



North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



Date: January 9, 2023
To: Meeks Bay Fire Board of Directors
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief
Subject: January 2023

December 2022 felt much like the December of 2021. Accumulation from the recent series of atmospheric rivers is reminiscent of this same time last year, after the Sierra experienced impressive December precipitation. The Department of Water Resources conducted its first snow survey of the 2023 season on January 3rd with a recorded snow depth at 177% of average at the Phillips Station, compared to last year's initial reading of 157%. This is wonderful for our drought; however, the heavy "Sierra Cement" kept our firefighters busy responding to an onslaught of downed trees, branches into powerlines, and downed/sparking powerlines because of the weather.

A structure fire that occurred in Tahoma was a testament to the value of working smoke alarms, which awakened a local homeowner shortly after 3:00am earlier this month, ultimately saving her life. Fortunately, there were no injuries and firefighters were able to protect adjacent homes by keeping the fire to the structure of origin, thanks in part to the assistance of a local plow operator who was able to cut a path for firefighters to access in several feet of rapidly falling snow.

I am always proud to share with you the dedication and hard work of our members, as evidenced by their progression through our Career Tracks program. Engineer/Paramedic Curtis Smith accepted his promotion to Captain. Firefighter/Paramedic Jordan Carter was promoted to Engineer. Engineers Jerry Sheehan and Kevin Gilley successfully completed task books to Work Out of Class as Captains. Firefighter/Paramedics Doug Levin and Bobby Krogstie have progressed to Phase 3 TAP. We are continually working towards succession planning, and we recently opened recruitment for Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic to fill recently vacated positions.

I'd like to take a moment to thank our many staff members who met with the consultants conducting the FEMA-funded Community Risk Assessment. Their collaboration and eagerness to share their knowledge with the consultants will no doubt result in a study that will provide solid, data-based guidance to the district for years to come.

Looking back at 2022 fills me with a great sense of pride as I watched how much our organization grew, always improving and always working hard to keep our residents safe. I am encouraged as I look toward 2023, and I wish you all a healthy and happy new year.



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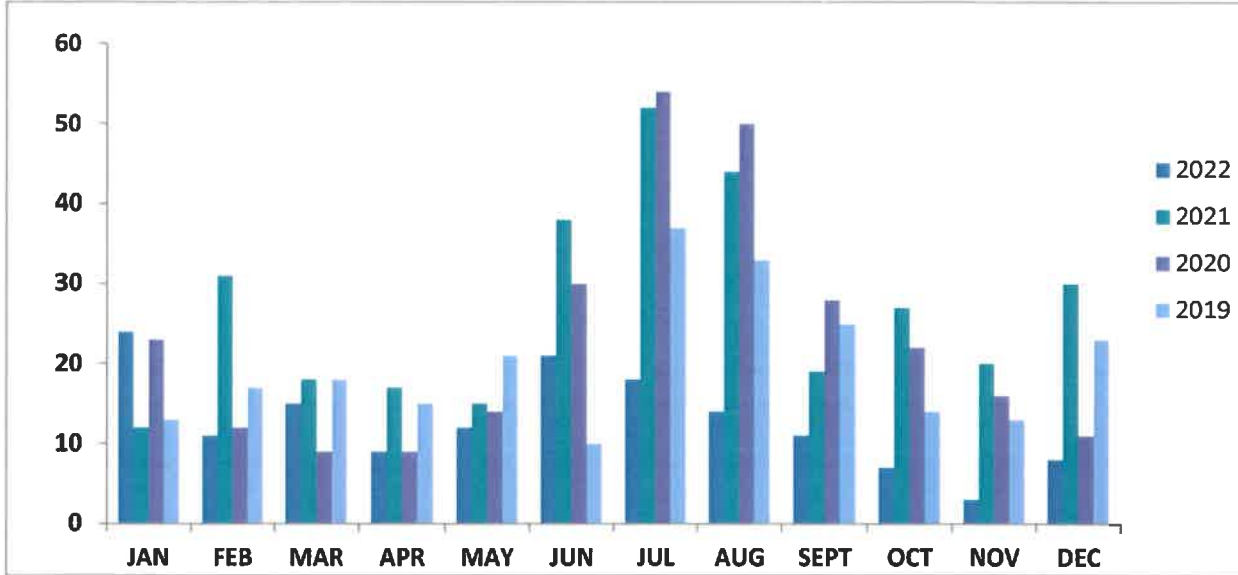


Meetings and Assignments:

- North Tahoe, Meeks Bay, and Alpine Meadows Board Meetings
- Eastern Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Chiefs Meeting
- Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association Meeting
- Fire District Association of California Board Member Meeting
- Executive and Command Staff Meetings
- Labor Management L3729 Meeting
- Eldorado County Fire Chiefs Meeting
- Eldorado County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Placer County Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Breakfast Club Meeting
- Eldorado and Placer LAFCO Meetings
- Homewood Development Agreement Meetings
- Meetings with District Attorneys
- Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators Meeting
- Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team Multi-Agency Coordination Group Meeting
- North Tahoe Regional Advisory Committee Meeting
- Meeting w/Auditors
- LTRA FY 24 Project Prioritization Meeting
- Engineer Interviews
- TCPUD General Manager Meeting
- North Tahoe Rotary Meeting
- North Lake Tahoe Fire Chipping Meeting

MBFPD RESPONSE CALLS - MONTHLY COMPARISON

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2022	24	11	15	9	12	21	18	14	11	7	3	8
2021	12	31	18	17	15	38	52	44	19	27	20	30
2020	23	12	9	9	14	30	54	50	28	22	16	11
2019	13	17	18	15	21	10	37	33	25	14	13	23



YEAR TO DATE COMPARISON

2022	153
2021	323
2020	278
2019	239

