



## MEMORANDUM

December 4, 2025

To: Board of Fire Commissioners  
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Richard J. Edwards, Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the December 16, 2025 Meeting

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1. Capital Projects Construction Update

- a. **Fire Station 35** near Reno Technology Parkway is on schedule to be completed in May of next year.

2. Capital Projects Apparatus Update

- a. **Two Type 5 brush trucks** have arrived from the Skeeter Emergency Vehicle factory in Hillsboro, TX and are being outfitted with equipment and radio installation. Staff is currently undergoing familiarization and training before being placed in service.

3. Green Waste Update

- a. A total of 894 loads over all locations (Over 700 between Washoe Valley and Silver Lake), which equates to roughly 4,200 cubic yards of material.

Big thanks to Waste Management, which donated the 16 dumpsters placed at all of the sites.

b. Curbside Chipping

- 110 properties serviced
- 52 in the Galena area
- 22 across the rest of the southern battalion
- 36 across the northern battalion

b.1 Self-reported demographics from those individuals who signed up online for curbside chipping (Which was about ½ percent of the total):

- 69% elderly
- 20% disabled
- 11% low income

4. Joint Fire Agency Policies

Personnel from the Reno Fire Department, Sparks Fire Department, and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (the Team) began meeting in April 2025 to enhance operational efficiency and safety by standardizing policies, training, and response protocols. The core of the effort is the development and implementation of shared Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs), which will guide joint emergency response and training. These guidelines are designed to reduce redundancy, optimize resource utilization, and enhance firefighter safety and service delivery. The vision is to create a unified, mission-driven system that reflects the values of the fire service and fosters high-trust, seamless collaboration among departments, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries.

The Team has completed the first three SOGs outlining Incident Command Expectations, Personnel Accountability on fire scenes, and Common Terminology. The Team continues to work on additional SOGs, primarily focused on firefighter safety. Notably, a regional fire dispatch policy has been implemented to standardize the handling of emergency signal or mayday activations across all dispatch centers. The Team's respective training divisions are also working to implement joint training sessions to maintain momentum towards additional response protocols. As the program progresses, its direction will be continually reassessed to ensure it meets the evolving needs of the departments and the communities they serve.