



MEMORANDUM

June 25, 2026

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Richard J. Edwards, Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the July 7, 2026 Meeting

1. Capital Projects Apparatus Update

The three new Type I Engines should be complete. We have scheduled to have four members travel to the factory in Appleton, Wisconsin the week of July 12th. While on site they will complete a “final” inspection of all three engines to insure they were built according to the District’s specifications. After any corrections are made the trucks will be driven on the road back to Nevada by the manufacturer, inspected one last time at the Siddons-Martin maintenance facility for any additional repairs, and then released to the District after payment. Before the apparatus go into service staff will mount equipment, load fire hose, and have communication equipment such as radios, MDTs and headsets installed at a local vendor. If everything goes according to plan the new fire engines should be in service by September.

2. Capital Projects Construction Update

Station 37 did have its fuel tank installed. There is one last component (a hose reel that needs to be installed) that will allow the crew to fuel apparatus in the driveway without having to constantly turn the trucks around. Minor issues have been getting corrected as they develop, but otherwise the station is function as it was designed and is a huge improvement over the last accommodations.

Fire Station 35 is structurally complete. Nevada State Infrastructure Bank is still in the approval process for utilization of the left over funds from Station 37’s project to help furnish the station. All systems appear to be functioning as designed except for the internet service. With the assistance from Washoe County IT, District staff is still awaiting the installation of a 8400-foot fiber optic cable from the data center to the fire station site. The current estimated completion for the data lines to be complete and up and running is September 1st. Once this occurs and the station is furnished we will schedule and announce a ribbon cutting ceremony.

3. Regional Operations Update

The regional dispatch group did not meet in June, though we are scheduled to meet on July 15th to discuss the findings regarding space at the Washoe Dispatch Center. The Hexagon/Octave project team shared on June 25th that the project is largely on track to meet the newly proposed deadlines. Four project milestones, including Environment Stabilization, Go-Live Interface Validation, Core Workflow Validation, and Redundancy & Failover Validation, are on track to meet their individual completion dates. The overall project status remains Yellow, but significant gains were made over the past couple of weeks.

4. The Regional Fire Service Study Board

The district continues to provide additional information to assist the consultants in the regional fire study. This month's information request was focused on EMS and Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) revenues specific to our district. GEMT is a Medicaid supplemental payment program designed to help publicly funded EMS transport programs to bridge the gap between actual service costs and standard Medicaid reimbursements. The consultants are facilitating an internal stakeholder mid-project reporting workshop on July 21, where they plan to share some of their initial findings and thoughts.

5. Wildfire Season Update

We have entered fire restrictions as fire season begins. While we have been seeing new fire starts, local fuels have not yet completely cured.

Current Situation

- In the Great Basin, there have been 706 fires that have burned approximately 220,000 acres.
- Nationally, there have been 35,000 fires, which is 135% of the average for this time of year.
- Those fires have burned approximately 3 million acres nationwide, or 165% of the average for this point in the season.

Our staff are currently supporting wildfire response efforts across the country, including assignments in Utah, Alaska, Arizona, and southern Nevada.

6. Officer Development School

The Captain Officer Development School recently concluded a comprehensive nine-day program, offering 72 hours of focused instruction. Eight participants completed the entire curriculum, while seven others engaged with one to three modules. Supported by a dedicated group of ten instructors, the school delivered four key modules designed to prepare future fire officers for the multifaceted responsibilities at TMFPD.

The curriculum included Ethical Leadership (16 hours), which guided participants through the complexities of leadership within the department. The Administration and Technology module (16 hours) familiarized students with essential programs, systems, and paperwork required for daily operations. Strategy and Tactics (24 hours) provided in-depth training on managing emergency incident scenes, ensuring participants were equipped to respond effectively. Finally, "A Day in the Life of a TMFPD Captain" (16 hours) brought together all previous learning, enabling students to navigate and manage the daily challenges faced by TMFPD Captains. This structured approach underscores the team's commitment to cultivating skilled and knowledgeable Fire Officers ready to serve the community. This program is critical for succession planning in the District.