



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: March 2024

February weather was much like January's, with lots of storm activity early on followed by a break until mid-month, when the next round of storms rolled in. These storms arrived across President's Day holiday and then the weather settled to dry conditions until strong winds came through at the end of the month. The major Sierra blizzard that came through on the 29th welcomed March in like a lion with 145 mph ridge top gusts and several feet of snow. Water storage, soil moisture and stream flows have been rated in good condition. Of note is that snowpack measurements saw 75-85% of the season-to-date normal for the Sierra at the the onset of the final storm for February.

I am always proud to report on the successes of our members. Firefighter/Paramedic Scott Rice is now qualified to work out of class (WOC) as an Engineer. Congratulations on the conditional offer of employment to Lateral Firefighter/Paramedic Aaron Stiny, who will begin an academy on March 25, 2024.

Our crews have been busy with training exercises on the new snowmobiles that the North Tahoe board accepted in January, even taking the Prevention and Administrative staff for a ride. Crews have also been busy staffing the FIS World Cup at Palisades in between their annual avalanche trainings. And finally, our crews had the opportunity to provide a "CODE THREE" escort in the North Tahoe High School Basketball parade to celebrate the girls' team going to the state tournament. Congratulations NTHS Girls Basketball Program on a great accomplishment! North Tahoe Fire supports all activities associated with North Tahoe High School and encourages students to participate in the school spirit as we support their efforts.

Remodeling efforts in the administrative offices are coming along nicely. Facilities Coordinator Bjorn Beckman completed the conversion of the old conference room to two offices and is transitioning what will be the new conference room down the hall to equip it with the necessary media equipment. The room also doubles as a lunch/break room for staff. The kitchen area for the administrative staff was a tight gallery-type kitchen, making it difficult for more than one staff member to use at a time. Bjorn has added additional electrical outlets essentially doubling the cooking capacity for staff and even fabricated a custom "bar top" that he installed. Great job and thank you Bjorn, your work, comforts and efficiencies are appreciated by all.

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
- North Tahoe Regional Advisory Committee Meeting (NTRAC)
- Cabin Creek/Highway 89 Corridor Meeting
- Meeting with Placer County Sheriff's Office (Tahoe Division)
- Alpine Springs Board Meeting
- CAL TRANS/FS (Forest Service) Evacuation Corridor Meeting
- District 5 Supervisor Gustafson Meeting
- New Firefighter/Paramedic Interview
- United States Forest Service (USFS) Joint Smoke Management Meeting
- Perimeter Meeting (Evacuations)

MBFPD RESPONSE CALLS - MONTHLY COMPARISON

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2024	8	14										
2023	6	12	7	14	21	25	37	23	23	15	7	11
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

