

**Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Directors, Rodeo-Hercules Fire District  
**From:** Rebecca Ramirez, Interim Fire Chief  
**Subject:** Fire Chief's Report  
**Date:** February 14, 2024

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**Labor Relations /Personnel**

The recruitment for Firefighter Paramedic closed on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Interviews to be held in March. Engineer promotional process is complete.

Reporting: Chief Ramirez

**Operations**

- 1/1: E75 responded to a residential structure fire in Hercules. 4 adults were displaced. 1 sent to the hospital for smoke inhalation. The fire started in an upstairs bedroom. Spread to the adjoining bedroom, laundry room and attic. Extensive smoke damage to the rest of the upstairs.
- 1/25: E75 responded to a reported structure fire with smoke detector activation and smoke in the residence, one occupant. Upon arrival units found and quickly extinguished a small fire in a downstairs bedroom and assisted with evacuation of smoke. Quick response limited the spread of the fire.
- 1/30: Q76 and E75 were responded to a rollover vehicle accident. Upon arrival units found a two-vehicle accident, one vehicle with significant damage. Initially three patients were found, of which one was transported with what appeared to be minor injuries.
- 1/31: Q76 responded to the scene of a hit and run accident-causing minor/moderate damage to two vehicles. The vehicle carrying two passengers that were struck by a suspected carjacking suspect had moderate front end damage. The occupants were assessed on scene and released.
- 02/1: In preparation and response for the recent storms, the region deployed a Task force locally which included E376 and BC Johnson as Strike Team Leader. The deployment is fully reimbursable.
- 02/3: Q76 and BC Johnson serving as B7 responded mutual aid to El Sobrante for a structure fire with one trapped occupant. The occupant was rescued and transported where she succumbed to her injuries.
- 02/07: Q76, E75, E78, B7 and 7500 responded to assist Phillips 66 with an onsite leak. Unified command was established. The leak was contained, and the leaking equipment repaired.

Reporting: Captain Cochnauer

**Training**

Both Quint 76 and Engine 75 participated in a large area search drill at the old Longs building in Pinole with our Battalion 7 partners. Diversity training with regional partners. Phillips 66 fire brigade personnel, Con Fire B7,

and RHF D personnel participated in a post incident analysis and training.

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### **Facilities/Equipment**

Station 76-bathroom remodel complete. Remodeling of Station 75 bathrooms is beginning. The station alerting systems have been received and will begin installation.

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### **Fleet Management**

Engine 75 Pierce is back in the shop for warranty issues. Unknown ETA. Quint 76A is back in the shop for multiple water leaks, moderate plumbing fixes, and leaking transfer case.

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### **Grants/Reimbursements**

Assistance for Firefighting Grant funding opportunity has opened. Staff will submit for cardiac monitors and portable radios. Matching funds are within the present budget.

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### **Community Risk Reduction**

Hercules blood pressure screening begins the second Wednesday of every month at 11am at the Hercules Senior Center. Dates and times for Rodeo pending. Thanks to collaborative efforts with staff and Directors Davidson and Bowman, Board meetings now have fully integrated AI, closed captions and summary of topics as well as full transcripts available on request.

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### **Prevention**

A new software platform with "First Due" for tracking and billing of prevention fees is being configured. Implementation is likely in March. Updated fees to come to the board for public hearing in March. Meeting and plan check for new townhomes project at the Hercules Bayfront underway. Meeting soon with developers of Franklin Canyon RV Resort project. Meeting with city of Hercules to discuss preparation for Fourth of July event at the bayfront. Inspection of all elementary schools in Rodeo and Hercules complete by CSG contractors. Prevention is planning to meet with suppression personnel to discuss electrical utility (solar panel/energy storage) firefighter safety and suppression tactics.

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### **Fiscal Stabilization**

Annual audit is underway and will be presented in March. Defer to quarterly budget presentation.

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### **Community Activities/Meetings**

Crews held an outreach workshop for new hires on January 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The response was positive and has resulted in additional applications being submitted. Chief attended CAP 66 and RMAC monthly meetings.

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