



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

March 17, 2026

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Lewis Broschard, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Chief's Report

Operations Section Update

- Traffic Safety Units. The District's dedicated apparatus shop staff recently completed the retrofit and outfitting of two additional traffic safety units. With three units, two will be placed into service with a goal to provide coverage in the I-680/Hwy 242 area and the Hwy 4 corridor. The third unit will be reserved as a spare unit. The feedback from the initial deployment of our first unit has been positive with the large overhead electronic signage playing a significant role in managing traffic at emergency scenes.



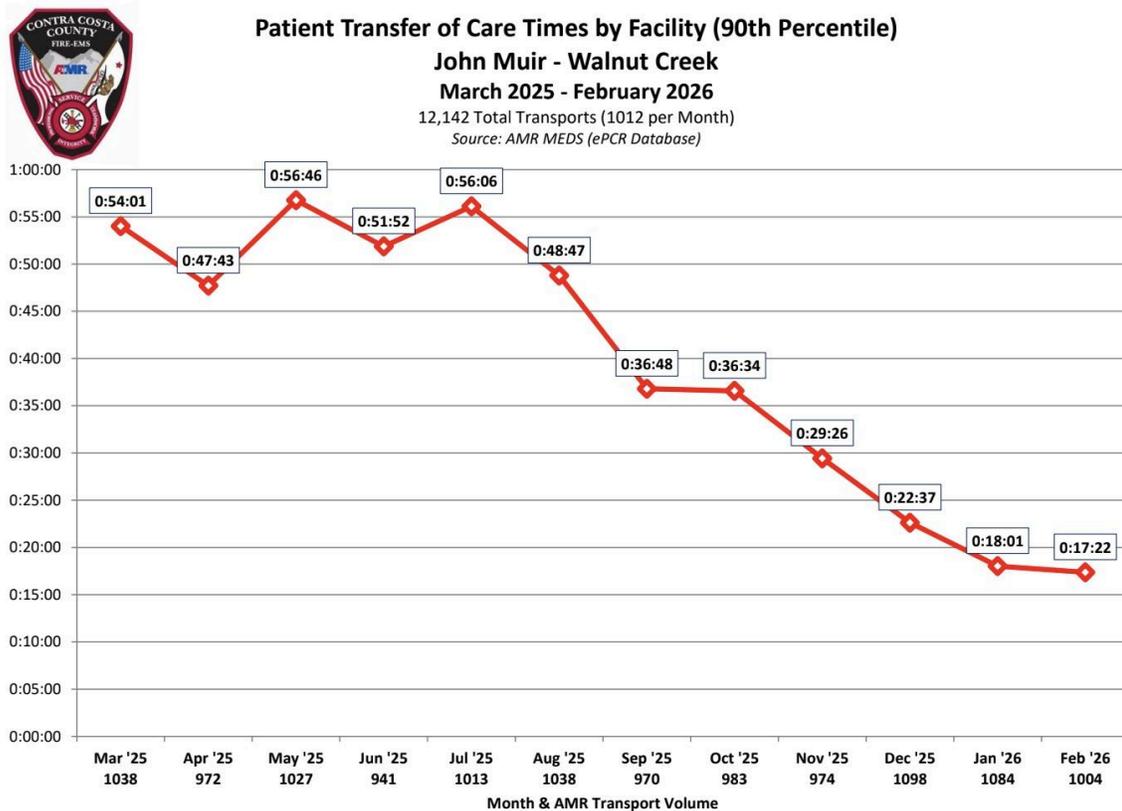
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division

- Ambulance Patient Offload Times.** APOT times are trending down. John Muir Walnut Creek (JMWC) is now meeting the 20-minute County standard for the second month in a row. It is having a big effect on system performance. As an example, February 27th our system was just three transports short of a record day with 299 transports to emergency departments (EDs). Central County experienced the most transports. Our system achieved 92% response time compliance in Central County on that date. For reference, on 2/5/25, our system transported 302 patients on a record day and only achieved 78% response time compliance in Central County. JMWC APOT in February, 2025 exceeded 55 minutes, 90% of the time.

Our EMS Division staff participated in the presentation of APOT improvements to the East Bay Hospital Council in collaboration with JMWC staff.

Other receiving facilities need to keep working to close the gap on their APOT performance. Kaiser Richmond and County PES are still seeing excessive offload times that negatively impact the system.

The February APOT report is attached. JMWC APOT data is below:



Training & Safety

- Academy 62. Academy 62 with 15 lateral firefighters graduated on February 27th at a ceremony at the Leshar Center in Walnut Creek.
- Shipboard Firefighting Awareness Training. Nearing completion of shipboard firefighting awareness training. We have 14 docks and port facilities in our response area. This training will help to familiarize our members with the unique hazards and challenges associated with shipboard firefighting. Fires that occur on ships docked at facilities in our district are the responsibility of the Fire District.
- Cessation of UASI Funding. We received a notice from Bay Area UASI that they are not scheduling any classes after May 31st of this year due to federal government funding uncertainties. This change and proposed cessation of federal support for local disaster and large incident command training will negatively impact our ability to provide access to training while increasing costs to our District.

Special Operations

- Super Bowl 60 Deployment. Fourteen fire hazmat team members and 5 County Health hazmat team members deployed to this event in support of the mutual aid system.



- Philips 66 Training. Extensive training continues with Philips 66 on issues of coordination and familiarization on their firefighting foam systems as well as high-angle technical rope rescue scenarios.

Community Risk Reduction Section

Fire Prevention Bureau

- **Pilot Ambassador Program.** The District is embarking on an “Ambassador Program” which will train residents to perform defensible space and home hardening evaluations in their neighborhoods to educate the community where improvements should be made. The recommendations are not strictly enforceable by the Fire District as they are not required by code or regulation, but are considered best practices. These evaluations will be performed in the high and moderate fire severity zones within the local responsibility areas (LRA) as pilot projects within Brentwood and Lafayette communities. To support the program launch, the District will be contracting with XyloPlan to map the highest risk areas for potential flow paths of a wildland fire into the community. Additionally, the District will be contracting with Fire Aside to track and analyze the completed assessments.

All of this work is being done to expand wildfire mitigation and community resilience beyond the limited existing code and regulatory framework.

- **Wildfire Mitigation Work.** The highlight is the completion of the Lafayette/Walnut Creek Shaded Fuel Break which occurred on March 13, 2026. The closeout reports and final submission for reimbursement of grant funds will be completed prior to the deadline of April 14, 2026. This \$3M project consisted of performing fuel reduction and mitigation work of over 190 acres in a continuous shaded fuel break stretching 13 miles through Walnut Creek and Lafayette.

Legislation & Grants

- **Federal Earmark.** The District was successful in obtaining \$1.95M in an earmark supported by Congressman Mark Desaulnier for critically needed emergency power infrastructure for the East Bay Regional Communications System (EBRCS) radio tower sites. This earmark request will provide new and replacement emergency power generators and automatic transfer switch gear for all the EBRCS tower sites within Contra Costa County. This will ensure increased reliability to the emergency radio communications system for fire, EMS, and law enforcement in the event of power outages, PSPS events, or other disruptions to the main electrical power system. The earmark request was funded as part of the recently approved federal budget.
- **Urban Area Security Initiative.** The District was awarded almost \$160,000 for two hazardous materials team related equipment grants. The grants will provide new personal radiation detection equipment and a mass spectrometer

to enable on-scene identification of unknown solid and liquid substances, reduce reliance on external laboratories, while supporting HazMat, suspicious substance, and CBRNE incidents.

- Zone 0 and Home Hardening Regulations. (no significant update) The State Board of Forestry continues to hold committee meetings on this subject, with the next committee meeting scheduled for April, 2026.

Administration Section Update

Support Services Division

- Fire Station Inspections. Station inspections have been completed as part of our Building and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection Program. Conducted by Battalion Chiefs three times per year, these inspections ensure routine maintenance is performed, identify repairs for our facilities team that are beyond the capability of station personnel, and help identify capital projects for future budget cycles.
- Fleet Replacement Program. The District held a pre-construction meeting with Golden State Fire Apparatus for our next order of four Type 1 fire engines and one Tractor-Drawn Aerial, with delivery scheduled for 2027.

New Fire Stations / Major Facilities Construction

- Fire Station 90 (Brentwood) Fire Station 90 has completed all of the required environmental studies in partnership with the County and the Youth Center. Some modifications were made to the station in response to the community and City Council input received earlier this year. We anticipate a board item at the next meeting that will allow the project to obtain CEQA approval. Following that approval the Fire District will file a planning application for the Fire Station with the City of Brentwood. The planning process is expected to take several months. The Fire District completed early season weed abatement on the entire five acre site in February.
- Fire Station 9 (Pacheco) The District received seven responses to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Design-Build of Fire Station 9 in Pacheco. After review, the top three teams have been notified to advance to the Request for Proposals (RFP) phase. We are also scheduling a kickoff meeting in the coming weeks with the architect for the temporary Fire Station 9 project, to be located at Buchanan Field, as the crew will be relocated during the two year construction of the replacement station.
- Contra Costa County Regional Fire Communication Center (CCRFCC) (Pleasant Hill) The final details are coming together. The emergency generator was delivered and set in place this month. Some delays have been encountered with Nextgen911 installation, unforeseen conditions, electrical switch gear, emergency generator and permanent power. During the

construction process a gas line was damaged and PG&E is scheduling those repairs. Final internet technology hardware installation continues. The project is currently on track for a May completion and move in date. When the move in date confidence increases, a ribbon cutting date will be identified.



- Fire Station 94 (Downtown Brentwood) The Station 94 project reached a major milestone during the first week of March with the slab-on-grade pour for the apparatus bays and the first floor. Once cured, the slab will improve site logistics. Additionally, the District and County Public Works met with the Brentwood Veterans group to coordinate requirements for the storage building and ADA parking stalls included in the project.



Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Programs Transition

- The District welcomed the County Health Hazardous Materials Programs as our neighbors into the District's administration building at 4005 Port Chicago Hwy in Concord in mid-February. The entire staff is now situated in what will become the Fire District's Hazardous Materials Division in July, 2026.
- Drafts of job descriptions are being finalized with input from labor organizations, County Labor Relations and Human Resources.
- The draft Cal EPA CUPA programs application package was submitted to Cal EPA for their initial review in mid-February.
- Weekly planning meetings with staff from the District and County HazMat are continuing.

Special Recognition

- The deployment of all our Traffic Safety Units would not have been possible without the dedication and skills of our very own Rod Bumanlag. Rod is a fire mechanic with special fabrication skills and an eye for engineering detail. His work transformed aging surplus fire engines into these specialized resources that will increase safety during freeway incidents for our firefighters and the public. THANK YOU ROD!!



Upcoming Events

- **Girls Empowerment Camp.** In partnership with the Contra Costa Fire Foundation, our 2nd annual camp is scheduled for May 2-3, 2026.

The Girls Empowerment Camp (GEC) is a free 2-day camp for teens ages 14-18. GEC introduces them to the fire service and provides campers with a realistic, hands-on overview of firefighting and exposure to all aspects of public safety career opportunities in the fire service. Additionally, the program empowers campers with life skills and professional guidance that encourages them to pursue a career in public safety. The camp is held at the Contra Costa Fire Training Center in Concord.

REGISTRATION OPENS ON APRIL 1 AT 9:00AM.

For additional information, contact ContraCostaGEC@cccfd.org

To register: <https://contracostafirefoundation.org/girls-empowerment-camp/>

