

MEMORANDUM November 8, 2019

- To: Board of Fire Commissioners Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District
- Fm: Charles A. Moore, Fire Chief
- **Re:** Fire Chief Report November 2019

Item A:1 Administration/Logistics/Fleet Space

The District leases approximately 10,000 SF of warehouse space at 1315 Greg Street in Sparks for its logistics and fleet maintenance. The District pays for its administration offices at the County Complex through an Interlocal Agreement. Both spaces have become increasingly cramped as the District has increased in scale and numbers of employees. Staff will be looking for alternatives to its space needs in the next few weeks, and if we can locate a site where we can consolidate all three operations in one – staff will bring back a recommendation for alternatives.

Item A.2: Ladder Truck Update

The Board may recall that staff was authorized to solicit bids on a used ladder truck. A 2009 ladder truck was bid through the purchasing process and reviewed by the Chair. A ladder truck in Virginia was purchased, and it will ship in the next few days. We are sending it a fire equipment dealer in southern Nevada for a new paint scheme to match the current TM color and some minor repairs that include a new fuel tank and a new pump manifold. The purchase price was \$250,000. We expect the truck to be here in early 2020. Staff will then undergo training before the truck goes into service.

Item A.3: Community Meetings to Discuss Proposed Fire Station 30 and 32 Consolidation

The Board requested that staff schedule community meetings regarding the issue of consolidating fire stations 30 (Bowers) and 32 (Eastlake). Staff mailed approximately 2400 postcards informing residents of the meetings and also posted on social media.

The first meeting was held Monday, November 4, at Tamarack Junction and attended by 60 residents. The District was requested to meet with Directors of Franktown Estates HOA on November 11 - and there will be one additional meeting in Washoe Valley at the Toiyabe Golf Clubhouse on Tuesday, November 12.

Item A.4: Green Waste Collection Days & KTMB Christmas Tree Recycling.

Green waste collection is underway. I do not have a final report at the time of this report; however, the numbers of loads received at collection sites on November 8 and 9 have been substantial.

The District will again assist KTMB and collect Christmas Trees at select fire stations and chip them on-site after the first of the year. Press announcements will push this information as we get closer to the holidays.



Item A.5: Open Burning

Even though Washoe County Health District has modified burn regulations to allow pile burning after November 1, I have ordered that open burning remain closed for the reason that wildfire danger remains very high. The District continues to extinguish brush fires and is maintaining a "BRUSH 2" level of response, which sends four brush engines and water tenders.

Closure of open burning will remain unchanged until the area receives adequate precipitation.