



**February 20, 2020 @ 0930**  
**SPARKS FIRE DEPARTMENT - STATION 1**  
1605 Victorian Avenue, Sparks, NV

Flag Salute led by Eric Guevin of Tahoe Douglas Fire

1. Call to order at 9:30
2. Housekeeping Items
3. Roll Call and Agency Updates
  - Cal Fire NEU: in the process of transitioning from ROSS to IROC
  - NWS: Snowpack is at about 50% - last year it was 160%;
  - NLTFPD: hiring seasonals;
  - RFD: 14 new firefighters on line;
  - LVFPD: changed air packs from Survivair to new Scotts in order to integrate with other agency airpacks. Unfortunately, the new airpacks still require an additional adapter;
  - AEU: working to hire a new unit chief to fill the position vacated by Chief Anthony. Due to weather and low fuel moisture, there is no burning right now on the west slope;
  - USFS: four engines staffed; plan to double fuels staff; DeeDee Harrison (?) will be acting forest supervisor until June or July while Forest Supervisor Jeff Marsolais fills a temporary position in Washington DC;
  - BLM Carson City: hoping to have vacancies filled by April; Great Basin Types I, II and III Team refresher training in April;
  - Cal OES: CFAA is in the works and should have an agreement soon. Extending to 27 type III engines and equipment is available; refreshers coming soon;
  - NFCSD: due to lack of snow, fuels management teams working now;
  - TMFPD: responded to escaped burn piles last week;
  - NTF: promoted Sarah Lagano to Battalion Chief and hiring 3-4 firefighter/paramedics to fill vacancies due to retirements and promotions;
  - SCF: hiring 1 firefighter/paramedic now, and 3 more in July
  - SFD: 5 firefighter/paramedic positions open
  - NV Energy: clearing 47,000 power line poles throughout Nevada
  - NLTFPD: Russ Barnum was promoted to Asst. Chief
4. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Eric Guevin and seconded by Mike Deacon to approve the agenda and minutes as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes

Approved with the agenda



6. Next Meeting Date
    - a. March 19<sup>th</sup> - North Tahoe Fire Station 51, 222 Fairway Drive, Tahoe City, CA
  
  7. Committee Reports
    - a. Finance (Baker)
      - moving account to a Nevada bank
  
    - b. Northern Nevada Tahoe Training Committee Report
      - nothing to report
  
    - c. State Fire Marshal Brief (Zander)
      - 2018 code adopted with changes, removed chapter 5 but did adopt appendix A and B
  
    - d. Fire Prevention
      - Fire Shows West will be held September 28-October 1 at The Nugget. The submittal cutoff date for presentations has been extended;
      - IAAI arson investigation is planing to hold bimonthly meetings and will cover such topics as: industrial, vehicle, and wildland fires;
      - NFPA public education is updating a desk reference for standardization which will be available online;
      - Nevada Fire Adapative Communities is working with Nevada Division of Forestry to hold a meeting at Atlantis in June. They are still deciding whether it will be a 1- or 2-day conference;
      - Fire PIT fire awareness month will be different months for Nevada (May) and California (July). The positive outcome for the basin is that there will be fire awareness messages from May through July.
  
    - e. Behavioral Health
      - Northern Nevada Peer Support Network received their 501c3 status;
      - Truckee Fire has joined and Squaw Valley is also considering joining;
      - A couples workshop was participated by five agencies;
      - Researching grants and funding
      - Will be presenting at Fire Shows West
  
  8. Reports
    - a. Living With Fire
      - Has a brand new logo and website;
      - Preparing for NV wildfire awareness month beginning in May;
      - The basin will be using different banners than the rest of Nevada;
      - Outreach coordinator position has been filled;
      - Assisting Tahoe RCD with putting together a home retro-fit guide for updating/upgrading homes to be more fire safe;
      - This year's slogan - Fire knows no boundaries, know yours
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b. National Weather Service

- Updates regarding flash flood warnings will have different alerts;
- Will be providing aviation forecasts for Minden
- Will continue to provide briefings, and more targeted briefings when needed
- new training beginning for emergency response meteorologists
- Still have a few months left for possible wind storms
- Good to share fire information with National Weather Service
- Setting up new weather map zones

9. Old Business

a. Operations Area Coordinator Elections

- Area coordinator position is vacant with Chief Simons' retirement;
- Grass Valley will have more support staff this fire season;
- New position will be training new area coordinators and training on IROC;
- Orders for Nevada responders will take more than ten minutes;
- Nominations:
  - (1) Alan Riley nominated Sean Bailey for AOC 1 - unanimous;
  - (2) Sean Bailey nominated Alan Riley as first alternate - unanimous;
  - (3) Scott Baker nominated Ryan Sommers as second alternate - unanimous;
  - (4) Ryan Sommers nominated Steve Leighton as third alternate - unanimous

10. New Business

a. Leaders for 2020 Goals:

- New Agreement Signed
- Refine Committees
  - (1) Training
    - (a) Northern Nevada Training Committee Coordinator - anybody can report
    - (b) Northern California Training Committee Coordinator - anybody can report
      - (i) Post training information on website and have larger agency assist with coordination
  - (2) State Fire Marshal - ?
  - (3) Fire Prevention - encourage agency fire marshals to get involved
  - (4) Behavioral Health - Derek Reid committee chair
  - (5) PIO Committee
    - (a) Scott Baker nominated and Ryan Sommers seconded for Eric Guevin as the committee chair - unanimous; possibly have reports from TFFT and/or Fire PIT
- Agreements Across State Boarders
  - (1) Regional Chiefs allows for sharing resources across state boarders
  - (2) MOU to Share All Resources - Not Just Fire and Emergency
    - (a) April 16<sup>th</sup> presentation of draft MOU to resource share and share facilities and will provide a presentation also to Sierra Front; plan to sign the document in June;
    - (b) Having the agreement in place can help obtain grant funds;



- (c) The agreement should include how to access resources
- b. Annual Holiday Dinner Location & Date
  - The annual holiday dinner will be held at Sunnyside on either December 10 or 11. Shawn Crawford will research and report back.
- 11. Good of the Order
  - a. FI 210 training in spring
  - b. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is wildfire preparedness day
  - c. Truckee, Northstar and Lake Valley fire to assist at Heavenly
  - d. If you would like access to UNR fire cameras, contact Ryan Sommers
  - e. Continue peer review for counseling Sommers and Bailey
  - f. Tahoe Douglas will be holding S 200 classes
- 12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
  - a. Differentiate between calling Cal OES (XTB) and Washoe Dispatch; need to know which agreement to order under and what the needs are.
- 13. Adjournment
  - It was moved by Scott Baker and seconded by Jim Reid.



**Attendees:**