



## 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

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- SAFER Grant Staffing. Effective July 15, we began staffing our three busiest ladder trucks with four-person crews. Truck 6 (Concord), Truck 83 (Antioch), and Truck 84 (Pittsburg) were selected for the additional staffing. The grant funding runs through February 2022, and during this time we will be evaluating the effectiveness of four-person truck companies through data collection and other reporting mechanisms.
- New Ladder Truck in Service. In August, Martinez will receive a new ladder truck at Fire Station 14.



- North Orinda Shaded Fuel Brake (NOSFB) project. Work commenced in late July on areas of Lafayette.

- REACH Public Safety Helicopter Program. Recruitment for personnel to be assigned to this program began in mid-July, and selections will be made this week. Training is scheduled to begin in mid-September. A rendering of the new EC145 “public safety helicopter” is below. This helicopter is scheduled to be in service near the end of the year.



- Wildfire Evacuation and Preparedness Meetings. In July, the District provided six presentations for community groups and city/county public meetings in Martinez, Lafayette, and Walnut Creek. Additional meetings continue to be scheduled with various community groups.