



**STAFF REPORT**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING DATE: June 17, 2026**

**TO:** EMS Advisory Board Members  
**FROM:** Joe Kammann, Division Chief  
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District  
**SUBJECT:** EMSAB Report

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**SUMMARY**

Update of the emergency medical services (EMS) operations for the third quarter of FY2026.

**DATA PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
TOTAL EMS RESPONSES	1518	1501	1489	4508
TOTAL EMS TRANSPORTS	247	208	207	662
TOTAL EMS RESPONSES CANCELLED	526	548	554	1628
MUTUAL AID RESPONSES	467	530	643	1640

**EMS UPDATES**

**Certification Transition & Feedback**

- This year marks the official transition from American Heart Association certifications to the Red Cross model.
- We conducted a thorough evaluation of each program and found them to be extremely similar in content and certification length.
- However, the District was able to realize a significant cost savings with the switch, as the Red Cross versions are almost 50% less expensive than the AHA counterpart.

**Neonatal Training**

- While having a neonatal resuscitation certification is not required for State of Nevada certifications, through our Quality Assurance program we identified a need for higher level training on these rare, but highly complex patients.

- This also gave us the opportunity to vet the Red Cross "Neonatal Advanced Life Support" material they provide.
- Those that have previously taken the AHA NRP program should already be familiar with the concepts, although EMS Coordinator Harper found more value in the Red Cross format.
- These initial trainings are still being provided individually to stations and should conclude sometime in Q2 of 2026.

## Annual Response Delay Training

- The annual response delay training that we provide emphasizes the importance of accurately identifying, documenting, and reporting response delays to ensure system accountability and timely response-time reporting.
- Response delays occur when units fail to meet the required response time due to factors like incorrect addresses, dispatch errors, access issues, or external events.
- The presentation distinguishes between true delays, which are crew-controlled, and exemptions, such as system errors or unknown road closures, which can be removed from response time calculations.
- Crews are responsible for reporting delays and their types over the radio, announcing when the delay has cleared, and ensuring proper documentation.
- The submission process involves crew documentation, dispatch notification, QA review, and final approval by Northern Nevada Public Health.
- Accurate and timely reporting of delays protects crews, supports compliance, and maintains the integrity of system performance data.

## Charting Training 2026

- The "Charting 2026" training provides information to crews for documentation, supply tracking, and Medicare transport definitions that significantly impact EMS billing and compliance.
- This creates more accurate classification of transport levels:
  - BLS requires at least two crew members with non-invasive care only and no ALS assessment.
  - ALS1 is triggered by either a paramedic-level assessment alone or at least one ALS intervention.
  - ALS2 involves higher-acuity care such as multiple ALS interventions, three IV medications, or advanced procedures like intubation or needle decompression.
  - SCT applies to inter-facility transfers of critically ill patients requiring specialized providers and advanced therapies like ventilators or infusions.