



MEMORANDUM

March 30, 2021

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Charles A. Moore, Fire Chief

Re: Fire Chief and District Accomplishments – 2020

I am providing you with a list of objectives and accomplishments that I, with the assistance of my staff have achieved in 2020.

1. Initiated a public/private partnership with NV Energy that resulted in completed fuels reduction projects, a 17 member fuels and wildfire team, and new type V brush trucks, chippers and additional rolling stock that support the mission. The wildfire division serves as a force multiplier during wildfires and can help lessen “on-scene” time of station crews when overhaul operations are transferred to the fuels crew.
2. The Green-Waste program was significantly expanded. The program helps homeowners create defensible space around improved property that results in less wildfire risk to structures. Approximately 15,000 cubic yards of waste was collected and processed in 2020.
3. Centralized administration, logistics and fleet maintenance to a new building that resulted in increased efficiency of the operation and enabled an expansion of staff in these divisions. Two additional certified mechanics were added which resulted in improved maintenance and faster fleet repairs.
4. District staff aided and supported REMSA with surge capacity for patient transport during the pandemic. My staff and I successfully maintained continuity of operations during the height of the pandemic.
5. I developed a cost-effective solution for a new fire station at Hidden Valley, through purchase of an existing and adjacent residential structure, and plans for larger truck bays, staff offices, parking, and other support spaces. The plan has been approved by the Board of Adjustments.

6. Developed and presented a deployment plan that will add resources to the North Battalion and increase the efficiency of the operation in the South Battalion. The plan included the purchase of six acres in Washoe Valley for a new replacement fire station that will combine Eastlake and Bowers facilities.
7. Completed a bond for the purchase of five new Type 1 fire engines, and the purchase of a ladder truck for cash – the first ever for the District. The purchase of the ladder truck resulted in an approximate savings of \$1M when compared to purchasing a new unit.
8. Community engagement has been significantly increased through a new website and regular and consistent social media messaging.
9. The financial stability of the District has been increased while service levels have improved, and aggressive improvements have been implemented.
10. Supported an expansion of water rescue and hazardous materials teams that added more qualified members in each of those specialized technical areas of response.
11. District staff answered and suppressed the highest volume of wildfires in the District's history, and prevented significant damage to the communities of Arrowcreek, Rancho Haven, and others.
12. The District applied for and received SAFER Grant funding for 3 additional firefighter paramedics. These additional staff are available to the District at no cost for 3 years.
13. Implemented fees for plans reviews, medical transports, and response to vehicular accidents. These fees help pay for and offset the cost of service.
14. Served as Vice-Chair of the Regional 800 MHz Radio System and supported approvals and recommendations to replace the current system which reached end of life.
15. Continued to support the Fire Safety Can program through the distribution of 500 additional cans. The program increases public awareness of the dangers of fireplace ash and oily rags.
16. Management and oversight of Gerlach and Red Rock Volunteers was assumed in July of 2020.