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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Jeff Carman, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report

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- The District officially began its ambulance transport program on January 1. We are averaging about 200+ transports per day which exceeds our projections. In anticipation of the April 1 start date, dispatch personnel continue training to assume the responsibility of dispatching ambulances.
- The Fire Chief participated in the second meeting of the Tri-County Fire Chiefs (Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara counties). As many of our agencies are faced with like challenges and working to achieve similar objectives, this alliance saves time, promotes efficiency, and keeps us aware of situations and/or events which might impact us. Super Bowl 50 is an example of such an event.
- In January, the District promoted Bob Atlas, Dennis Ware, and Garrett Presley to the positions of Interim Assistant Chief, Fire Captain, and Engineer respectively. Battalion Chief Rich Sonsteng has been appointed to the role of Interim EMS Battalion Chief.
- Academy #49 began on January 19 with twenty-one recruits who are expected to graduate in early May. The graduates will immediately fill existing vacancies, staff future vacancies as we open additional companies, and fill anticipated retirement vacancies.
- In January, the District appointed a new Executive Secretary. Latonia Ellingberg comes to us with an undergraduate degree and significant experience performing the duties of an executive assistant.