

# **Chief Edwards**

## **Accomplishments 2025-2026**

### Personal Accomplishments:

Conducted a districtwide listening tour, developed and implemented a 180-day plan:

1. Evaluating the district's finances and overall fiscal health.
  - a. Monthly financial reports
  - b. Negotiated an MOU with all three bargaining groups from L2487
  - c. Adopted new Fund Balance and Project Funding Policies
  - d. Created a 5-year Financial Forecast Model with the FY27 Budget
2. Evaluating current dispatch services and processes.
  - a. Conducted an internal dispatch workshop to identify priorities.
  - b. How do we expedite regional dispatch?
3. Improve organizational communication.
  - a. Implemented Administrative and Informational Communication Bulletins.
  - b. Chief Officer fire station visits.

Hired a new CFO, Fire Marshal, and Deputy Fire Chief of Operations.

Attended community meetings to address the delay in constructing the Washoe Valley Consolidated Fire Station- Committed to providing updates on funding opportunities as new information is gathered.

Supported regional fire protection efforts:

- Meet regularly with partner agencies to identify an implementation plan for Regional Dispatch Services. (Independent of Hexagon/Octave implementation)
- Adopted Standard Operating Policies- increasing intra-agency operations.
- Hosted and attended multi-agency trainings, including live-fire.

Active participant in the Regional Fire Services Study, attended a community meeting, held regular monthly check-in meetings with the consultant team, hosted a volunteer firefighter meeting with the consultants, and provided a significant amount of data.

### Organizational Accomplishments:

Completed the renovation of Fire Station 37 in November 2025.

Completed the construction of Fire Station 35 July 2026.

Received \$5.4 million in grants for fuel mitigation projects- primary funding for the Wildland Division.

Increased staffing in the Wildland Division by 6 seasonal Firefighters in 2026

Increased open burning from two months to six months.

Implemented First Watch Software to help collect our dispatch and emergency incident data.

Reintegration of the Gerlach Volunteer Fire Department into TMFPD.

Received a \$3.2 million Pennington Foundation Grant for fire apparatus and equipment.

Completed construction on our state-of-the-art Personal Protective Equipment washroom.

Hosted the third annual wildland fire command and control training for our regional fire partners in Northern Nevada.