



## **TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: May 6, 2025**

**DATE:** April 16, 2025

**TO:** Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to accept and express thoughtful appreciation of a donation of miscellaneous mechanic tools and a toolbox at an approximate value of \$83,392 from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District employee Thomas Gleason in support of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Fleet Program. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

This item is a recommendation to accept and express thoughtful appreciation of a donation of miscellaneous mechanic tools and a toolbox at an approximate value of \$83,392 from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District employee Thomas Gleason in support of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Fleet Program.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

None

### **BACKGROUND**

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District employee Thomas Gleason is retiring from the district in July of 2025 and wishes to donate his tools and toolbox to the district upon his retirement. It is common knowledge that a mechanic and their tools go hand in hand, one supports the other and as such one is just as invaluable as the other. Most mechanics spend their own life savings acquiring their collection of tools over their lifetime, working on those mechanical luxuries that we take for granted every day. These tools are specifically used to repair everything in our fleet. Tools small enough to repair the smallest wiring of a circuit board or large enough to wrench on a 40 ton ladder truck. From motors to transmissions, starters to brakes, pumps to pipes, and every flashing light or siren these tools are definitely special.

Fire Mechanic Gleason may think he is simply just leaving us his tools, but his donation will remain in our fleet shop as a symbol of his legacy, one that embodies a kind gentleman, a master

craftsman, and a strong mentor who simply wanted to do a good job every day. Because of the dedication to his work as a mechanic, firefighters responded to calls, patients were delivered to hospitals, people were served and lives were saved all day every day. We wish Tom many happy years in retirement, and we are extremely grateful for his generous donation that will always keep our district fleet running smoothly.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The total value of the donation is \$83,392 and will save the district the future cost of replacement of these tools. The individual items are below the District's capital asset threshold.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Board accept and express thoughtful appreciation for a donation of miscellaneous mechanic tools and a toolbox, approximate value of \$83,392, from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District employee Thomas Gleason in support of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Fleet Program.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with the Staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

*"I move to accept and express thoughtful appreciation of a donation of miscellaneous mechanic tools and a toolbox at an approximate value of \$83,392 from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District employee Thomas Gleason in support of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Fleet Program."*