

**FALLEN LEAF LAKE CSD  
FIRE DEPARTMENT / GENERAL MANAGER / OPERATIONS  
REPORT  
May 28, 2022**

**RESPONSES**

- 2 Responses in our district since we have opened in May.

**TRAINING**

- Training is being completed for Defensible Space Inspectors through CalFire. Cal Fire is providing training for our crews with S212 saw classes. We will be conducting multiple agencies wildfire training on June 1, 2, and 4. We appreciate CalFire assisting our department this season in some specialized training.
- We are working with Amanda Milici Fire Adapted Communities Coordinator obtaining inspection materials from the Fire Wise USA program and will be conducting Firewise USA Community Assessments. These assessments are in conjunction with two areas in the Fallen Leaf Lake Community that have indicated they will be applying for Firewise USA recognition.

**VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL / SEASONAL PERSONNEL**

- Fire Department volunteer and paid personnel are actively involved in training for fire season 2022

**APPARATUS / EQUIPMENT**

- Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department apparatus is in service and operational. The new Fire Boat is 99% complete awaiting the motor. Mercury has advised the builder that the motor should arrive sometime in June. As soon as the motor is in operation and boat testing complete, the fire boat will be delivered to Fallen Leaf.

**LOCAL AGENCIES / AGREEMENTS**

- All local area agency agreements for auto aid and mutual aid are in place. We have an Area Operations Procedure agreement with the USFS under review and should be in place the first week of June.

**PROJECTS AND PREVENTION**

- IT'S BACK this season, the Fire Department BBQ, Cardboard Boat Races and lots of good fun. The event will be held at Baby Beach (Thanks Stanford Camp) on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at approximately 1:30 for the Boat Races and Food will be at 3:00 pm. As always bring your favorite dish to share with the community.
- More great news, the Wine Tasting will also be held at the Fire Station on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

- The Caldor Fire was considered a National Disaster which brings FEMA in to help recover funding that was used in operations during the fire. We are requested funding from FEMA to recover excess payroll and equipment usage for the protection of the district during the fire. Our request was approved, and we are awaiting funding.
- We applied with the County of El Dorado, to request funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This funding is to recover any losses in revenue or equipment that is needed for the safe operation of the district. The fire department will receive a distribution of around \$22,000 from El Dorado County through the El Dorado County Fire Chief Association. The funding is approved, and distribution should occur within the next two months.
- We will apply to Cal Parks for a grant to replace the launch ramp and pier decking as soon as we are notified that application will be accepted. The launch ramp is in need of replacement. This is a priority for the district, and I am looking at different solutions which may provide improvement to our ramp. We have recently tried to dredge a layer of sand out of the ramp to provide a better approach for launching boats.
- We have applied for a Rural Fire Capacity Program funding this year. This is a 50/50 grant, and we apply each year. A determination has not been made at this time on the approval of the grant request.
- We have applied for a DHS SAFER Grant for fulltime personnel for the next three years. This grant provides for personnel to bring our department to current NFPA 1720 standards. This grant, if awarded, provides fully funded cost for three full calendar years.
- We have applied for a DHS AFG Grant for the purchase of SCBA's (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus) to replace our existing SCBA's.
- I have been working with El Dorado County Board of Supervisors to ensure the fire department receives funding from the county Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). The County CAO recommended we be approved to receive \$574,000 from the El Dorado Budget after the September 2022 approval. This funding is for the purchase of equipment only. A new type 6 apparatus, 2 purpose built quick attach UTV's for fire and medical rescue and a new LifePak 15 for our ALS system.
- The district's new website is being built and should be in operation in June. We will have a user-friendly website that hopefully everyone will use and enjoy going to for all the latest information about Fallen Leaf Lake CSD.

- We are complying with the State of California and our auditing firm to post an additional website link for the California State Controller's Office Financial Report : [SCO | Special Districts' Financial Transactions Report \(ca.gov\)](#) District Compensation Report: [GCC : Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District \(2020\) << Special Districts \(ca.gov\)](#)
- With participation from the community hopefully Firewise Communities can be established in the Fallen Leaf area. I am including this link for an NFPA site for Firewise USA: <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA/Become-a-Firewise-USA-site>. Also included is a link to California Department of Insurance information page of Insurers Currently offering Discounts: [Insurers Currently Offering Discounts \(ca.gov\)](#) .
- The Caldor fire has brought attention to the fuels and dry conditions, surrounding the Tahoe Basin area. In the Fallen Leaf area, we are working with the USFS to request the removal of slash piles and log decking that has been placed in our district over the past 10 years and not removed. This is now under review by the USFS, and they understand the slash piles and log decking is a hazard and is unacceptable. Prior to heavy snow conditions in December the USFS started the process of removal of log decks on Tahoe Mountain Road and Fallen Leaf Rd. Work was accomplished until weather stopped the operation. I have been in communication with USFS, and this project will continue when the weather allows.
- Working in conjunction with CalFire, USFS and Fallen Leaf Fire we are putting an agreement together for the removal of slash piles in the Fallen Leaf Lake area. The USFS with assistance from CalFire and Fallen Leaf Fire will do prescribed burns on slash piles on the Angora Ridge area working toward the Fallen Leaf Road area. The Fallen Leaf Fire Department assistance will be through personnel. These prescribed burns should start over the next few weeks and continue if conditions permit. The intent of this agreement was to start the process of removing the piles from our area. This project is now on hold from the USFS. They will review nationwide the prescribed burn policies throughout the United States over the next 90 days.
- The Fire Department will continue to provide PRC 4291 inspection. In areas on private property where defensible space must be maintained we will work with the homeowners and advise what fuels should be removed. We are working with the USFS on permitted properties to provide inspections
- The USFS has issued a permit to the Fallen Leaf Lake Fire Department for purpose of clearing Cathedral Rd. The area of work will be in the housing tract area. This project is conjunction with CalFire Crews. The project will start in late May or early June.

- The Fire Department will be working with Rob Kimball for chipper services again this season. Any limbs or other slash from your residence that can be chipped, please stack off the roadway and notify the office at 530-544-3300 for the fire station at 530-542-1343 that you have placed materials that can be chipped by the road and your address. We will have it chipped as soon as possible.
- With the projected dry condition for this summer, we intend to continue our efforts to clear roadways of brush so apparatus can access our roads in a safe manner. Our personnel will be out this summer working in the district to improve access for fire equipment.
- Please do your part to keep your property in compliance with PRC 4291 Defensible Space guidelines. These guidelines can be found on our website [www.flcsd.org](http://www.flcsd.org) under the Fire Department Section. Please contact the office at 530-544-3300 for defensible space information. We will be in the district conducting defensible space inspections throughout the summer.
- The cell tower located on top of Tahoe Mountain is scheduled for completion this summer. Current information on the fiber line installation is that it is still on hold. Inquiries have been made through AT&T but we do not have an update.

#### **CSD BOARD MEETINGS**

- This Memorial Day meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2022, followed by the July 2, September 3 and December 3, 2022. These Meetings will be at the Community Building and via Teleconference. The December 3, 2022, meeting will be held via Teleconference.

#### **STORE / MARINA**

- The Store and Marina are open for 2022. Please come by and check out the store. Jenn and Tom have everything ready, and it looks good. Let's have great summer.



**Gary D. Gerren, Fire Chief/GM  
Fallen Leaf Lake CSD Fire Department**

## Insurers Currently Offering Discounts

Residential Property Insurance Companies Currently Offering Discounts  
for Fire Hardened Homes and/or Communities

The number of residential property insurance companies offering insurance discounts for fire-hardened homes and communities has increased since Commissioner Lara took office in 2019. Several companies offer both community-wide discounts (for example, a home in a Firewise or a Shelter-In-Place community) and home-specific discounts (for example, maintaining defensible space or home-safety measures against wind-blown embers). In some cases, these discounts can be combined. Because discounts and eligibility differ by company, we urge you to contact the insurance company directly to find out if your property qualifies.

<b>any / Group</b>	<b>Discount Based on Community Mitigation</b>	<b>Discount Based on Property/ Parcel Mitigation</b>	<b>Discounts in Effect Since</b>	<b>Telephone #</b>	<b>Website Address</b>
Allstate Insurance Company		X	Jul-08	800-255-7828	<a href="https://www.allstate.com/">https://www.allstate.com/</a>
American Modern Home Insurance Company	Fire Wise Community	X	Nov-18	800-543-2644	<a href="https://www.amig.com/">https://www.amig.com/</a>
ASI Select Insurance Corp	Fire Wise Community	X	Feb-21	866-274-8765	<a href="https://www.americanstrategic.com/">https://www.americanstrategic.com/</a>
California Automobile Insurance Company	Fire Wise Community	X	Oct-20	866-974-2910	<a href="https://www.mercuryinsurance.com/">https://www.mercuryinsurance.com/</a>
Crestbrook Insurance Company		X	Feb-14	877-669-6877	<a href="https://www.nationwide.com/">https://www.nationwide.com/</a>
CSAA Insurance Exchange	X (CSAA approved)	X	Nov-21	855-424-8639	<a href="https://calstate.aaa.com/insurance">https://calstate.aaa.com/insurance</a>
Falls Lake Fire and Casualty	Fire Wise Community	X	Dec-19	800-780-7454	<a href="https://www.fallslakeins.com/">https://www.fallslakeins.com/</a>
Occidental Fire & Casualty Company of North Carolina		X	Aug-13	800-481-0661	<a href="https://www.iatinsurancegroup.com/">https://www.iatinsurancegroup.com/</a>
State Farm General Insurance Company	Fire Wise Community	X	Feb-22	800-782-8332	<a href="https://www.statefarm.com/">https://www.statefarm.com/</a>

The Cincinnati Insurance Company	Shelter in Place Community	X	Aug-16	888-242-8811	<a href="https://www.cinfin.com/">https://www.cinfin.com/</a>
California FAIR Plan	Fire Wise Community	X	May-18; Jun-11	800-339-4099	<a href="https://www.cfpnet.com/">https://www.cfpnet.com/</a>
Chubb Group					
Federal Insurance Company	Shelter in Place Community	X	Dec-18	800-682-4822	<a href="https://www.chubb.com/us-en/">https://www.chubb.com/us-en/</a>
Pacific Indemnity Company	Shelter in Place Community	X	Dec-18		
Vigilant Insurance Company	Shelter in Place Community	X	Dec-18		
USAA Group					
Garrison Property and Casualty Insurance Company	Fire Wise Community		Oct-14	210-531-8722	<a href="https://www.usaa.com/">https://www.usaa.com/</a>
United Services Automobile Association	Fire Wise Community		Oct-14		
USAA Casualty Insurance Company	Fire Wise Community		Oct-14		

USAA General Indemnity Company  Revised 2/10/22	Fire Wise Communit y		Oct-14		
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