

**FALLEN LEAF LAKE CSD
FIRE DEPARTMENT / GENERAL MANAGER
REPORT
July 5, 2014**

RESPONSES

- During June the Fire Department responded to incidents.

TRAINING

- Our weekly Training has started and will continue through the season. We are training with the new apparatus as well as our normal joint training sessions with CalFire. Daily training is also underway with our new Resident Recruits as well as our surrounding auto aid partners. We have conducted joint training season with Tahoe Douglas, South Lake Tahoe, and Lake Valley Fire Rescue.

VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL / SEASONAL PERSONNEL

- The fire department is operational with the full time staff. Our resident recruit program will continue this year and we have the returning members from last year's program. We have recruited six additional recruits for this season's program. This allows us to have a minimum of two personnel on most shift days.

APPARATUS / EQUIPMENT

- We are operating with all apparatus in service.

LOCAL AGENCIES / AGREEMENTS

- All agreements with South Lake Tahoe Fire Department, Lake Valley Fire Rescue, and Cal Fire are in place. In addition we have the Lake Tahoe Basin Fire Chiefs agreement for support from all departments around the lake.

PROJECTS AND PREVENTION

- The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2013 approved the expenditure of 1.7 million over two years to provide assistance to fire departments in El Dorado County. I requested \$250,000 for the Fallen Leaf Fire Department to assist in the purchase of a new fire boat. The BOS approved this contingent upon the local districts passing resolution in support of El Dorado County finding a long term solution for assistance in providing additional funding for fire departments located within the county. The El Dorado county BOS has issued the contracts and we are awaiting the submittal of the first fund transfer to our accounts of \$125,000.

- We have received our \$125,000 payment from El Dorado County for the Fire Boat purchase.
- The Fire Department has received two (2) Forestry Grants from the State of California over the last two years. These grants were a 50/50 match grant. The total grant awards were approximately \$32,000. The districts portion of the match has been provided by the Volunteer Firefighter Association Funds. I want to thank our volunteers for the support and continued dedication they have provided.
- We are currently being assessed by FEMA / AFG grant program for an award of approximately \$354,400 for the purchase of a new Type I Fire Apparatus. We should know within the next few weeks if we have been selected as a grant recipient.
- The Fallen Leaf Fire Department was inspected by ISO on August 20, 2013. I am pleased to report The Fallen Leaf Lake Community has a new PPC Classification effective July 1, 2014 of 3/3Y.
- I want to emphasize the importance of Defensible Space requirement this season. We are in a very server fire season and everyone must comply with the PRC 4291 which requires Defensible Space be maintained around your property. CalFire inspectors will be performing inspection as they have, over the past season. Our firefighter will also be conducting 4291 inspection with the emphasis on education for the residence. They will happy to assist any residence within our district with information about Defensible Space. Please contact the Fire Station 542-1343 with any question you may have.
- Since the beginning of the season we have been under many Red Flag days and you may have seen multiple firefighters in the Fallen Leaf area. I have continuously staffed our Engine and Brush Apparatus with additional personnel for a better response to any potential incident. Cal Fire has also increased its presence in our area and the basin while under Red Flag warning days. With the condition as severe as they currently are, I urge everyone to be extra cautious.
- Everyone should have received an information packet placed on your door. The packet provides information about the Evacuation Plan, Defensible Space, Safety Zones, and Escape Routes. Also included is information on the Knox Box Key retention system.
- The Fallen Leaf Volunteer Firefighters Annual BBQ and Cardboard Boat Races will be today on the Baby Beach at Stanford Camp. The Cardboard Boat Race starts at 1:00 p.m. with food to be served at 3:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share with all in attendance.

- **The Fallen Leaf Volunteer Fire Department will be conducting the Annual Wine Tasting Fund Raiser at the Fire Station on July 26th at 5:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend and urged to bring one of your favorite appetizers. For information or donations of wine, food, or auction items please contact Sandra Stauffer or Patty Working.**

STORE / MARINA

- **The Store and Marina are open for service. The store and marina business continues to increase on a steady basis.**

Sincerely,

**Gary D. Gerren, Fire Chief/GM
Fallen Leaf Lake CSD
Fire Department**