



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 Academy 53 Graduation. Our fire academy graduated on Friday, June 28, with 16 new firefighters. Welcome to all our new personnel!
- Fire Academy 54 Recruitment. We have completed the initial phases of recruitment for the next fire academy scheduled to begin in early October. This academy is planned for 30 recruits in order to help us prepare for March 2020 retirements and other vacancies.
- Fire Season. Weed abatement has commenced throughout the District. In addition, our fire trail maintenance program has concluded, and the bulldozer will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day from July 1 through October 31 from Fire Station 84 in Pittsburg. The bulldozer will be staffed on a 24-hour basis as fire weather and conditions dictate. Our new bulldozer is still being outfitted and is expected to be in service in September.
- New Fire Engines in Service. Two new Type I structural firefighting engines will be placed in service in early July at Fire Station 70 (San Pablo) and Fire Station 1 (Walnut Creek) as part of our fleet replacement program.



- North Orinda Shaded Fuel Brake (NOSFB) project. Work continues with the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District, Cal Fire, and other cooperators on logistics and planning. Contact was made to all affected homeowners in our District. A start date for work to commence has not been set as of the date of this report.
- REACH Public Safety Helicopter Program. We continue to work on the implementation of the program with REACH. The tentative start date for the new program has been moved to September.
- Wildfire Evacuation and Preparedness Meetings. Several of our chief officers have been attending and conducting public meetings in cooperation with our city and law enforcement partners to discuss wildfire preparations and evacuation guidelines for residents. Additional meetings are scheduled and being requested by various cities and community groups.