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FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

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As the fall season arrives, I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for the hard work of our district firefighters throughout the summer. For the first time in several years, the District was able to help the State of California and beyond by sending our members to help those agencies in need. Up and down the State, SPFD was there to help when needed. These members typically deploy up to 14 days at a time, and their brothers and sisters in the District backfill those positions to ensure our community always has fire protection. We do this so that someday, if South Placer has a fire, our friends around the State will come to help us. This is how we can leverage the power of mutual aid for every community's benefit. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in our efforts to keep our community and those around the State safe.

With the changing seasons, we also need to be mindful of the changing fire risk in our community. As we transition into fall, we can take a few simple steps to reduce the risk of fire in our homes and neighborhoods. Please consider cleaning your fireplace, raking your leaves, utilizing burn piles with a current burn permit and when appropriate (check the website for when to burn), and changing your smoke detectors when you change the clocks in November. These small actions can make a big difference in keeping our community safe during the fall season.

Once again, I want to express my deepest appreciation for your continued support and cooperation. Let's work together to ensure a safe and fire-resistant community as we embrace the beauty of the fall season.

We value your input and encourage you to share any questions or ideas for future content with us at contact@southplacerfire.org. Your feedback is important in helping us provide information that matters most to you. If you would like to receive communications from the District (including this newsletter), use the contact button on the homepage and leave your name, email, and your interest in receiving communications in the message.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Last month, members from all areas of the District participated in a strategic planning process that will guide the District through the next 5 years. Stay tuned to see the results....



OUT AND ABOUT IN THE DISTRICT (AND BEYOND)

Summer came and went in a flash and your South Placer Fire District was busy partnering with the Roseville Fire Department to assist with Kids Camp 2024, reading books to children at the Loomis Library, dropping in on neighborhoods at National Night out, educating the community about public safety and deploying around the west coast to help at wildland fires. These are just a few of the events that kept SPFD busy all summer long.



NEW DIRECTOR

After more than 12 years of gracefully and professionally serving our community on the SPFD Board, Director Teresa Ryland has decided to step down. Her time and service are greatly appreciated, and we wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.

The Board appointed Director Pete Gallegos in her place. A lifelong resident of Granite Bay, Director Gallegos has been married to his wife, Cathy, for thirty years. Together, they have raised three children in Granite Bay. Both Pete and Cathy have coached local youth sports and served on community boards in the past.

Director Gallegos also has an extensive career in the fire service. He has worked for Cal Fire since 1987. He started as a seasonal firefighter, but now serves as a Staff Chief in Sacramento.

Please give Director Gallegos a warm welcome and introduce yourself when you see him at a board meeting.



NEW WATER TENDER

Thanks to a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), the District has acquired a new water tender to replace the home-built 1985 apparatus the District has relied on for nearly 40 years. This new 3000-gallon water tender, built by Rosenbauer, utilizes modern technology to enhance our impact. One such new feature is the addition of a portable tank. With this tank, SPFD can increase efficiency because the water tender can drop all of its water in the tank and then go fill. In contrast, before, the tender would have sat on scene until empty and then left to fill up, leaving the incident with only the water in the fire engine tank. This efficiency allows the firefighters to continue fighting fire knowing there's 3000 gallons of water on scene and more on the way.



DISTRICT UPDATES

SPFD awarded another Grant—Speaking of AFG grants, the District was awarded another grant for new portable radios, this time for \$380k, of which the district must cover 10%. This brings the district's total grant money in the last three years to just over \$1m.

The Compliance Engine – The District is partnering with Bryce's "The Compliance Engine to improve community safety by ensuring all occupancies with a fire suppression system are inspected on a regular basis. For more information, visit thecomplianceengine.com/fire

Fire Prevention - Fire prevention has been busy this quarter with 31 new project starts, 66k new square feet, 185 new sets of plans and over 130 inspections. Despite the volume, we routinely receive great praise for the work of Fire Marshal Ingolia and Inspector Hoop. Well done!

Employee Anniversaries

The list below is for all employees with a third quarter anniversary date.

Name	Years
Katrina Hoop	29
Brian Midtlyng	26
Barbara Leak	22
Katherine Medeiros	11
Tyler Thomas	8
Anthony Rydell	8
Tyler Duncan	5
Kenny Kolster	3
Lance McKinley	3
Edgar Olineka	3
Jack Mascarinas	3

THIS QUARTER AT SOUTH PLACER FIRE

The warm summertime weather brings many visitors to the lake's cool waters and increases wildfire activity, causing a slight uptick in call volume for the District. Our fire responses for the third quarter are typically more wildland-based and this trend looks to hold true for 2024. The rest of our emergencies follow the normal incremental increase for the summertime, showcasing our department's adaptability to seasonal changes.

The District achieved a 90% response time of 9:09 from the time you call 911 until we arrive at your emergency.

The Board goal is 8:00, and while we continue to improve, we are also

changing our deployment model in January because decreased response times translate directly into enhanced safety for our communities and are critical in fulfilling our commitment to timely and effective emergency services.

Total Calls - 1088

Fires - **49**

Medical - **706**

Hazardous Condition - 13

Service - **89**

Good Intent - **181**

False Alarm - **62**

Italics = No fire involvement