



Sonoma Valley Fire District

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DATE: 10/8/2024
TO: Sonoma Valley and Kenwood Board of Directors
FROM: Chief Akre
SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report – September 2024

A. ADMINISTRATIVE:

1. SDC: We have executed a contract extension for one more (and final) year through 7/1/2025. At the request of the State we are currently staffing SDC (Station 10) on Saturdays and Sundays.
2. KWD: Staffing service continues to go very well. Especially of note is that we continue to have very strong volunteer participation in the stipend position at KWD. This means that more days than not, the engine is staffed 4-0! We are continuing to move forward with the process of re-organization with both Boards and held another joint Consolidation subcommittee meeting last week. We have completed the Re-Organization Information Sheet. We are engaged with LAFCO and the Mapping company to determine the process for adding 7 parcels of CSA-40 territory off of Pythian Rd to our re-organization and are making progress on the other elements of the LAFCO Application.
3. REDCOM Update: AMR issued a 120-day termination notice to the REDCOM JPA with an effective termination date of 10/8. REDCOM Board is working hard to ensure continuity of service to our communities and first responders, and to ensure that all employees are kept whole as we transition to a new model of staffing for REDCOM. The REDCOM JPA has officially become the employing agency! We have contingency plans for both technical and staffing sides of the operations. Our next special meeting will be on 10/10 at 2 pm.
4. Measure H update: We continue to move forward with all implementation plans. We have filled the Regional Veg Mgt Coordinator position.
5. I attended the annual CAJPA Conference in Tahoe.
6. We held our monthly Command Staff meeting on 10/1.
7. I attended the monthly Cal Chiefs E-Board, Northern Area Directors, and Leg Task Force meetings.
8. I attended the monthly SCFCA Meeting. This month will be at the Healdsburg Station on 10/9.



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B. INCIDENTS:

1. Fire Season: We currently have one member out as a Fire Line Medic.
2. No significant local incidents.
3. We did provide both an engine and ambulance coverage to the Rancho Adobe and Petaluma FDs for Captain Heard's services. We also sent an engine for the static display at the service.

C. BUDGET/FINANCE:

1. We are working on Budget projections for the LAFCO Application.
2. We continue working on Measure H revenues and expenses both for SVFD as well as the SCFCA.

D. PERSONNEL:

1. Our new Administrative Assistant Teresa Chavez will be starting on 10/15.
2. Our new Regional Vegetation Management Coordinator, Captain Mason Lewis, will be starting on 10/15.
3. Engineer's Ryan McCracken and Rodd Kneeland have been promoted to Captain and will begin in their new roles the week of 10/15. Captain Kneeland will be assigned to the Kenwood Station on B-Shift.
4. We have announced Engineer and Battalion Chief exams that will take place later this month and in November.

E. TRAINING:

1. This month's calendar will focus on Company Choice, EMS topics, and School Tours.
2. Volunteer drills are being split into two locations for better logistics and localized training. This has been very successful. Volunteer drills have been on Rope Rescue.

F. EQUIPMENT:

1. Apparatus spec committee has completed specifications for a new Type 6 engine to potentially serve District 1.
2. Two new Tahoes are being brought to you as a separate item.

G. BUILDINGS & LAND:

1. BC Norrbom, Captain Campbell and I had a follow up meeting with the KWD Facilities subcommittee and DAO Ghisla to discuss immediate needs for
2. The Kenwood station sleeping trailer is being delivered on 10/8.



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3. We have a meeting with Michael Ross on 10/10 for the Kenwood Station remodel project.
4. The New Station 2 project: we are in the final weeks of escrow on the two properties on Arnold. BC Norrbom met with Michael Ross on 9/16 to discuss next steps. And we had many attendees to the SCFCA's Fire Station Construction Workshop in RP.
5. Station 2's upstairs remodel for better accommodating M302's crew is completed. The final permit was signed.

H. PREVENTION & COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

1. See attached report.

I. ASSOCIATION:

1. SVFA's Christmas Party will be held at Hopmonk on December 7.