



NEDERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ACTION ITEMS

FOLLOW UP

Board questions for Strategic Plan

OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION

Calls to date: 93

Calls of significance:

Down trees calls: 11

Assault in old town

Walk in chest pain

Overdose in Big Springs

Mutual Aid call in Timberline for a patient having an MI

Car in Boulder Creek, party was cold and wet and ended up possibly being a suicide attempt

2 additional car crashes in Boulder Canyon

Mutual aid call in Sugarloaf for a rollover.

Dog Bite to the face on 1st street.

Chest pain call at Eldora, patient was flown to Lutheran to rule out Aortic Aneurism



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Construction worker had a huge pallet of foam insulation

Operations/ Wildand

We held a hiring process for the Wildland Coordinator position. More in the Admin Report.

We have all the pieces to move forward on the Address Sign campaign. The Auxiliary has agreed to put the numbers on the signs before we go out and install them.

There have been multiple discussions with the town, pub works and last night the BOT about the possibility of the permanent location for the Fire Training facility, after the previous agreement we re looked at the original space and decided that it didn't have enough space around it to work.

I attended the BOT meeting 2 weeks ago to present on our opinion of raising the height restrictions for 1st street overlay district.

After a short discussion with The Town Public Works and their need for some hydraulic tools to help repair culverts we were able to donate a full set to them from our spares.

FF M Schmidtman began installing all the lights in the hallways on the first floor.

Captain Faes did a significant amount of drywall repair in the museum/ entryway.

Captain Faes assembled 4 old air packs for Jamestown Fire to use for doing mop-up.

Vehicles:

Old 5601: SOLD!! Thanks for the help by Captain Faes but we were able to sell the old Engine without a pump for 12,000!!

5650: Suffered some minor door damage in the wind event.

5654: I found some replacement seats in the junk yard and FM Murphy installed them, and a new stereo and speakers since the old ones were blown. He also installed 2 new mobile radios. Captain Faes built a new track to lift the bed boxes allowing them to move inward to be protected by the bedrail and then built a tailgate to work with the boxes. The truck is in great shape to go out on deployment.

5644: the tire inflation system that has plagued us since we got the truck has been eliminated and the tires are no longer losing air. This is huge! Great job by Captain Faes and FM Murphy

5659: The shift lockout broke off and then we got a flat tire. The shifter was repaired, it got an oil change, new brakes and new tires.



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5651- got an oil change

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

NEW HIRE UPDATE

- Conditional offer sent to candidate on 3/3/2026
 - Background check was completed on 3/5/2026 with zero issues or concerns
 - Physical examination completed on 3/17/2026
 - Able to find a local clinic (Steamboat Springs) so the candidate did not have to drive to Boulder/Denver.
 - The physical will not only cover the usual required exams but also make sure to satisfy EMT course requirements so we can easily get them enrolled soon after hire.
- Final offer can be sent after physical results are received
- Start date = 4/6/2026 if all goes well!

2025 WILDLAND

- Paid in full by DFPC.
 - The final paychecks to Rik Henrikson and Eric Abramson were paid on 2/28/2026
- 2025 total income v. expense for wildland (\$44,617.82 in earned income)
 - Income = \$147,553.36
 - \$90,194.91 – volunteer labor
 - \$22,167.55 – expense reimbursement (meals, lodging)
 - \$33,729.85 – equipment reimbursement (engine, single resource)
 - \$1,461.05 – billable overhead
 - Billable overhead increased in 2026 from 1% to 3.3%
 - Expense = \$102,935.54
 - \$82,807.40 – volunteer labor (this number differs because they also compensate us for benefits)
 - \$19,555.67 – expense reimbursement (meals, lodging)
 - \$572.47 – equipment expense (fuel)



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QUALIFIED OVERTIME TRACKING

- The new “Working Families Tax Cut Act” which went into effect July 1, 2025, allows individuals to claim up to \$12,500.00 as a deduction for the qualified overtime for and \$25,000.00 for married filing jointly. The tax break is not calculated during payroll but rather when taxes are filed.
 - Qualified OT is the “half time” earned when working more than 40/week (for administrative employees) and 192 hours/month (for shift employees)
 - Example: \$20.00/hour standard time
 - $\$20.00 * 50\% = \10.00 (this amount is the qualified OT/hour)
 - OT = \$30.00/hour
 - This is now being tracked in QuickBooks by showing the amount of “half time” earned on every paycheck
 - We double checked with Employers Council regarding the shifts employees OT since 152 hours is built into their salaries but we cannot allow them credit for those hours according to FLSA.
 - Employees were given letters for 2025 since it wasn’t tracked on their pay stubs if requested.
 - This new deduction will greatly benefit wildland firefighters since most of their wage is earned as overtime.

2025 AUDIT

- The 2025 audit has been started and all requested paperwork was provided to John Cutler on 3/4/2026. Hopefully, we will be able to complete the audit without an extension this year and he is satisfied on how we reflected the loan for new 5601 (the loan for new 5602 will be reflected in the same way)

GRANTS

- BOCC Emergency Service Grant (1B from Fall 2025) for the new LUCAS and LifePak
 - Paperwork was completed and documents have been saved in Teams
 - Grant funding was received via check on 3/10/2026 and deposited
 - Captain Moran can now purchase the devices, once received our obligations for the grant can be completed (pictures of them in service).

STATION IMPROVEMENTS

- A new dryer has been purchased. Laundry took several hours to complete due to the dryer no longer functioning correctly.



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- Museum Project (please see PDF)
 - Started mid-February, expected to be completed by June.
 - The museum will become a place where people can sit and enjoy the artifacts we have collected over the years and will include a seating area for guests instead of utilizing the training and/or ops room.
 - Focus will be on Ned-specific information rather than general firefighting memorabilia.
 - There will likely be items after the renovation we can sell (maybe a raffle) via the auxiliary or donate to the public using our Facebook page.
 - Old display cases were donated to Peace, Love and Cupcakes for her new store front. They were posted on Facebook and gone within an hour.

EMS EDUCATION

- Two CPR courses have been coordinated with FF Briscoombe instructing so students can complete EMT requirements of having a BLS Provider certification.
 - 3/21 from 12PM – 5PM (4 students)
 - 4/11 12PM – 5PM (4 students)

AUXILIARY

- Carousel of Happiness event was on 2/21 and there was a very good turnout from NFPD, Timberline Fire and Sugarloaf.
- Very Nice Brewing Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for 4/12, we are providing some swag as give-away items and will have an auxiliary member present to sell additional items and/or take direct donations via our QR code.
- Auxiliary member Sonia Breche is going to touch base with B&F (The Market) and Ace Hardware into possible doing round-ups for NFPD – more to come in the future.
- Talk of a summer/fall BBQ with Timberline

Safety/ Training

EMT class is moving along nicely. I have been surveying students attending and everyone that I have spoken with is really enjoying it, lots of praise to all the instructors.

We had ice rescue training scheduled this past weekend but due to the lack of ice and all the wind and power line calls Captain Faes changed the class to instruct on powerline safety.

FF Olivas cooked this past weekend for our monthly breakfast before training.



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AMR Taught airway management

Captain Wheelock and Captain Faes both taught a day of Haz Mat.

Captain Wheelock hosted an evening on call review.

EMS

Captain Moran is working on transferring out DEA license from BCH to NFPD. Laws have changed and now each agency has to have their own license for scheduled medications.

Captain Moran has also helped several volunteers recertify their National Registry,