



MEMORANDUM

October 28, 2025

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Richard J. Edwards, Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the November 4, 2025 Meeting

1. Capital Projects Construction Update

- a. **Fire Station 35** near Reno Technology Parkway is on schedule to be completed in May of next year. The roof has been sealed up, exterior windows and doors have been installed, and the crews are starting to enclose the interior walls – perfect timing to continue working through the winter months. The biggest feature of the station was installed last week. Station 35 will be the first of our stations with bi-fold horizontal bay doors. The bi-fold doors will open more quickly than the traditional overhead doors, reducing turnout times for emergency responses, while other agencies have also experienced a decreased cost in maintenance and mishaps.
- b. **Fire Station 37** in Hidden Valley is complete, with final inspections and details completed just before Nevada Day. There is a few details remaining to complete, such as a fuel tank and the repair of a driveway on the residential side of the structure. Nevertheless, crews are actively moving into the new addition with furniture, equipment, and apparatus. The station, throughout its construction, has stayed in service and staffed, something which isn't always possible with projects as extensive as this. We will be holding a ribbon-cutting on November 12th at 10:00 am.
- c. **Consolidated Fire Station** in Washoe Valley. This past month, I met with the former President of United Construction to review the proposed plans for the consolidated fire station in Washoe Valley. The discussion focused on identifying potential cost-saving measures within the existing architectural design. Several aesthetic modifications were identified that could yield approximately \$1.0 million in savings, reducing total building construction costs to around \$15 million. The district continues to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a Special Assessment District, in conjunction with pursuing philanthropic funding opportunities, to support the construction of the new fire station.

2. Capital Projects Apparatus Update

- a. **Three Battalion Chief Command vehicles** are now in service. These units are designed with multiple radios for conducting incident command activities at large-scale incidents such as fires and technical rescues. The oldest vehicles in the fleet will be liquidated at a local auction.
- b. **The Type 3 brush apparatus** that was on display at the Fire Shows West conference has all of its hose and equipment mounted. It is currently assigned to a local vendor for radio installation and is available for your viewing outside in the roundabout.
- c. **Two Type 5 brush trucks** have been completed at the Skeeter Emergency Vehicle factory in Hillsboro, TX. We have two members who will be travelling to Texas for a final inspection of the apparatus next week. They will then conduct a two-day, 1700-mile trek back to Reno immediately after.