



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Lewis T. Broschard III, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report

- Fire Station 16 (Lafayette): Interior finishes are in progress with sheetrock, tape and texture. Paint will be next, along with cabinetry installation. Exterior finishes are also underway with stucco and stone veneer. As soon as weather permits, the concrete and asphalt will be laid in the driveway. The electric utility connection has caused significant disruption to the project. We are doubtful of an April completion and will most likely extend into May. We will plan a ribbon cutting ceremony as the final completion date becomes clear.
- Fire Station 70 (San Pablo): The notice to proceed with construction is scheduled to be issued this month to Alten Construction Inc. Pending completion of construction contracts, we will have a kick off meeting with the project team. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for April 23 at 10 a.m. at the project site which is located at the intersection of 23rd Street and Market Avenue in San Pablo.
- Fire Station 9 (Pacheco): The site layout is complete. We are continuing to work with consultants on the CEQA process. Our goal is to have CEQA completed and architectural drawings approved by the end of 2019. We are also working with Capital Projects to prequalify bidders in spring of 2019.
- Fire Station 86 (Bay Point): The site layout is complete and the CEQA process is in progress. The District has been meeting with neighboring property owners and sharing the site plans. We will be presenting to the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council in May 2019. Our goal is to have CEQA complete and architectural drawings approved by the end of 2019. We are also working with Capital Projects to prequalify bidders in spring of 2019.
- Engine 16 was staffed effective April 1 which was our originally intended occupancy date for Fire Station 16 when the project was initiated and the staffing for Engine 16 was planned from the recently concluded Academy 52. Engine 16 will be temporarily housed at Fire Station 15 in Lafayette providing service to the community it was intended to serve until Fire Station 16 is occupied in mid-May.
- Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Chris Bachman starts with the Fire District on Monday, April 8. Chief Bachman comes to us from the Pike Township Fire

Department in Indianapolis, Indiana where he was the Deputy Fire Chief of Support Services. In this role, he managed four divisions: Fire Prevention, Support Services, Information Technology, and Health/Safety/Medical. His responsibilities also included department-wide budgeting and strategic planning for an organization with 200 personnel. His experience includes federal grant application and administration as well as expertise as a Public Information Officer. Previous experience also includes ten years as Fire Marshal, and he began his career as a firefighter in 1995. Chief Bachman holds a BA in Political Science from Eastern Illinois University; is completing his master's degree in Emergency and Disaster Management from Georgetown University; and is one of only 60 individuals to be dual credentialed as a Chief Fire Officer and Fire Marshal with the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

- March is typically our biggest month for retirements. In March, retirements from the District included two Battalion Chiefs, three Fire Captains, and one Fire Engineer.
- As a result of retirements, the District promoted Kevin Platt and Scott Valencia to Battalion Chief. Fire Engineer and Fire Captain promotional processes are currently in motion, and we anticipate promotions to fill vacancies within the next 30-60 days.
- New apparatus was delivered in March as part of our ongoing apparatus replacement plan. New Type I engines will be placed in service at Fire Station 81 (Antioch), Fire Station 70 (San Pablo), Fire Station 1 (Walnut Creek), and Fire Station 9 (Pacheco). A new ladder truck will be placed in service at Fire Station 14 in Martinez. Fire Station 7 (Walnut Creek) and Fire Station 13 (Martinez) will be getting newer Pierce engines rotated out of busier fire stations. The new ladder truck delivery allows us to increase the reliability of our truck fleet with an eight-year old ladder truck rotated out of frontline service into spare capacity. The apparatus replacement plan initiated in 2014 is providing the results we intended with increased fleet reliability, removal of older high-mileage apparatus from service, and increased standardization of apparatus across the District.
- Our 2018 Annual Report was completed in late March and published on our website. The report highlights the achievements and milestones of our organization for the last calendar year and represents all the different divisions of our District. The report itself is a significant milestone as it is our first annual report published since 2007. Special thanks to Steve Hill, PIO, for his hard work and effort in getting this published.