

Fire Coordinator Report

15 July 2022

June 20th Bob Frank presented his final report closing out the Nakoma Fire Safety Walk through that was first completed last year. At the end of his report the Chief recommends “that future inspections be conducted by the State Fire Marshall or a licensed state building inspector due the areas that continue to be of concern”.

June 30th EPRFPD conducted a wildland drill at the maintenance building and demonstrated Progressive Hose Lays with Fire Cadre members in attendance. This is something we need to know how to do so we can assist in deploying.

July 4th the Plumas County Fire Chief's Association met. Items that affect the district were:

1. They are working on a new mutual aid agreement that requires when complete will require that it's put on our board agenda and approved. The new mutual aid agreement will be very similar to the old one.
2. Bob Frank announced his retirement on Oct 1st as Chief of EPRFPD.
3. Forest Service, they are aggressively seeking new firefighters to fill positions.

We were granted the authority to operate Fire radios under EPRFPD license. We would be identified as 9886, 9887, and 9888. This is a big step in communicating with responding agencies into the district. Big thanks to EPRF. Along that thread we are working on finalizing a quote to purchase and install radios that will have CSD/HOA and emergency frequencies so the district employees can communicate using the same radios.

Last year I was given the OK to research and acquire a shelter for the QAV and I would like to move forward on that purchase.

As we all know fire season has started and not only that we have had 3 arson fires in Portola city limits. This past week there were two wildland fire starts that are suspicious and under investigation. Plus a bag of trash that was burning near Altitude. This was put out by employees and investigated by SO and deemed suspicious. I try to forward information on what's burning to key district employees as it happens. This information comes from mostly monitoring fire radio broadcasts. If anyone needs help in setting up your scanners I will be glad to help. Also I want to say “Be Vigilant” if you see something call 911 then call me.

We have received \$15,000.00 from PG&E in a settlement on the Dixie Fire. This money must be spent on fire equipment and fire training. I just received a call from the DA's office (July 12th) and the second \$15,000 check is ready for pick up.

Respectfully submitted, Bill

