



North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



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To: Meeks Bay Fire Board of Directors
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief
Subject: February 2024

January was yet another generally mild month for us, with the most impactful snow events occurring early in the month but leaving us with slightly below average precipitation. The latter half of the month remained mild with peak warming at the end of the month, where Reno reached a new record temperature of 69 degrees. Storms helped Sierra's snowpack deficit, but low elevation snow was lost due to that late month warming trend. Water storage, soil moisture, and stream flows remain in good shape. Fire potential nationwide improved to between normal and below normal for all North America now that drought conditions improved across all the Hawaiian Islands. In addition, this year is starting off well below the 10-year average for number of fires and acres burned across the United States.

As always, I'm proud to report on the successes of our employees. Firefighter/Paramedic Jarrett LaShure is now qualified to work out of class as an Engineer. Congratulations to Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Austin Vickers who recently passed the academy, has already made his way to TAP Phase 3. Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Schoenborn has also moved to TAP Phase 3. I am also happy to introduce Dee Malone, our new Administrative Manager, who brings a wealth of experience to the position.

As you are aware, on January 10th our staff responded in support of Olympic Valley to the avalanche that occurred at Palisades, resulting in one fatality. Chiefs Whisler and Armstrong did a great job providing support to Olympic Valley Fire Chief Chisholm. POI Holland also did a great job by providing support with media, press releases and press conference coordination with Placer County Sheriff's Office and Palisades staff. All emergency response staff worked seamlessly throughout the event.

It's that time of the year when we start looking for additional funding opportunities. Staff has been meeting in preparation for the annual FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG), which involves an in-depth review of last years' call statistics for the application, determining needs and prioritizing a best fit and best value plan of action. It is a team effort requiring a substantial amount of work, but worth the potential return on investment into equipment needs so the district can continue to build its reserves.

Meetings and Assignments:

- North Tahoe, Meeks Bay, and Alpine Meadows Board Meetings
- Eastern Joint Powers Authority Fire Chiefs Meeting (EJPA)
- Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs Association Meeting (LTRFCA)
- Executive and Command Staff Meetings
- Labor Management L3729 Meeting
- El Dorado County Fire Chiefs Association Meeting
- El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Meetings
- Placer County Board of Supervisors Meetings
- Breakfast Club Meeting
- El Dorado and Placer LAFCO Meetings
- Meetings with our District Attorneys regarding District business
- Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators Meeting
- Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team Multi-Agency Coordination Group Meeting
- Fire Districts Association of California Board Member Planning Meeting
- Tahoe Area Managers Meeting
- Fire and Law Enforcement-Evacuation of Lake Tahoe Basin Meeting
- North Tahoe Regional Advisory Committee Meeting (NTRAC)
- North Tahoe/Meeks Bay Annexation Meeting #5
- Alpine Springs General Manager Meeting
- Chipper Day Feedback Meeting
- New Employee Orientation Meeting
- Olympic Valley Board Meeting
- CAL TRANS Evacuation Corridor Meeting
- Placer District 5 Candidate Forum Meeting
- Completed Local Agency Ethics 1234 Certification
- Remsa Fire Paramedic Program Meeting

MBFPD RESPONSE CALLS - MONTHLY COMPARISON

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2024	8											
2023	6	12	7	14	21	25	37	23	23	15	7	
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

