



MEMORANDUM

January 16, 2025

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Richard J. Edwards, Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the February 3, 2026 Meeting

1. Capital Projects Construction Update

Fire Station 35 near Reno Technology Parkway is on schedule to be completed in May of this year.

2. Capital Projects Apparatus Update

Three Type I Structural Engine are on schedule to arrive in May or June in this year. These engines are being funded by the Pennington Grant.

3. Regional Training Update

Last year, the training chiefs from Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, the City of Reno Fire Department, and the City of Sparks Fire Department collaborated to develop regional Policies and Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs). The first policies have been in place since mid-November and are working well. There are three components at work to make implementation possible.

- (a) The first regional dispatch policy went into effect January 5, 2026. This policy outlines how a dispatcher reacts to emergency button use, mayday callouts, or a crew in trouble that needs immediate assistance from law enforcement.
- (b) Tied to these items is a regional fire radio reprogramming. That working group is nearly finished with realigning all fire agencies to have their talk groups named and organized alike, while also providing a universally located mayday talk group in the event of a FF mayday. The physical reprogramming will take some time and funding, but it is in the works.
- (c) Both policies will be assigned to a work group of field personnel to finalize in February. We feel the best input to ensure that what is on paper can be operationalized will come from the staff who will enact the policy when needed. This same group will also be tasked with developing common playbooks for other building fire types.

Recently, the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District acquired a residential structure within its district to support live-fire training. Over the past month, this home has been used to conduct a series of training evolutions that included participation from both the Reno and Sparks Fire Departments. These joint training exercises have provided an opportunity for all three agencies to work together and apply the newly established SOGs in realistic, hands-on scenarios.

We expect work to continue through the summer. Our focus on the safety policies hinges on the radio reprogramming and the working group. Progress is being made. The next regional safety policies for rollout will be Rapid Intervention and Mayday.

4. 2026-2027 Budget Timeline

Included in the Chief Report is a Draft timeline for the District Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget processes to include finalization of the budget at the May 19th Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting.