



North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



Date: June 14, 2023
To: Meeks Bay Fire Board of Directors
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief
Subject: June 2023

A much colder air mass accompanied the start of May, with temperatures quickly dropping well below normal early in the month. Along with cooler temperatures, this pattern change brought plenty of rain and more snow showers across the region, resulting in approximately 150-175% of normal precipitation for the month per the National Weather Service Monthly Climate Report. The cooler temperatures were the beginning of a roller coaster of weather, with short but substantial warm up going into the latter half of the month, followed by a series of thunderstorms and flash flood warnings. Wet soils have resulted in more efficient runoff, reducing the flood risk that would have followed prolonged periods of higher temperatures. The forecast for June and July is predicted to have a low risk of major heatwaves due to higher moisture levels in the ground and vegetation.

The Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT) held the annual Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group meeting to update the team's Incident Action Plan for 2023, followed by the monthly Lake Tahoe Regional Fire Chiefs (LTRFCA) meeting. The MAC provides oversight of the TFFT, and during these meetings, the Basin Fire Chiefs agreed to remain consistent with seasonal fire restrictions once the fire season is declared. For 2023, fire season will be delayed until conditions warrant, likely around 4th of July. This will allow members of our community to maximize the opportunity to burn green waste, with CAL FIRE agreeing to delay suspending burn permits with the Basin while conditions remain favorable.

May set another record for call volume, making it the busiest May on record for our firefighters. In addition to training, including Swift Water Rescue, crews have been busy with fire extinguisher servicing and hose testing. The Division of Life Safety hosted its first Wildfire Preparedness Workshop, attracting roughly 100 participants. They also hosted a booth at Placer County's Senior Event. Both events were conducted at the North Tahoe Events Center and had support from our CERT members.

As always, I'm happy to report on the successes of our team. Firefighter/Paramedics Ted Soloski, Ashley Turnbeaugh, Scott Rice, and Jarrett LaShure recently qualified to open an Engineer's Task Book. Firefighter/Paramedics Doug Levine, Brant Lucas, and Bobbie Krogstie all successfully completed the TAP process. And we are also happy to welcome Kailey Neville as our newest Seasonal Defensible Space Inspector (DSI).

In closing, I want to wish staff and the board of directors a happy and safe pre-4th of July weekend.

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
- 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
- Meetings with District Attorneys
- Sierra Front Wildfire Cooperators Meeting
- Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team Multi-Agency Coordination Group Meeting
- Fire Districts Association of California Meeting
- Priority Budget Executive Staff Meeting
- NTF/Meeks Bay Annexation Meeting w/EI Dorado and Placer County
- JMA Homewood Development Agreement Meeting
- Endpoint EMS Consulting Meeting
- Community Wildfire Preparedness Workshop
- Senior Resource Fair-North Tahoe Community Center
- Vacation Home Rental (VHR) Meeting w/Supervisor Laine at Station 67
- Placer County Short Term Rental (STR) Meeting
- CAL PERS Annexation Discussion Meeting
- JMA/Discovery Homewood Meeting
- TCPUD General Manager Meeting
- TRPA Evacuation Planning Meeting
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MBFPD RESPONSE CALLS - MONTHLY COMPARISON

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2023	6	12	7	14	21							
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

