehicles with the necessary medical equipment and supplies to be rescue compliant.

Two weeks ago we performed vehicle and equipment inspections and a few items came up:

1. We experienced some difficulty starting some equipment engines due in part to break down of ethanol based gasoline. Ethanol free fuel is available with a shelf life of two years. It does not break down like pump gas, does not break down rubber hose and cause buildup of carburetor gunk. We estimated about \$250.00 to change out all the fuel in our gas engines and spare fuel containers. I think this is economic change considering the less repair work due to break down of ethanol based gas, not to mention easier starting in emergency situations.
2. Rescue 9153 battery switch has been found in the off position parked in the station several times. As a reminder to all, the battery switch must be left in the on/shore power position while parked inside the station and plugged in, and off outside the station. John Sea has relabeled the battery switch. Please allow the engine to run for at least 15 minutes when pulling out of the station to allow battery to compensate for startup and prevent cylinder coil damage.

## PCFCA Actions and Actions

Recruitment and retention is not only a countywide problem, but, is a nationwide issue. Quincy Fire membership is down to 15 members from 30. We all know what is happening in Portola. Graeagle was called on mutual aid to Portola last Tuesday for a vehicle fire. Fire departments are in crisis all around us and we can expect more mutual air requests from our neighbors. The question that will come up more often is what are we going to do when we are short of personnel, leave our district without protection? We are fortunate to have had an automatic mutual aid agreement in place with Graeagle for the past 10 years and that has been instrumental in keeping our districts covered, we will continue to improve our auto aid agreement to include out of district response.

In working towards solutions to membership decline some communities are offering incentives to volunteers such as discounted utility bills, certain taxes etc.

No other actions or activities to report.

Respectfully submitted,

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