



MEMORANDUM

May 20, 2026

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Richard J. Edwards, Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the June 2, 2026 Meeting

1. Capital Projects Apparatus Update

The three new Type I Engines are scheduled to be completed at the factory sometime after June 19th. Staff is currently planning for a final inspection at the factory in Appleton, WI, sometime after the first of June. Once a final inspection has been completed and any identified issues have been corrected, the factory will arrange for the vehicles to be delivered to the Siddons Martin service facility near USA Pkwy, where the district will complete any final checks for corrections before we take acceptance of the Apparatus.

2. Capital Projects Construction Update

Fire Station 37 continues to undergo a few minor warranty repairs. This is a normal part of the construction and remodel process, and all identified issues are being addressed appropriately. The most significant remaining item for the project has been the installation of a 1,000-gallon fuel cell, which will allow fire apparatus to be refueled directly at the station. Installation is expected to be completed by the end of May, with the tank scheduled to be filled shortly after the start of the new fiscal year.

Fire Station 35 has received a Certificate of Occupancy from Washoe County, indicating that the project is substantially complete and the facility is ready for occupancy. However, the station is still awaiting installation of internet service by AT&T. Washoe County IT has been working closely with AT&T to monitor the installation of approximately 8,400 feet of fiber optic cable connecting the data center to the fire station. At this time, there is no firm completion date, though the current estimate is approximately sixty (60) days from today.

Internet connectivity is critical for firefighters to access the Washoe County IT network, the Vonage phone system, and, most importantly, fire station alerting services through REMSA Dispatch.

In the interim, some warranty work is still being completed at no cost to either the District or Apple Corporation. Additionally, funding for furnishings at the new fire station remains in

progress. We anticipate the Nevada State Infrastructure Bank will approve an amendment to the Fire Station 37 project, allowing the transfer of unused funds to support the purchase of furniture for the new facility.

3. Regional Operations Update

The tentative implementation date for Octave has been pushed back as critical blocker problems were unable to be resolved. Octave went back and reviewed timelines and blocker cases to provide an updated go-live forecast. Octave now proposes CAD stabilization by July 31, 2026 with application interface testing and readiness by August 15, 2026. The next key milestones are projected to be functional acceptance testing in around November 30, 2026 with training readiness approval in early December. Under this timeline, training for our dispatchers would likely begin after January 1, 2027 due to the holidays with go-live sometime after training concludes. This timeline is still fairly fluid as it relies on Octave's ability to resolve the current blocker cases.

We continue to meet with our regional fire and EMS partners to discuss regional dispatch. We are evaluating workload capacity and workstation space at the Washoe/ Reno Dispatch Center on Spectrum to ensure it has the capacity to accommodate all fire and EMS dispatching. We are also discussing Octave implementation and how best to implement it to resolve the dual dispatching challenges we currently experience.

4. Wildland Fuels Mitigation Update

\$600,000 was awarded through a Project Agreement through the Wildland Protection Program for support work on Forest Service ground, primarily for burning. TMFPD Personnel are the bulk of the workforce for burns that the public has seen smoke in the last couple of months.

\$13,000 was awarded through a Project Agreement through the Wildland Protection Program in support of a collaborative fuels reduction project in the Galena Forest area. Funding provided by the Nevada Division of Forestry directly supports work occurring on County-managed lands in partnership with Washoe County and the surrounding community. The project will focus on reducing hazardous fuels along trail systems accessed from Joy Lake Road. Certified sawyer crews will conduct thinning operations to remove small-diameter trees, ladder fuels, and other excess vegetation that contribute to wildfire risk.

Following the thinning work, community volunteers will assist by collecting and transporting cut material to designated pile locations for future pile burning operations. This collaborative approach directly reflects community interest and participation, as local residents specifically requested opportunities to contribute to wildfire mitigation efforts in the area.