

**FALLEN LEAF LAKE CSD
FIRE DEPARTMENT / GENERAL MANAGER
REPORT
May 24, 2014**

RESPONSES

- During April and May of this year the Fire Department responded to 8 incidents ranging from auto fire alarms to smoke checks. We have been placed on standby for one strike team call out during the month May. Under the current condition we expect the Fire Department will be very busy this season.

TRAINING

- Our weekly Training will begin on May 27 and continue through the season. We will be training with the new equipment and well as our normal joint training sessions with CalFire and the Emergency Medical Helicopter from South Lake Tahoe and Reno.

VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL / SEASONAL PERSONNEL

- The fire department is operational with the full time staff starting on May 16. Our resident recruit program will continue this year and we have the returning members from last year's program. We continue to have a great volunteer firefighter program with 20 members this year.

APPARATUS / EQUIPMENT

- We are operating with all apparatus in service and we have the addition of our newly acquired engine from the Office of Emergency Services.

LOCAL AGENCIES / AGREEMENTS

- All agreements with South Lake Tahoe Fire Department, Lake Valley Fire Rescue, and Cal Fire are in place.

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

- The Cal-OES surplus engine has been received and is in service for Fallen Leaf. This was a great opportunity for district to purchase a well maintained fire apparatus, that came with a large amount of equipment,
- During the winter months Firefighters Wesley Harcourt and Josh Kinball have attend several classes that were totally funded by the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security.
- The Fire Department has received two (2) Forestry Grants from the State of California over the last two years. These grants were 50/50 match grants. The total grant award were approximately \$32,000 of which the district has not had to pay our 50 percent match. The Volunteer Firefighters funds have paid the districts match of 50 percent. I want to thank our volunteers for the support they have provided. I have continued to search for sources of revenue through grant programs that allow our Fire Department to obtain funding at little or no match by the district.
- 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. This equates to both sides of the lake in our community to receive a reduction in the fire classification by one (1) classification rating. My goal as your Fire Chief was to improve your PPC. With much change and hard work from the members of our fire department we have accomplished that goal. This is not the end however, we will continue to improve our department to maintain our new rating and strive for an even better rating during the next inspection. We will be inspected again in three (3) years. With the acquisition of our new fire boat and the addition of our Engine which increases our pump capacity, these two pieces of apparatus will enhance our department. Other factors that improve rating were training, personnel, records, and reports these all helped accomplished the improvements for the Fire Department which related to the lowering of our PPC rating.
- I want to emphasize the importance of Defensible Space requirement this season. We in a very server fire currently 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.

STORE / MARINA

- The Store and Marina are open for service. The operation manager for CLM is Mike Basso and his wife Cindy will be the store manager.

Sincerely,

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