



MEMORANDUM

April 29, 2025

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Dale Way, Interim Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the May 6, 2025 Meeting

1. Community Report

Attached for is the 2024-2025 Community Report.

2. Capital Projects Update

We currently have two major construction projects within the District.

a. The apparatus bay addition to Fire Station 37 is progressing on schedule to be completed by November of this year. The wall joist and roof rafters should be complete. The concrete floors have been poured, and the contractors are beginning to tie the house and the new addition together structurally. Staff has finished specifications on a tank for fueling apparatus, a new generator for the station, and procuring parts to expand the Purvis alerting system. The station crews worked together with the contractors to create some space alongside the RV Bay to park the brush truck. This is a significant change as the original plan was for the brush truck to be absent from the station until construction was complete.

b. TMFPD just hosted the Station 35 groundbreaking next door to the Apple Data Center. Ironically, there was a vehicle accident on the freeway directly across from the station site at the same time as our ceremony, illustrating our need for the new facility. The dirt work of the site has been completed. Crews have installed underground piping and conduit and are awaiting some final documentation from Apple to move forward with other parts of the project. Our staff and our preferred garage door vendor arranged for a tour of some fire stations near Folsom and Sacramento to inspect a new style of apparatus bay doors. Station 35 will be the first in the District with bay doors that open horizontally instead of vertically. The big difference is reduced maintenance needs and a faster opening process. Even if the power goes out crews will quickly be able to open the doors manually by simply swing them to the side, rather than grabbing a long-handled tool from the truck to push the door up overhead. The station is still on schedule to be completed May of 2026.

3. Apparatus Update

a. The District is still awaiting delivery of three brush trucks. One Type 3 urban interface unit and two smaller Type 5 brush trucks were originally scheduled to arrive sometime this fall or sooner. Staff has already collected or purchased a large portion of the equipment that will be assigned to all three apparatus so that when they arrive, they can go into service quickly.

b. Our one fire engine that was struck on the I-580 Fwy back in February has been delivered to a repair facility in Texas. Siddons Martin, who is our local sales representative for Pierce Fire Apparatus, has a large repair facility there and has started work on the vehicle. Because of the extensive damage to the vehicle, and how the body of fire trucks are constructed, they still expect the repair process to take 10 months. We expect to see that apparatus return to us around February of 2026. In the meantime, Fire Station 32 in Washoe Valley is currently operating a reserve fire engine so there is no loss of service to our community.

4. Senate Bill 319 Update

The sponsor (Senator Skip Daly) significantly amended the bill and reduced it to merely a study of fire consolidation in Washoe County. The amended bill passed the state senate on April 22, 2025 by a vote of 16 to 5.

We are now waiting to hear when the bill will be heard in the Assembly Government Affairs Committee so that we can start the process in the second house.

Should the bill pass the Assembly and be signed into law by Governor Lombardo, our elected leaders in Washoe County and the cities would work together to undertake a comprehensive study on the impacts and costs of consolidating fire agencies in Washoe County into a single fire district.