



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

DATE: June 15, 2026

TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation from the TRIAD Chiefs to approve a revised Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Agreement between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, the City of Sparks, and the City of Reno, with the three fire agencies comprising the TRIAD hazmat team. The revised agreement removes provisions related to a shared regional Hazardous Materials Coordinator position, restates the annual financial contribution of \$16,000 from each participating fire agency to the TRIAD fund effective July 1, 2026, and extends the term of the agreement until June 30, 2029 (All Commission Districts). **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

SUMMARY

This item is a recommendation to approve a revised Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Agreement between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), the City of Sparks, and the City of Reno. TMFPD, the City of Sparks Fire Department (SFD) and the City of Reno Fire Department (RFD) comprise the TRIAD hazmat team, and are governed by the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Agreement. The revised agreement reflects the parties' elimination of the regional Hazardous Materials Coordinator position, restates the annual financial contribution from each participating agency in the amount of \$16,000 per year effective July 1, 2026, and extends the term of the agreement until June 30, 2029.

PREVIOUS ACTION

December 14, 2004, the Board of Fire Commissioners (Board) approved a Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Agreement between TMFPD, the City of Sparks, and the City of Reno.

March 15, 2016, the Board approved a revised Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Agreement between TMFPD, the City of Sparks, and the City of Reno.

June 4, 2024, the Board approved a revised three-year Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Agreement between TMFPD, the City of Sparks, and the City of Reno which included a new provision for TMFPD to fund 1/2 of a City of Sparks Fire Department Division Chief position assigned to the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team, effective July 1, 2024.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide a Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team, referred to as “TRIAD,” that is capable of responding to and mitigating emergencies caused by hazardous materials spills, releases, or incidents within the combined response areas of the participating agencies. The response system is based on the need to provide specialized training and equipment that exceed the capabilities of the response systems maintained by each individual agency.

Over the years, the team has grown from its original 35 members to approximately 95 members. As the team has expanded, the costs associated with training personnel, maintaining proficiency in hazardous materials response, and replacing specialized equipment have also increased.

In 2024, the Board approved a revised agreement that included the addition of a regional HazMat Coordinator position. The coordinator position was intended to assist with and conduct training, as well as develop a consistent training and operational framework within TRIAD. Under that agreement, the cost of the position would be shared equally between SFD and TMFPD, while RFD would fund the cost of a vehicle and contribute \$64,000 annually to TRIAD. Annual contributions from SFD and TMFPD were reduced to zero.

Due to recent financial constraints affecting all participating agencies, funding for the HazMat Coordinator position is no longer available. As a result, the position was removed from the TRIAD organization, with SFD absorbing the associated responsibilities through attrition. To maintain the operational capabilities and mission of the TRIAD team, reinstating annual contributions of \$16,000 from each agency will provide the necessary funding to support training, equipment maintenance, and team readiness.

At the TRIAD Chiefs’ meeting on May 27, 2026, the Chiefs unanimously approved revisions to the Agreement that remove the HazMat Coordinator position; reinstate an annual contribution of \$16,000 from each participating agency, effective July 1, 2026; and extend the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2029.

FISCAL IMPACT

The annual contribution for TMFPD of \$16,000 is included in the FY26/27 budget for HazMat and Triad contributions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the revised Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Agreement between TMFPD, the City of Sparks, and the City of Reno, as recommended by the TRIAD Chiefs.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

"I move to approve the revised Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team Agreement between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, the City of Sparks and the City of Reno, as recommended by the TRIAD Chiefs."