



MEMORANDUM

January 27, 2025

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Dale Way, Interim Fire Chief

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

1. Capital Projects Update

The District is currently managing two large capital projects. Fire Station 37 Phase II, an addition of over 1,400sq feet of apparatus bay, storage areas, and a watch desk is progressing on schedule. The old apparatus bay has been demolished, dirt work and compaction tests are being completed, and work done on a water line to the Hidden Valley Golf Course are moving along without issue. Barring any unforeseen delays we expect to occupy the addition by November of 2025. Fire Station 37 remains staffed and operational 24/7, thanks to our firefighters who are diligently working with construction crews every step of the way.

The District will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of Fire Station 35 on Wednesday, February 5th. This will be a brand-new fire station located near the Apple Data Center on I-80. The area currently relies on mutual and automatic aid from Storey County, North Lyon County, Pyramid Lake Fire and Rescue, and the Sparks Fire Department. We are currently in the final steps of documentation, permitting, and notices to proceed. We hope to begin moving dirt, drilling a well, and laying the foundation of the facility by late February or early March of 2025

2. Los Angeles Fires

There have been some concerns raised about the Los Angeles Fires (LA Fires) and the potential for that to occur here.

This did occur here in September 2024, and we referred to it as the Davis Fire. That said, I think that our regional response to the Davis validates our regional cooperative efforts. I believe that our regional response demonstrated that all the various agencies, Emergency Management, Fire, Police, Dispatch, Public Works, etc. work very well with one another and that all have worked diligently to create a system that works well for our region. It is important to understand that no system is perfect, and any system can be overwhelmed.

During the LA Fires, there were people calling 911 for fires right near them or their home and there were no more resources to send initially. This happens during firestorm events. Notifications were sent to up to 10 million unaffected people.

While we have had some similar issues in our region with the last two fires, Davis and Callahan, they were miniscule in comparison and the agencies met afterwards to work toward improving our notifications as we do each time.

3. Budget Calendar

Included in the Chief Report is a Draft timeline for the District Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget processes to include finalization of the budget at the May 20th Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.

4. Frie Academy Update

The Capital City Regional Fire Academy held its graduation for Academy 24-2 on Friday, January 31st. Seven separate agencies participated in this academy which included the graduation of 5 recruits from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD). The recruits received Firefighter 1 and 2 instruction related to structural fires, vehicle fires, wildland fires, rope rescue, and auto extrication. Each recruit will go through 100 hours of additional training post academy which includes emergency medical scenarios and water tender operation, specifically addressing the needs of TMFPD. They will then be assigned to one-year probationary period, switching between various fire stations across the District, learning the intricacies of how to do their job in the real world while being mentored by seasoned Captains, Engineers, Firefighters, and Paramedics. By the end of their probationary period each recruit will be introduced to the fire board and confirmed in their positions as full-time firefighters for Truckee Meadows Fire and Rescue.