

# THE SPFD

## A QUARTERLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

**MARK DUERR**

Hello from the SPFD. My name is Mark Duerr, and I am the Fire Chief of the South Placer Fire District. As I write this, it is pouring rain on a record-setting weekend for snow in the Sierra. Rest assured, your crews are out and about ensuring the safety of the District. It has been a wet first quarter of 2024, with multiple weather events impacting the community, including power outages that affected many of you, our local schools, and even our fire stations. During this quarter, SPFD firefighters experienced some of the busiest days of their careers, responding to fallen trees, power outages, vehicle accidents, fires, and localized flooding. Despite the demand, your SPFD crews rose to the occasion and handled all the calls like the true professionals they are!

Changing gears, we will host our first open house of the year at Station 16 at 5300 Olive Ranch Road on Saturday, March 9th, from 11 am to 1 pm. This is a family event to meet your firefighters, tour the station, and explore the fire engines. There is even free food and drink. We hope you can join us. The next open house will be on June 8th at Station 20. Check our social media or the District website for more details.

Finally, if you see our crews out and about in the community, please say hello or ask questions. We are here for you and truly enjoy interacting with our community. If there is something you would like to know or if you have a future topic for our newsletter, you can reach us at [contact@southplacerfire.org](mailto:contact@southplacerfire.org). Have a great day, and thank you for your time.



### WHAT'S NEW WITH THE DISTRICT

Greetings to all our valued community members! We are excited to announce the launch of South Placer Fire District's first-ever quarterly newsletter. This newsletter aims to provide information about the fire district and its happenings. Our team is dedicated to informing you about the latest news, events, and safety tips for fire prevention and emergency services. We hope this newsletter will serve as a valuable resource for you and your family. We look forward to your continued support as we work together to keep our community safe.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR FIRE DISTRICT

The South Placer Fire District is a dedicated team that serves and protects a population of 34,768 people across a 42.05-square-mile area. With six strategically located stations, we can provide fast emergency response times. However, only four of the six stations are operational due to budget constraints.

In 2023, the South Placer Fire District responded to approximately 4,000 calls and emergencies. Of those calls, 68% were related to medical emergencies. The district offers advanced life support (ALS) fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) utilizing four fire engines and two ambulances to provide the highest level of care to the community.

The district operates on a budget of approximately \$16 million, which covers various expenses, including personnel, equipment, training, and maintenance costs. The budget will be discussed in detail in next quarter's newsletter.

Despite the district's challenges, the South Placer Fire District team remains committed to serving the community with professionalism and expertise. SPFD is proud to be a part of the community and will work tirelessly to keep you safe.



## SAFETY TIP

When changing your clock - change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries.

Future storm damage can be reduced by keeping up on home maintenance. You or someone you hire should clean your roofs, gutters, storm drains, and anywhere water may flow or collect. Also, remove dead limbs and trees that could fall.

## THIS QUARTER AT SOUTH PLACER FIRE

In the fourth quarter of 2023 (Oct to Dec) the District responded to:

**Total Calls - 994**

**Fires - 21**

*Overpressure - 2*

**Medical - 665**

*Hazardous Condition - 12*

**Service - 99**

**Good Intent - 148**

**False Alarm - 47**

*Italics = No fire involvement*

