



North Tahoe and Meeks Bay Fire Protection Districts



Date: February 8, 2023
To: Meeks Bay Fire Board of Directors
From: Steve Leighton, Fire Chief
Subject: February 2023

On behalf of all members and residents of the Meeks Bay Fire Protection District, it is an honor to serve as your Fire Chief.

This year has kicked off to what is looking to be a busy and productive year for the district. While the snow seems to have let up for now, the effects of the many heavy snow days that we had can be seen throughout the district. Although last weekend the West Shore received a couple more feet of the white stuff. The winter season is still upon us and I'm sure we will see a few more snowy days before the melt begins. Living and working in such extreme conditions can take a toll on the community and district. However, I couldn't be prouder of our employees as they power through to continue to deliver excellent service to our residents. They have been out clearing fire hydrants on a regular basis so that our vital water supply will be available when we need it, and our snow blowers and plows are getting a workout.

In an effort to fund the district's needs without creating a financial burden to our constituents, staff is always looking for funding opportunities through grants. Currently we are in the process of submitting an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for a Type 3 Brush Engine, new extrication rescue air bags for our Type 1 Engines and a new self-contained breathing apparatus compressor for Station 51. Our current compressor is about 30 years old and properly maintaining it is becoming problematic as parts are hard to come by. I personally would like to thank our grant team for their dedication and effort in preparing the grants for submission.

Our operations staff continues to stay busy with training and responding to a new January record of 310 calls for service district wide. The training highlight for the month was the live fire gas prop conducted by Southwest Gas at Station 51. We have many new firefighters that have joined our department in the last year or so. I'm happy to see them progressing nicely as they learn the tools of the trade from our excellent group of seasoned firefighters. All of our employees do good work every day and here is an email that was sent to me from Battalion Chief Beatie on January 29, 2023.

"Chief, Last night BC5, E67 and M53 were dispatched to a residential fire alarm on Mountain Drive in Meeks Bay. E67 arrived, Captain Rust and Firefighter LaShure, and had a smell of smoke once exiting the engine. Captain Rust upgraded the alarm to a Residential Structure Fire. Once M53 arrived at scene, Captain Perhacs and Engineer Carter, E67 made an interior attack and discovered the house to be charged with smoke and active fire in the living room progressing to the second floor, open vault ceiling. They were able to make a quick knockdown and contained the fire to the room of origin. House was unoccupied at the time of the fire."

The Snowfest event will be taking place beginning March 2 and runs through March 12. The district is excited about this event as we will be participating in several events including the Fireworks show at the Tahoe City Golf Course on the night of March 3. Also of note is that the North Tahoe Firefighters Association will be



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hosting a pancake breakfast at Station 51 on March 4 beginning at 8:00am. Please stop by for a station tour and to meet some of our new employees.

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
- 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
- PCSO Captain Steinhauer Meeting-Evacuations
- California Insurance Commission Meeting
- Senator Alvarado-Gil Meeting
- Placer County Supervisor Gustafson Meeting
- TCPUD General Manager Meeting
- El Dorado County Supervisor Laine and CEO Don Ashton Meeting-Meeks Bay
- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Meeting
- District Future Planning and Reorganization Meeting
- Tahoe Basin Area Plan Meeting
- Fire Agencies Self Insurance System Claims Committee Meeting
- North Lake Tahoe Resort Association/Placer County TOT/TBID Meeting
- World Cup Palisades Planning Meeting
- Grants Overview Meeting

MBFPD RESPONSE CALLS - MONTHLY COMPARISON

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
2023	6											
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

