



CHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

October & November 2022

I will be presenting information in this report on activities that were from the month prior. Following this process ensures that time and thought has gone into this report, so it is complete and informational.

Synopsis:

October 4th was my first day with the department. During the month of October, I held an all-hands meeting to make introductions and present my management style. I had an in-depth tour of the department facilities and apparatus. I met with neighboring fire chiefs, attend several EMS, radio communications and training meetings throughout the county and attended the high school bonfire event for homecoming. November was spent working on staffing and planning for future operations.

California Fire Assistance Agreement (Incident Management Support)

Another big project we are working on is creating systems to manage our Support Division personnel. I will have more information on this in the near future, we have meetings this month to plan operations for this program.

Personnel / Human Resources

Firefighter/Engineer Paramedic Matt Turner resigned his position with the department on 10/11/22. He had worked here for approximately 18 1/2 years full-time and served as volunteer for 3 years prior to that.

Probationary Firefighter Kyle Araiza resigned his position as a Probationary Firefighter on 11/17/22. He has gone back to work on the ambulance in Butte County. He was with us for almost a year.

Firefighter/Engineer EMT Dave Carr completed his first year of service with the department on 11/21/22 and is now officially off of probation.

I updated and issued a job announcement for Per Diem Firefighter/Paramedic and Firefighter/EMT in early October in an effort to have a pool of as needed employees to hire when full-time personnel are unavailable. I pushed the announcement to the following agencies to recruit and received zero applications:

American River College	Butte College - Fire Program	College of the Redwoods Paramedic Coordinator
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Abrams College - Modesto	Shasta College - Fire &EMS Program	City College of San Francisco – Fire & EMS
college of the Siskiyous - EMS Program	college of the Siskiyous - Fire Program	Nor-Cal EMS
Unitek College Reno, NV	University of Reno	Western Nevada College
Lassen College	San Joaquin Delta College	University of the Pacific - Stockton
College of Alameda	Merritt College	Laney College
Ohlone College - Fremont	Berkeley City College	Mills College
Merritt University – Oakland	Chabot College – Hayward	University of California, Berkeley
CSU, Stanislaus	Heald College - Hayward	Modesto Junior College

Following the last Board meeting, on 10/24/22, I immediately issued the job announcement for Reserve Firefighter I and II to recruit out of area volunteers to train with our agency. We haven't received any applications yet, but the semester doesn't end for a few more weeks. We are hopeful that as students graduate from the fire academy they will apply with us to gain training and experience.

On 11/28/22 the decision was made to temporarily increase the hourly salary for EMT to \$25.00 and for Paramedic to \$45.00. This was done to attract Per Diem, as needed, staff to cover shifts and help reduce the forced overtime being created by vacancies. We are getting applicants now and they are being interviewed and will soon be onboarded. I will have additional information in my report at the meeting.

OPERATIONS

Community Involvement / Public Relations

Our crew participated with the truck in the High School parade and bon fire for homecoming. The day before the football game we were able to assist in using our aerial truck's ladder to change out light bulbs along the football field. On Halloween our Firefighters were out on Main Street handing out candy with our other public safety partners.

Apparatus / Equipment

A mobile mechanic came up from the bay area to provide me a complete inspection on our apparatus. Our personnel provided a list of small issues that were easily repaired over his two-day visit. He will be back in a few weeks to work on the ambulance, 7252, which is having mechanical issues. While the mobile mechanic was here, he described the work that would be required to make our type III engine serviceable. We've decided that it does not make financial sense to make the needed repairs so we are currently in the process of declaring the engine as surplus so we can sell it. This will be coming to you in the near future as an action item.

Turnouts are being cleaned and inventoried by Firefighter/Engineer Johnson. He has also documented all serial numbers in our data management system so we can digitally assign our gear to personnel. This process will help track when equipment is due for inspection and the date that it's scheduled for retirement. Additionally, as we hire new personnel, we will have immediate access to determine if we have their sizes in stock.

We received new "MSA" Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) which were purchased with grant funds. Firefighter/Engineer Johnson has added asset tags for

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

There will be a detailed report on EMS next month.

Training

After the new year we will be detailing our training plan for moving forward.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew D. Balzarini". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small flourish at the end.

Matthew D. Balzarini
Fire Chief



FIRE DEPARTMENT

OCTOBER 2022
Calls for Service

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	UNITS	TIME COMMITTED	OVERVIEW
10/01/22	16:07	Inter-Facility Transfer	7252	57 Minutes	Responded to Seneca Hospital for an IFT to the airport
10/01/22	20:38	Traffic Collision	7252	1 Hour & 17 Minutes	Responded mutual aid to the Peninsula for a traffic collision. Non-transport.
10/02/22	00:07	Inter-Facility Transfer	7252	28 Minutes	Responded to Seneca Hospital for an IFT to the airport.
10/02/22	1920	Medical Aid	7252	49 Minutes	Responded to a female with general pain. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/02/22	21:17	Traffic Collision	7252	2 Hours	Responded to a traffic collision in Lassen Park. One occupant with no injuries, one with minor injuries. Patient AMA.
10/03/22	12:06	Inter-Facility Transfer	7252	33 Minutes	Responded to Seneca Hospital for an IFT to the airport.
10/04/22	00:40	Medical Aid	7252	1 Hour & 13 Minutes	Responded to a 78 year old female stroke victim. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/04/22	09:46	Medical Aid	7252	34 Minutes	Responded to a male fall victim, Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/05/22	13:28	Traffic Collision	7252	17 Minutes	Dispatched to a traffic collision, cancelled.
10/05/22	22:22	Medical Aid	7252	1 Hour	Dispatched to a medical aid, cancelled.
10/07/22	12:33	Medical Aid	7252	29 Minutes	Dispatched to a 24 year old female with chest pain. Patient AMA.

10/07/22	13:10	Traffic Collision	7252	1 Hour & 39 Minutes	Dispatched to a traffic collision, patient care transferred to Enloe Flight care.
10/08/22	00:44	Inner-Facility Transfer	7252	44 Minutes	Responded to Seneca Hospital for an IFT to the airport.
10/08/22	04:04	Smoke Alarm Sounding	7261	19 Minutes	Smoke alarm sounding, false alarm.
10/08/22	20:17	Medical Aid	7252	34 Minutes	Responded to an altered mental status, Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/08/22	23:07	Medical Aid	7252	25 Minutes	Responded to an altered female. 7252 staged out of the area due to a possible altercation per dispatch. Law enforcement cleared the scene, patient A/M.A.
10/09/22	18:50	Medical Aid	7252	22 Minutes	Responded to a 44 year old male with general illness. The reporting party was a relative of the individual and the patient refused care.
10/11/22	10:50	Medical Aid	7204 7252	11 Minutes	A caller reported a medical aid, upon our arrival the patient had left the area.
10/11/22	14:19	Cooking Fire	7200 7204 7261	16 Minutes	Responded to an extinguished cooking fire. The area was checked for heat and the oven unplugged until repairs could be made.
10/12/22	10:27	Medical Aid	7204 7252	56 Minutes	Responded for general weakness/illness. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/12/22	19:28	Inner-Facility Transfer	7252	34 Minutes	Responded to Seneca Hospital for an IFT to the airport.
10/12/22	21:15	Lift Assist	7204 7252	13 Minutes	Female fall victim, she was asked if there were any medical concerns but denied any. Person assisted into building.
10/13/22	13:10	Medical Aid	7252	49 Minutes	Responded to a bicycle down, Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/14/22	13:27	Medical Aid	7252	49 Minutes	Responded to a 77 year old female, difficulty breathing. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/16/22	17:12	Medical Aid	7252	13 Minutes	Responded to a fall detected by an Apple Watch. Upon arrival the person reported they had not fallen.

10/18/22	11:19	Medical Aid	7200 7204 7252	1 Hour & 31 Minutes	Responded to a possible 11-44, CPR initiated. Unfortunately, the victim was declared deceased after multiple rounds of CPR and ALS intervention. Scene turned over to Plumas County Sheriff's Office.
10/19/22	09:34	Medical Aid	7252	47 Minutes	Responded to a 91 year old fall victim, Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/19/22	09:36	Medical Aid	7204	26 Minutes	Responded to a 63 year old fall victim. Patient was transported by Peninsula FD 7153 to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/19/22	15:34	Traffic Collision	7252	36 Minutes	Responded to a traffic collision, 7252 was cancelled by dispatch.
10/19/22	16:25	Medical Aid	7252	34 Minutes	Responded to a person who had fallen off a bike. Patient refused care and signed an AMA.
10/20/22	14:53	Traffic Collision	7252	35 Minutes	Dispatched to a traffic collision, 7252 cancelled per dispatch.
10/21/22	14:17	Medical Aid	7252	4 Minutes	Dispatched to stage out of the area for a possible medical aid with violence involved. Cancelled by dispatch.
10/21/22	14:28	Medical Aid	7252	25 Minutes	Dispatched for a person choking. No medical need.
10/23/22	11:44	Inter-Facility Transfer	7252	24 Minutes	Responded to Seneca Hospital for an IFT to the airport.
10/23/22	19:22	Inner-Facility Transfer	7252	30 Minutes	Responded to Seneca Hospital for an IFT to the airport.
10/24/22	22:58	Medical Aid	7252	31 Minutes	Responded to a patient with an altered mental status. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/26/22	18:06	Medical Aid	7252	32 Minutes	Responded to a patient with an altered mental status. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/27/22	02:37	Medical Aid	7252	57 Minutes	Responded to a patient with difficulty breathing. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
10/27/22	04:11	Lift Assist	7252	14 Minutes	Responded to a lift assist. Person was assisted from the floor back into bed.

10/31/22	0941	Medical Aid	7252	30 Minutes	Responded to a patient with difficulty breathing. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
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NOVEMBER 2022
Calls for Service

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT TYPE	UNITS	TIME COMMITTED	OVERVIEW
11/01/22	15:19	Medical Aid	7204 7252	22 minutes	Responded to an unresponsive patient / full respiratory arrest. Patient moved into ambulance and was fully responsive prior to 7252 departure. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/01/22	22:22	Accidental Transmission of Alarm	7204 7252	12 Minutes	Accidental activation of medical alarm. Crews contacted person and reset alarm.
11/05/22	09:14	Medical Aid	7252	47 Minutes	Responded to a fall victim. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/06/22	22:22	Structure Fire	7261 7221	1 Hour & 25 Minutes	Units confined the fire to a small area around the flue pipe. Extensive overhaul was conducted to ensure no further fire spread.
11/07/22	10:32	Medical Aid	7252	28 Minutes	Responded to a patient with an unknown drug reaction. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/07/22	1704	Medical Aid	7252	3 Hours & 41 Minutes	Responded to a female with a possible broken leg. 7252 transported to Banner Lassen Hospital at the direction of Seneca Hospital.
11/08/22	11:46	Lift Assist	7204 7253	13 Minutes	Responded to a fall victim, upon our arrival we found a person sitting in the snow. Crews assisted person to their feet and assisted into the building.

11/09/22	07:26	Traffic Collision	7253	10 Minutes	Responded to a traffic collision, 7252 cancelled per dispatch.
11/09/22	13:34	Medical Aid	7253	1 Hour & 3 Minutes	Responded to a fall victim. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/11/22	14:51	Medical Aid	7253	39 Minutes	Responded to a fall victim. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/13/22	05:33	Medical Aid	7253	35 Minutes	Responded to a patient with general illness. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/13/22	10:38m	Medical Aid	7253	32 Minutes	Responded to a patient for syncopal episodes, Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/13/22	23:20	Medical Aid	7253	1 Hour & 11 Minutes	Responded to a patient with abdominal pain. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/14/22	07:18	Accidental Transmission of Alarm	7253	10 Minutes	Responded to a medical alarm activation. Person states that it was accidentally activated.
11/14/22	11:02	Medical Aid	7253	1 Hour & 17 Minutes	Responded to a fall down a flight of stairs. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/15/55	11:24	Lift Assist	7253	19 Minutes	Responded to a fall victim. Person was lifted from the floor to a wheelchair.
11/15/22	14:05	Inner-Facility Transfer	7253	39 Minutes	Responded to Seneca Hospital for an Inner-Facility Transfer to the airport.
11/15/22	15:51	Inner-Facility Transfer	7253	44 Minutes	Responded to Seneca Hospital for an Inner-Facility Transfer to the airport.
11/16/22	22:48	Medical Aid	7204 7253	49 Minutes	Responded at Plumas County Sheriff's Office request to evaluate a person. Per PCSO patient was transported to Seneca Hospital.
11/17/22	14:40	Medical Aid	7204 7253	15 Minutes	Responded to a fall victim. Patient refuses transport, patient AMA.
11/17/22	15:13	Medical Aid	7204 7253	13 Minutes	Responded to a fall victim. Patient refuses transport, patient AMA.

11/18/22	08:21	Medical Aid	7253	46 Minutes	Responded to a patient with chest pain. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/18/22	11:12	Medical Aid	7253	1 Hour & 4 Minutes	Responded to a patient with an altered mental status. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/21/22	10:41	Inner-Facility Transfer	7253	50 Minutes	Responded to Seneca Hospital for an Inner-Facility Transfer of an infant to the airport.
11/23/22	14:28	Lift Assist	7253	18 Minutes	Responded to a fall victim. Person was lifted from the floor to a wheelchair.
11/25/22	17:32	Warming Fire	7261	5 Minutes	A caller reported an unknown type fire. Upon investigation it was found to be a warming fire for Merchant's Night.
11/26/22	17:35	Medical Aid	7253	1 Hour & 7 Minutes	Responded to a patient with post-surgical complications. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/26/22	21:00	Medical Aid	7253	1 Hour & 18 Minutes	Responded to a patient with chest pain. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/28/22	12:31	Lift Assist	7253	18 Minutes	Assisted a person into a chair.
11/28/22	14:24	Medical Aid	7253	38 Minutes	Responded to a patient with chest pain. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/28/22	17:05	Medical Aid	7253	43 Minutes	Responded to a fall victim. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/29/22	12:42	Lift Assist	7253	20 Minutes	Assisted a person into a chair.
11/29/22	16:21	Medical Aid	7253	50 Minutes	Responded to a patient with general illness. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
11/30/22	06:58	Smell of Propane	7200 7261	15 Minutes	Responded to a smell of propane in the area. Upon our arrival there was an odor of propane however no gas detected by the gas monitor. Area propane tanks were checked for leaks with none noted.
11/30/22	13:02	Lift Assist	7204 7253	26 Minutes	Assisted a person into a chair.

11/30/22	14:18	Medical Aid	7253	53 Minutes	Dispatched as a lift assist. Patient family requests transport after information provided by 7253's crew. Patient transported to Seneca Hospital for further evaluation.
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