



MEMORANDUM

June 24, 2025

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Richard J. Edwards, Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the July 1, 2025 Meeting

1. Capital Projects Fleet Update

- a. Three Ford F250 pick-ups have recently been received and are being built out as command vehicles for our Battalion Chiefs. Each vehicle is designed to support the role of directing resources and communicating with cooperators at larger-scale incidents. They will be outfitted with camper shells, emergency lighting, two-way radios, and a mobile data computer to support this role.
- b. We are still awaiting delivery of one Type III wildland engine and two Type V wildland engines. The typing dictates the amount of hose, water, and pumping capacity each engine carries. All three of these engines will be designed to carry up to four personnel and specifically be driven off-road for wildland fires. The completion times keep fluctuating due to supply instability in the market. We are currently expecting that all three vehicles will be delivered sometime this fall.
- c. Three Type 1's are also on order, with construction starting this winter. This type of engine is the typical structural firefighting unit equipped with over 2500 feet of hose, hydraulic and rope rescue equipment, and capable of delivering paramedic-level care before the arrival of an ambulance. Construction is expected to be completed in September of 2026.
- d. As the district replaces vehicles in our fleet, the older vehicles are routinely placed in reserve status or other support roles such as towing our response trailers. The oldest vehicles, usually the ones that have exceeded their mileage or maintenance costs, are liquidated either through auction or sold/donated to smaller agencies that cannot afford a brand-new vehicle to replace their fleet that is older than ours.

2. Senate Bill 319 Update

Senate Bill 319 passed the Nevada Assembly on May 22, 2025 by a vote of 34 to 8. SB 319 is the bill requiring the Washoe County Board of Commissioners, Reno City Council, and Sparks City Council to study the creation of a county fire protection district that would include both Reno and Sparks. The bill's version that cleared the assembly was slightly

amended to require the study to be completed by December 31, 2026, instead of the original July 1, 2026 deadline. Governor Lombardo signed the bill into law on June 13, 2025.

Senate Bill 319 requires the Washoe County Board of Commissioners and the City Councils of Reno and Sparks to appoint two members from their respective bodies to serve on a public body (study group) to study the creation of a county fire protection district to consolidate fire protection services within Washoe County and the Cities.

In terms of the study group's voting structure, a majority of members of this body constitute a quorum at any meeting. Any action of the board must be approved by a majority of members and at least one member appointed by each participating governing body. This is important to recognize because if two members of the same body oppose a motion, despite the other two bodies unanimously supporting it, the motion automatically dies. The body must follow open meeting law.

The study group may contract with any entity to assist in the study. All three entities must share in the cost. The study group must produce a written report by December 31, 2026 with results and recommendations of the board (study group) and any recommendations for legislation.

3. Recent Wildland Fire Activity

In the month of June, TMFPD responded to four wildland fires; Two of which were outside of TMFPD District, and we responded with mutual aid as outlined below:

- June 7, 2025 – Brush Fire – TM District 32 (BLM)

Units responded to a 2-acre wildland fire started by target shooters. After forward progress was stopped, Mt. Rose Wildland Crew remained on scene to assist with mop-up while all other units returned to the station.

- June 8, 2025 – Wildland Fire – Churchill County Mutual Aid

In the early afternoon, TM units were requested to Fallon, NV, for a wildland fire with structures involved. TM sent two Type 3 Brush Engines and one Battalion Chief to aid in extinguishment and mop up. Units returned to the station later that evening.

- June 10, 2025 – Marie Fire – TM District 45/46

At approximately 4:00 PM, units were alerted to a wildland fire off Dolores Drive in Spanish Springs. The first arriving Brush Engine reported an approximately 5-acre fire, being wind-driven in juniper and sage. Automatic and Mutual Aid were requested from Reno, Sparks, North Lyon, Storey, USFS, BLM, and NDF. The fire grew rapidly in the houses and surrounding hillside prompting evacuations. An FMAG was declared and approved and unified command established with BLM and TMFPD. Engines, dozers, hand crews, fixed-wing retardant drops, and helicopter water drops stopped the forward progress just before sunset.

Over 175 personnel initially responded with many remaining on scene for several days to ensure complete mop up of the fire area. The fire was declared 100% controlled on June

12th. The fire was mapped at 114.8 acres with 54.5 of those being on TMFPD jurisdiction. (Cost Share Map is attached)

- June 20, 2025 – Conner Fire – East Fork FPD Mutual Aid

Just after 2:00 AM, a Type 3 Brush Engine and BC were requested for mutual aid. Red Flag winds and low humidity fanned a structure fire into the wildland. TMFPD and other regional cooperators sent additional resources as the fire to over 15,000 acres in grass, sage, and pinion pine. TMFPD sent 17 personnel on 2 brush engines, 1 structure engine, 1 dozer, 1 volunteer water tender, and 1 command/support trailer to support operations until relieved by the incident management team.

4. Engineer Development School Executive Summary

The District just completed one of its largest engineer development classes in recent history. This class is required to obtain a position as an engineer within the district. I have attached an executive summary outlining what the two-week class entails.