



NEDERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPORT GIVEN BY: Charlie Schmidtmann – Fire Chief

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ACTION ITEMS

FOLLOW UP

OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION

Calls to Date: 362

Calls since Last Board Meeting: 38

Calls of significance:

Sever hand laceration at a local business

Motorcycle crash on the Peak to Peak with significant injuries

Patient that was experiencing several seizures in the central business district

Electrical panel on fire in the propane yards

MVA at the 29mm of Boulder Canyon

Patient with difficulty breathing in the central business district

Broken sprinkler that created a water flow alarm in a business downtown

Several mutual calls with Timberline.

Report of a structure fire in old town for an electrical panel sparking.



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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

FIRE CAPTAIN/PARAMEDIC HIRING

- Andy Higgins started work on September 14th and comes to us with 14 years of experience from Arvada Fire.
- Prior to his start date:
 - Uniforms were ordered
 - Andy stopped by ROI to be fit for bunker and lightweight gear
 - Helmet shield ordered – this will include new numbering and shields were also ordered for the other two captains.

WILDLAND TEAM HIRING

- Job flyers, website updates and job postings were completed on 9/2 for both the Wildland Firefighter I and Engine Boss position approved during last meeting.
- Jobs were advertised on Facebook, Governmentjobs.com and DFPC's website
 - Deadline to apply is Friday 9/18
 - First round of interviews (panel) will take place on Fri 9/25 and Mon 9/28
 - Second interviews (Chief interview & ride-along) will be on Thursday 10/1
- She created a workflow in Jotform for applications for these two positions to help better facilitate review and approval and automate email responses. This will save TONS of administrative time in the long run.
- We have applicants from all over - including Colorado, California, Utah, Oregon, Texas, Wisconsin and Kansas!
- Application status (so far)
 - Wildland Firefighter I – 16 applicants, 8 invited to interview
 - Engine Boss – 3 applicants, 2 invited to interview
 - Wildland Coordinator – yes, 1 person applied for Tim's job, they were not invited to interview.

FIRE BILLING FOR WILDLAND ASSIGNMENTS

- She created a spreadsheet to help track expenses for the current fire season to make sure we are staying on top of how much is being spent (or earned).
 - If anyone would like access to this, please let me know and I will send you a link. Currently, it is being shared with Chief Schmidtman and WL Coordinator Hohnbaum.
- We are currently on our 10th deployment
 - Submitted 8 to DFPC



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- 1 is waiting for final paperwork and a credit card statement before submission.
- 4 have been paid! (\$122,889.38)
 - They have been processing them much more quickly than last year and we don't have any that are more than 30 days old in the queue.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are \$23,479.22
- 2026 Wildland Season total numbers (once we pay all costs and are reimbursed)
 - Total billed = \$466,106.91
 - Total costs = \$214,803.65
 - Net operating balance = \$251,303.27

INCLUSION

- Inclusion hearing will take place at 6:00PM on 10/21
 - Paperwork has been completed for the following addresses:
 - 5205 Ridge Rd
 - 5210 Ridge Rd
 - 5266 Ridge Rd
 - We wanted to include 5061 Ridge Rd as well; the property is not covered by a District however; the property owner is not interested in inclusion at this time.
 - Paperwork has been submitted to Lyon's Gaddis and all required documentation has been uploaded to our website.
- Exclusion hearing (Sugarloaf) will take place at 6:00PM on 10/20

FINANCE

- Resolution 2026-02 Resolution Adopting a Footnote to the 2025 Budget
 - This is requested by the Auditor in order to complete our 2025 financial audit in order to correctly reflect the load for 5601
- Request for reimbursement for the Heart & Cancer Trust was submitted on 9/1
 - Total amount requested for reimbursement was \$4246.00
 - Last year, we did not see reimbursement until the following fiscal year so our current budget is reflecting a negative number due to overall payment this year being less than 2025.
- 2027 Budget request submitted to Chief Schmidtman; this is a rough draft of requests since I currently have requests for quotes out to several places.
 - Capital Improvements for 2027 may include (depending on approval):



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- Bathroom remodels for both upstairs bathrooms. A complete tear-down and renovation will be required in order to fix all water leaks occurring currently.
- Outdoor commercial LED sign for Station 1. An interactive, changeable sign would allow us to quickly notify the community of changing weather conditions (fire restrictions, snow/ice updates), closures in the canyon due to calls or when we are hiring staff or volunteers.
- Cost containment renewal submitted on 9/10.
 - Paperwork was submitted and accepted by the State and will be presented to their Board in October.
 - If granted, it will qualify us for an additional 5% premium reduction through our insurance carrier and will be the 3rd year in a row we have qualified.

EMS PROGRAM

- Looking into EdCor for ACLS and PALS renewals for Chief & the captains.
 - Currently, without an Education Coordinator qualified to teach/renew ALS course, our paramedics are having to find courses outside the District. EdCor provided in-house instructors who will come to the station and renew everyone at the same time. I have submitted a request and am waiting to hear back regarding pricing and availability.

AUXILIARY

- “Business” renewed with the Secretary of State on 8/25 for \$25.00 to remain in good standing.
- Silent Auction
 - Online auction open on 10/7 at 8AM. The in-person portion of the silent auction will take place at station 1 on Saturday 10/10 from 2PM-4PM.
 - Auxiliary members have been working hard to clean surplus items from the museum remodel for the silent auction.
 - Mountain-Ear just published a story about the museum remodel and included auction information.
- Holiday Party
 - Holiday party has been confirmed for 12/13 to be held at Ned General, Sarah Irwin-Powell is taking charge of the logistics.



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- Gifts have been decided on and she is currently placing orders so they will arrive in time.

Operations/ Wildland

Captain Faes repaired several of the broken gutters around the station.

FM Joslin has spent a considerable amount of time researching and installing Starlink in the station.

We are still waiting the arrival of our new Lifepak monitors and Lucas device that will be purchased with money received from the previous Boulder County Emergency Services Grant.

WC Hohnbaum should be returning back to Colorado with his crew this next weekend. He performed 2 back-to-back deployments in the Tahoe National Forest.

I am writing a new grant through Boulder County for the Solar project. I have already met with the head of the committee, and they are supportive of the project.

He hosted a 40th birthday party for Captain Faes!

We have had a few issues with the station air compressor and FM Murphy and Capt. Faes have been chasing several of those problems. One of the problems they identified as an air leak in 5617.

Captain Faes has cleaned out the garden room.

Continued to create a parts list for the Cold Springs Cistern/ Hydrant.

One of our volunteers accidentally closed the door on 5601 and damaged the garage door. Fortunately, FM Murphy and Captain Faes were able to fix it.

I have been working with Boulder County on the next phone outage that we experienced this past weekend. There doesn't seem to be any good news or direction to help prevent outages like this in the future.

Captain Faes installed new cabinets above the slop sink

Vehicles:

5601: Pump drain cable separated from the swage, has a foam leak and will need to go back to the dealer



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5602: Strobe controller went bad, since the parts are discontinued FM Murphy was able to find a NOS strobe controller and repaired it. The rear brake was locked up on a truck check yesterday so Capt. Faes and FM Murphy were working on it today.

5621: After someone locked the doors, the rear door wouldn't open. After investigation, we discovered that one of the linkage rods were never installed. FM Murphy made a new rod and solved the problem.

5641: Several lights went bad, again since the types of lights are no longer made it was difficult to find replacements, but we did and they have been repaired.

5631: The A/C compressor went bad last year; FM Murphy replaced the compressor performed a vacuum test and recharged the system.

5653: The replacement engine is still MIA. We have been in contact with the company almost weekly and have been told another 1-2 weeks. I'm not holding my breath.

5603: Me and FM Murphy went and did another inspection on the engine (here in Colorado) and found about 15 more things that need to be corrected. Some are decent size repairs, and some are minor. I'm guessing another several weeks.

5653 (new) Truck was purchased and picked up from Christophers Dodge World. Thanks to Sherry for the contact.

ATV Trailer: I towed it down to Colorado State Patrol to get a certified vin inspection since the trailer was never titled. I have an appointment tomorrow with DMV to get the new wildland truck titled and to get the trailer titled so we can sell the trailer and replace it with one we can tow the UTV with.

Safety/ Training

Last night we had the monthly "Tender Tuesday". Crews worked on relay pumping with the new engine. It was the first training with Captain Higgins.

I taught a class on MCI's

PIO Briscoe taught our new recruits and recertified some of our volunteers CPR.

Captain Faes taught a class on car fires and pulling crosslays.

Captain Wheelock also taught a class on car fires and crosslays.



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Captain Wheelock and Captain Faes both taught different days of pump operations.

EMS

Captain Faes and FF Henrikson just completed their recertification for Pediatric Advanced Life Support.

FF Cotner just completed his EMT national registry.

FF Irwin-Powell is going through his EMT recertification process now.

Captain Wheelock has been going through all of our medical supplies, kits, closets, backstocks, and ambulances to create inventory lists. It is a huge project but we are hoping this will help us keep up to date on what should be where and when things are expiring.

We have had a very hard time setting up a new vendor for controlled substances. We finally have taken delivery of a partial order. There were many pieces of this process including DEA, Physician Advisor, and State of Colorado. We believe everything is now in place.