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Chief's Report – Sep 2019

Call Reports and Training

Calls - Medicals: 5, other calls: 1 (Illegal Burn)

I'm arranging – through Beckwourth FD's Chief Bret Russell and Quincy FD's Chief Robbie Cassou - **burn-box training** for our department. This training will take place sometime in November – and will include all area departments as well.

Gary McFarland needs pump operations training – as he is relatively new with the department. Therefore, I have commissioned Ryan Nowling to go thru the entire process of pump ops with him. This will include hydrant hookup, pump engagement, water discharge and tank refill. This training and hands on will give Gary a good start on his way to being a proficient engineer.

We will be training with Long Valley on Oct 9th. Topic: Pump Operations. Location: Eureka Springs Drive. The Portola Reporter will also be with us to do a story to be published in the paper.

All engineers have had orientation on the replacement engine – 9122. All non-engineers have had the opportunity to inspect the compartments and the equipment in them.

Personnel Actions and Activities

Personnel: 11 Active members.

Fire Apparatus and Equipment

9122 Replacement

The replacement engine (9122) has been placed into service, effective 18 Sep.

9178 Mechanical Issue

9178 has a mechanical / electrical issue with the gear shift selector. There is no power to it, subsequently, it can't be placed into gear. An automotive technician had been working to find a solution but to no avail – the engine will have to be towed to Reno to an Allison Transmission shop for repair. Approximate cost estimate: \$2,400 to \$5,000.



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9122 Automatic Snow Chains

Snow will come in the not too distant future so I thought it prudent to get an estimate for automatic tire chains for 9122. Therefore, I took 9122 to American Truck and Trailer in Sparks for an estimate ONLY. I think we should know - up front - how much it would cost if we choose to have the automatic tire chains installed. Cost: we're looking at \$3,600 dollars.

Captain Machado suggested we chain up 9121 and leave chains on it and use it in the event we must respond to an emergency when road conditions require chains. 9122 can be used to respond when road conditions don't require chains. This would save the department \$3,600. For now we'll employ Captain Machado's suggestion.

Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association Actions

The association met on 9/21. No significant actions were discussed.

Department administrative activities, actions budget and insurance

The office is done and fully furnished. A job well done by Jenni, Tom Connolly and Ernesto.

EMS

Jim Heiland is officially an EMR with PEFD. We now stand at 8 EMRs, 2 EMTs, and one fabulous nurse.

We've had a slow, steady stream of calls the last quarter. The changing of the guards in several areas (NorCal and EPHC) has gone smoothly.

Last month we certified several EMRs, and held countless BLS classes for CPR. Always a pleasure to work and train with the volunteers from neighboring departments in Plumas County.

Questions? Concerns? Please Email them to me at JOHNSEA21@YAHOO.COM .

John Sea, Chief