



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

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DATE: August 13, 2025

TO: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's purchase of a surplus 2006 LDV mobile command unit VIN#4UZAASBV16VW31946 with 1600 miles in "as is" condition from Reno Tahoe Airport Authority, at the cost of \$1.00. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is a recommendation to approve the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's (TMFPD) purchase of a surplus 2006 LDV mobile command unit VIN#4UZAASBV16VW31946 with 1600 miles in "as is" condition from Reno Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA), in the amount of \$1.00.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None

BACKGROUND

Since 2012, TMFPD has been in need of a mobile command unit. The unit would provide for a climate controlled interior space designed to support the command level operations of managing large scale incidents such as the Davis and Little Valley Fires. Mobile command units can be deployed within the first few hours of the initial dispatch of an incident. The interior space includes a variety of communication equipment and display monitors that establish a portable Emergency Operations Center dedicated to that incident. Incident briefings between command staff members and elected officials allow for critical decisions to be made with the latest supporting information on site and at your fingertips. When parked next to similar units from other agencies, a blank parking lot is quickly transformed into a high level incident command base from which on scene resources receive information, outside agencies seamlessly coordinate their activities, and high level decisions are made.

To date, the District has relied on an older, smaller, and less capable trailer, as well as borrowing mobile command units supplied by other agencies when they are available. While the older trailer has been modified to provide a much lower level of incident support to wildland fire incidents across the western United States, this mobile command vehicle would remain available for larger scale incidents closer to home. Once a retrofit has been completed, the vehicle would be available to respond within the region for a variety of incidents, including fires, hazmat spills, natural disasters, and special event management.

In 2021, TMFPD sold a Type 1 fire engine to the RTAA for the cost of \$1.00. We would like to thank the RTAA for providing an opportunity to return that favor. While in service at the RTAA, this vehicle had spent most of its time fully garaged, acquiring less than 1600 road miles, and comes to us in excellent condition for its age. When initially constructed in 2006, the vehicle's purchase price was just under \$595,000. Although in need of a technology overhaul, a similar vehicle built today would cost the TMFPD between \$1 million and \$3 million, funds the District does not have. Adding this vehicle to our fleet at such a low cost is a huge benefit that TMFPD cannot pass up, and will greatly enhance the capabilities of our command staff to manage large scale incidents for many years to come.

FISCAL IMPACT

The estimated market value for the Mobile Command Vehicle is \$157,254. The District will recognize a capital contribution and a capital asset at the market value of \$157,254 in the District's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY25/26) Government-Wide Financial Statements. There is no FY25/26 Budget impact except for the \$1 cost.

The District may incur costs related to insurance and vehicle maintenance; however, all additional costs will remain within the FY25/26 general fund budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the purchase of a 2006 LDV mobile command unit VIN #4UZAASBV16VW31946 with 1600 road miles in "as is" condition, from RTAA, at the cost of \$1.00.

POSSIBLE MOTION

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

"I move to approve Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's purchase of a 2006 LDV mobile command unit VIN #4UZAASBV16VW31946 with 1600 road miles in "as is" condition from Reno Tahoe Airport Authority at the cost of \$1.00."