

**AMADOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Was Recorded

Jackson, California  
Tuesday, October 15, 2024  
10:30 AM

The Board of Directors of the Amador Fire Protection District met in the County Administration Center, 810 Court Street, Jackson, California, on the above date pursuant to adjournment, and the following proceedings were had, to wit:

**Present:**

Brian Oneto, Chair  
Pat Crew, Vice Chair  
Richard Forster, Director  
Jeff Brown, Director  
Frank Axe, Director

**Absent:**

Robert Withrow, Fire Chief  
Nicole Cook, Clerk of the Board

**Staff:**

Robert Ebling, Battalion Chief  
Jennifer Burns, Clerk of the Board

**AGENDA**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Forster and seconded by Director Crew and carried 5-0-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

**Fire Chief Update:** The following discussion ensued relative to subject matter, no action was taken.

**Operations:** Robert Ebling, Battalion Chief gave report. The firefighter recruit academy continues. The graduation date is November 1<sup>st</sup>. The academy training includes: EMS, firefighter tactics, ladders, etc.

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) program is in effect thanks to the Districts Medical Director, Dr. Sloane. The program overview is to help capture areas of emergency medical services where line staff could possibly improve in; specifically four areas related to the incident response time and administering medication. There are four target areas: trauma, opioid overdose, cardiac arrest and allergic reaction.

**Fire Prevention:** Ashley Anaya, Fire Prevention Officer (FPO) gave report. Residential and commercial property inspections for defensible space continue. Plan review of existing and new commercial development continues. There has been multiple debris burns which have included citations, the burn ban has not been lifted. FPO training is ongoing.

Direction given to staff to give a report update on the Tiger Creek incident.

Cindy Grandbois, member of the public addressed the Board by asking if there could be something proactive done about more awareness that burning is not allowed, maybe signage at the fire stations?

**Public Information Officer:** Robert Ebling, Battalion Chief gave report. The following events Amador Fire personnel were present:

- 10/12 – Kayla Dale, PIO was a server at the Purple Gala event hosted by Operation Care. The event was to raise money for domestic violence victims
- 10/7-10/11 Fire Prevention Week at the local elementary schools
- 10/19 – Annual Plymouth Harvest Festival -Chili Cook Off
- 10/19 – CHP Halloween Event
- 10/26 – Fiddletown Station 123 Annual Trunk or Treat, the event includes live music, costume contest, food, etc. The volunteers continue to do an amazing job.
- 10/27 – Sheriffs K-9 Association at the Court House Trunk or Treat
- 11/1 – 24-1 Academy Graduation at 4:00 pm at the Jackson Rancheria
- 11/2 – Burger Battle at Harrah's Casino

The PIO is actively working with the Amador Fire Safe Council scheduling upcountry education events for fire safety and weather changes.

**Volunteer Program:** Robert Ebling, Battalion Chief gave report. Great support from career staff and volunteers. The program continues to be successful. Currently, Reach Air Ambulance hosted a training in Plymouth. Reach provided scenarios for personnel to familiarize, executed landing zone operations, etc. There will be 15-20 volunteers along with career staff in attendance.

The District is tentatively looking at organizing another volunteer firefighter academy in early 2025.

**New Fire Station:** Discussion ensued relative to subject matter, update only, no action taken. Dir. Brown from committee gave update: currently reaching out to local contractor out of Lathrop that has built fire stations. Currently exploring build sole-source. This is just the first phase and still investigating the correct avenue to move forward.

**District Monthly Reports:** Discussion ensued relative to subject matters. Robert Ebling, Battalion Chief presented.

**Training Report:** No action taken, report only. The increase in training hours is due to the firefighter academy. Special thank you to Captain Paine for taking the role as Training Master. Direction given to staff to include fire suppression training for hazmat lithium battery in electric vehicles, etc.

**Vehicle Maintenance Report:** No action taken, report only.

**Call Report:** No action taken, report only.

## **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

**Regular Meeting Minutes from September 17, 2024:** Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

**Special Meeting Minutes from October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

**Closed Meeting Minutes from September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024:** Discussion ensued relative to subject matter.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Forster and seconded by Director Axe, and carried 5-0-0 to approve the regular meeting minutes, special meeting minutes and the closed session minutes with minor changes to the closed session minutes.

**Closed Session:** Minutes were approved in open session. No other action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 11:03 AM. Brian Oneto, Chair adjourned the meeting until Wednesday, November 13, 2024.



Chair, Amador Fire Protection District

