

**FALLEN LEAF LAKE CSD
FIRE DEPARTMENT / GENERAL MANAGER / OPERATIONS
REPORT
March 5, 2022**

RESPONSES

- 48 Responses in our district since we have opened in May. These responses also include 18 Strike Team and Task Forces.

TRAINING

- Training is suspended for the winter season.

VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL / SEASONAL PERSONNEL

- Fire Department volunteer and paid personnel are available for winter operations. We will be fully staffed for the 2022 season.

APPARATUS / EQUIPMENT

- Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department is operational, and all 4-wheel drive apparatus is in service.

LOCAL AGENCIES / AGREEMENTS

- All local area agency agreements for auto aid and mutual aid are in place. We should have an Area Operations Procedure agreement with the USFS at the start of the 2022 fire season.

PROJECTS AND PREVENTION

- The Caldor Fire was considered a National Disaster which brings FEMA in to help recover funding that was used in operations during the fire. We are requesting funding from FEMA to recover excess payroll and equipment usage for the protection of the district during the fire. We will be finalizing our request with FEMA through OES this month.
- We applied with the County of El Dorado, to request funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This funding is to recover any losses in revenue or equipment that is needed for the safe operation of the district. The fire department will receive a distribution of around \$22,000 from El Dorado County through the El Dorado County Fire Chief Association. The formula and distribution method will be determined in April.
- We applied to the State of California for funding from a special district funds authorized by the Assembly Bill 128 and Senate Bill 129 for any cost or losses from COVID 19 from increased usage of fire equipment or operation of the infrastructure. We received from the State through El Dorado County \$308,000 for grant request.

- We are applying to Cal Parks for a grant to replace the launch ramp and pier decking. We were not awarded funding, and we will have to reapply for the next round of Cal Parks grants for improvements.
- We are applying for Rural Fire Capacity Program funding this year. This is a 50/50 grant, and we apply each year.
- We have applied for a DHS SAFER Grant for fulltime personnel for the next three years. This grant provides for personnel to bring our department to current NFPA 1720 standards. This grant if we are awarded provides fully funded cost for three full calendar years.
- We have applied for a DHS AFG Grant for the purchase of SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) to replace our existing SCBA's
- Website updates have and will be taking place over the next few months. We are complying with the State of California and our auditing firm to post an additional website link for the California State Controller's Office Financial Report : [SCO | Special Districts' Financial Transactions Report \(ca.gov\)](#) District Compensation Report: [GCC : Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District \(2020\) << Special Districts \(ca.gov\)](#)
- Firewise USA is offering a workshop to assist in information about the program. I will be posting information and links on our website for residents to refer to for information on the process for acquiring a neighborhood certification as well as position in this report the link for the Firewise Workshop March 28th at 9:30 am North Tahoe Events Center: [Firewise USA® Workshop Registration, Mon, Mar 28, 2022 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#) I am attaching an agenda for this workshop. Any member of the community who would like to attend is welcome. With participation from the community hopefully the neighbor Firewise Communities can be established in the Fallen Leaf area. I am also including this link for an NFPA site for Firewise USA: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA/Become-a-Firewise-USA-site>.
I'm including a link to California Department of Insurance information page of Insurers Currently offering Discounts: [Insurers Currently Offering Discounts \(ca.gov\)](#) .
- The Caldor fire has brought attention to the fuels and dry conditions, surrounding the Tahoe Basin area. In the Fallen Leaf area, we are working with the USFS to request the removal of slash piles and log decking that has been placed in our district over the past 10 years and not removed. This is now under review by the USFS, and they understand the slash piles and log decking is a hazard and is unacceptable. Prior to heavy snow conditions in December the USFS started the process of removal of log decks on Tahoe Mountain Road and Fallen Leaf Rd. Work was accomplished until weather

stopped the operation. I have been in communication with USFS, and this project will continue when the weather allows.

- The Fire Department will continue to access our area and provide PRC 4291 inspection. In areas on private property where defensible space must be maintained we will work with the homeowners and advise what fuels should be removed. We are working with the USFS on the continuing project for fuel reductions, that were halted and not brought into Fallen Leaf as they were intended with the South Shore project.
- With the projected dry condition for this summer, we intend to continue our efforts to clear roadways of brush so apparatus can access our road in a safe manner. Our personnel will be out this summer working in the district to improve access for fire equipment.
- Please do your part to keep your property in compliance with PRC 4291 Defensible Space guidelines. These guidelines can be found on our website www.flcsd.org under the Fire Department Section. Please contact the office at 530-544-3300 for defensible space information. We will be in the district conducting defensible space inspections throughout the summer.
- The cell tower located on top of Tahoe Mountain is scheduled for completion this summer. Current information on the fiber line installation is that it is still on hold. Inquiries have been made through AT&T but we do not have an update.

CSD BOARD MEETINGS

- This meeting and the March Board meeting will be held via Teleconference in compliance with Governor Newsom's guidelines set forth in Executive Order N-29-20. The Memorial Day meeting scheduled for May 28, 2022, will be at the Community Building under rules that may be in place at that time.

STORE / MARINA

- The Store and Marina are closed and will reopen May 2022.



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

Firewise USA® Workshop

When: March 28th, 2022, | 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Where: North Tahoe Events Center

Objective: A workshop for Tahoe Network Neighborhood Leaders and the wider community on the Firewise USA® program. Teach attendees how Firewise USA can be used as a tool for Fire Adapted Communities development (and the difference between the two), about the benefits of the program, how to obtain Firewise USA recognition, and strategies for executing it within a community. Share best practices between neighborhoods.

Agenda:

9:00 – 9:30: Event setup at North Tahoe Events Center

9:30 – 9:45: Introduction and Icebreakers

9:45 – 9:55: Tahoe Network of Fire Adapted Communities Overview

9:55 – 10:50: NFPA Presents on Firewise

- Firewise USA Introduction (NFPA)
 - Why go for Firewise USA recognition?
 - Context and history of Firewise USA
 - CA and NV different criteria
- How to Apply for Firewise Recognition (NFPA)
 - Forming a Firewise committee
 - Scheduling a community risk assessment
 - Creating a three-year action plan
 - Recognition renewal

10:50 – 11:00: Break

11:00 – 11:20: Demonstration: How to Navigate the Firewise USA Online Portal (NFPA)

11:20 – 12:00: Group Discussion: Community Risk Assessments

- Breakout groups with Fire Protection Districts

12:00 – 12:30: Group Discussion: Best Practices and Tips

- Guided discussion with experienced Neighborhood Leaders about their successes, what worked, what didn't work, and best practices

12:30 – 1:00: General Q&A and Networking

Insurers Currently Offering Discounts

Residential Property Insurance Companies Currently Offering Discounts for Fire Hardened Homes and/or Communities

The number of residential property insurance companies offering insurance discounts for fire-hardened homes and communities has increased since Commissioner Lara took office in 2019. Several companies offer both community-wide discounts (for example, a home in a Firewise or a Shelter-In-Place community) and home-specific discounts (for example, maintaining defensible space or home-safety measures against wind-blown embers). In some cases, these discounts can be combined. Because discounts and eligibility differ by company, we urge you to contact the insurance company directly to find out if your property qualifies.

any / Group	Discount Based on Community Mitigation	Discount Based on Property/ Parcel Mitigation	Discount s in Effect Since	Telephon e #	Website Address
Allstate Insurance Company		X	Jul-08	800-255- 7828	https://www.allstate.com/
American Modern Home Insurance Company	Fire Wise Communit y	X	Nov-18	800-543- 2644	https://www.amig.com/
ASI Select Insurance Corp	Fire Wise Communit y	X	Feb-21	866-274- 8765	https://www.americanstrategic.com/
California Automobil e Insurance Company	Fire Wise Communit y	X	Oct-20	866-974- 2910	https://www.mercuryinsurance.com/
Crestbroo k Insurance Company		X	Feb-14	877-669- 6877	https://www.nationwide.com/
CSAA Insurance Exchange	X (CSAA approved)	X	Nov-21	855-424- 8639	https://calstate.aaa.com/insurance
Falls Lake Fire and Casualty	Fire Wise Communit y	X	Dec-19	800-780- 7454	https://www.fallslakeins.com/
Occidental Fire & Casualty Company of North Carolina		X	Aug-13	800-481- 0661	https://www.iatinsurancgroup.com/
State Farm General Insurance Company	Fire Wise Communit y	X	Feb-22	800-782- 8332	https://www.statefarm.com/

The Cincinnati Insurance Company	Shelter in Place Community	X	Aug-16	888-242-8811	https://www.cinfin.com/
California FAIR Plan	Fire Wise Community	X	May-18; Jun-11	800-339-4099	https://www.cfpnet.com/
Chubb Group					
Federal Insurance Company	Shelter in Place Community	X	Dec-18	800-682-4822	https://www.chubb.com/us-en/
Pacific Indemnity Company	Shelter in Place Community	X	Dec-18		
Vigilant Insurance Company	Shelter in Place Community	X	Dec-18		
USAA Group					
Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company	Fire Wise Community		Oct-14	210-531-8722	https://www.usaa.com/
United Services Automobile Association	Fire Wise Community		Oct-14		
USAA Casualty Insurance Company	Fire Wise Community		Oct-14		

USAA General Indemnity Company Revised 2/10/22	Fire Wise Communit y		Oct-14		
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