**Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District - Updates since May 20, 2022**

**For September 6, 2022 GMCSD Board Meeting**

The GMCSD Fire Protection Committee has been following recent events impacting Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District and has this report for board review:

1. **August 15th EPRFPD board meeting –**

Director St. Pierre attended this meeting and reported back to the Fire Protection Committee of yelling and name calling that resulted in a call to the Sheriff. Below is from the Plumas Reporter Police Blotter -

*“August 15 -* ***Organized mayhem: the way we get things done***

*6:48 p.m. Delleker. A caller reports a board meeting in is progress and members are getting loud and starting to yell. 7:03 p.m. A deputy advised all parties have calmed down at the location.”*

1. **August 23, 2022 – Plumas LAFCo report of recent updates to Eastern Plumas Municipal Service Reviews, (MSR)**

Beginning last fall and as part of the feasibility study focused on the formation of a new fire district in Eastern Plumas County, five fire agency providers were requested to update their MSR’s and submit to LAFCo for review and reporting. MSR updates are technically required every 5 years for all Special Districts. GMCSD completed their update, along with Beckwourth Fire, EPRFPD, Sierra Valley Fire and the City of Portola. We are anticipating LAFCo will release their review to GMCSD soon. At the Plumas LAFCo meeting on August 23, 2022, Chief Executive Officer, Jennifer Stevenson gave a brief overview of the findings for each of the five fire agency providers. Below are the quoted high-level significant findings called out for EPRFPD –

* *Funding not sufficient to provide an adequate level of services.*
* *Facing governance and accountability challenges.*
* *Response to incidents has on occasion been unpredictable and disorganized due to staffing constraints.*
* *Residents could receive enhanced level of services if included in reorganization.*

1. **August 29, 2022 – EPRFPD board agenda item**

*Chief and Secretary Recruitment: Update on status of job postings and replies. Discuss and possibly authorize posting on paid sites such as Indeed, Newspaper, CSDA, Zip Recruiter, spending up to $1000. Recommendations: Receive update, discuss, approve spending up to $1000 on recruitment, and provide direction to include schedule possible closed session regarding terms and negotiations of employment agreements.*

Note: The board agreed to posting the open positions on social media, posting flyers on community bulletin boards and in Plumas News Online. Funding of $35 was allocated by the board for the Plumas Reporter posting with a request that other posting ideas be vetted for cost. Below are recent social media postings. The Plumas Reporter posting has not yet been published. October 1, 2022 is the day Chief Frank steps down and the last day of employment for their Secretary.

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If the EPRFPD board is unable to fill the positions prior to Oct 1st, they are working on a plan “B” with a potential Reno Airport fire fighter recruit taking on temporary Admin responsibilities, (they need to determine if he is “certified” for California), and EPRFPD EMS Capt. Todd Turner taking on Operations management as acting Chief. This Plan “B” is how they operated without Chief and Captain Frank over the 2021 fall – 2022 spring months. Chief Frank gave notice to the board that he would be stepping down May of this year.