



NEDERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPORT GIVEN BY: Charlie Schmidtman – Fire Chief

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ACTION ITEMS

FOLLOW UP

Loan for Type 3 engine. IN the past month and a half, the progress has moved from 45% completed to 52%. With that in mind, it doesn't feel like we are going to see the engine at least until the end of the year. So, both me and Sherry have spoken with the Republic Bank and are putting a hold on signing the documents. I am waiting for a call back from the BME sales rep to get a better idea on delivery.

OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION

Calls to date: 129

Calls since last meeting: 35

Calls of significance:

MVA IN Boulder Canyon, minor injuries patient transported by AMR

28600 Boulder Canyon, another MVA, crews had to cut a tree out and stretch a hose line for protection.

Party that fell in the creek up near Devils Thumb we had 2 rescuers Ski up to the patient and were able to get them out.

6 illegal campfires

3 smoke reports

Mutual Aid for a patient that fell from a tree in Sugarloaf's district, they were badly injured. Captain Wheelock and crew were able to stabilize the patient and then were transported by helicopter.

Porta Potty fire in Chipeta Park



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Car fire Peak to Peak to Peak and Magnolia Road.

Walk in Chest Pain at Station 1

Mutual aid response to Timberline for a male party having chest pain.

Reported up to 5 motorcycles in a crash in Boulder Canyon. Ended up being 2 motorcycles with minor injuries.

Elderly female possibly having a stroke on the east side of town

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Covered for Chief Schmidtman during his vacation from 3/20/2026 – 4/3/2026. Answered emails and phone calls as appropriate.

NEW HIRE UPDATE

- Tim Hohnbaum started 4/6/2026
 - Paperwork including i9, W4, pension and benefits completed on 4/7/2026
 - Working on granting access to wildland programs
 - IQS, IROC, CRRF – these all require moving Tim from Oak Creek to NFPD and showing he has approval to do so.
- Uniforms issued, business cards ordered and desk established.
- 5654 was cleaned inside and out in order to provide him with a vehicle.

NOTARY RENEWED – new expiration 2030

- RULONA training completed and test passed at 93%
- Ordered a new stamp which was manufactured incorrectly so had to contact store for a new stamp to be made – waiting for delivery.

MELIO FOR ACH PAYMENTS

- Melio is designed for small businesses specifically to pay vendors using ACH without needing “prior approval”
 - Allows us to put in vendors accounting and routing information directly so there is no lag time in paying bills using an electronic transfer instead of a check.
 - The plus side of this is that we do not have to change anything about our bank!



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- Cost
 - \$0.00/month if we use less than 5 ACH transactions a month (this would be more than adequate for our purposes).
 - \$25.00/month if we need to use up to 20 transactions
 - Currently we are using a 30-day free trial and we can pay the EMT instructors during the free trial which is approximately 8 people.

VFA GRANT SUBMITTED

- Chief Schmidtman started a grant through the VFA/DFPC to help pay for the shipping containers we want to use for the burn building. We would receive up to \$20K, which would cover half of the total cost.
 - Chief was waiting for 2 letters of support (Timberline & BCSO) prior to leaving on vacation.
 - Received both letters and contacted the DFPC employee handling the grant since there was no way to attach them to the application. I was able to email them directly and get the grant submitted on 3/27.

VOLUNTEERS

- Completed Q1 volunteer reports
 - Reports track minimums (“on call” shifts, response percentage & training)
 - All but two volunteers are either meeting minimums or very close to meeting them. This is an improvement over Q4 for 2025!
- Recruit academy changing for 2026
 - Academy is generally scheduled to start in September. However, we are losing two very important volunteers (the Papich’s are moving to Salida!) and would like to get ahead of the gap this will cause.
 - Deadline to apply – 5/15
 - Academy starts – 6/14
 - Advertising has begun for the volunteer search
 - ¼ page ad in Mountain-Ear starts this week and will run until the week of 5/15.
 - Posted to our Facebook page
 - Timberline Fire is allowing us to use their electronic sign board which we will put outside of station 1.
 - Website has been updated.



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- Ordered business cards with a QR code that takes people directly to the volunteer portion of our website to be handed out if people stop by the station or by staff in the field.
 - 5 applications received since 4/11.

SUGARLOAF AUTO-AID POLICY

- Chief Goldman contacted us asking if we could update our auto-aid policy since the last time we had done so was in 1997.
 - Provided me with a copy of the auto-policy they have with Timberline to modify for us.
 - Last page “Exhibit A” shows boundaries – created a draft policy which Chief Schmidtman changed several boundaries and finalized with Chief Goldman.
 - Will go in front of SLFPD Board on 4/21 for approval with our approval tonight.

EMS EDUCATION

- The EMT program is coming to an end and there is a lot of paperwork needing to be created and completed in order to satisfy the requirements of UC Health.
- Cameron Moran has once again stepped up to provide us with her expertise in education coordination. This is a HUGE benefit and help to the department and she has been working diligently for the past week.
- List of tasks assigned to administrator:
 - Student folders with BLS provider cards and skill sheets – completed
 - Attendance sheets – completed
 - Calendar for clinical ride-a-longs – the calendar is completed but may need to be modified depending on the availability of AMR.
 - Updated syllabus – Cameron completed the initial draft to update the syllabus with current/relevant information. I will add NFPD logos and make sure it is user-friendly and in PDF format.
 - PCR (patient contact reports) forms created for ride-a-longs – Cameron created a rough draft and I will add NFPD logos and make sure it is user-friendly and in PDF format.
 - MOU with FALK Ambulance – a blank template has been sent that I will update with appropriate information and send to the lawyer for final approval.



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- Exam spreadsheets – need to create a spreadsheet with all the exams taken by the students to provide in a clean, easy format
- We have received UC Health’s NREMT “style” practice tests that the students must complete. We are hoping to put these into our electronic format through Survey Monkey to allow for quick grading and give students the maximum feedback on their exams.

AUXILIARY

- Thank you cards were ordered for the auxiliary for a customized message,
- Very Nice Brewing Chili Cook-Off was 4/12, there was a HUGE turnout with the lines forming out the door! 263 cups and 29 bowls of chili were sold.
 - Total sales for the event were \$1694 which will be split between Timberline and Ned (\$847/each) – this is triple the amount they usually make.
 - This was a total between the chili sales and a silent auction that included Central City Opera tickets, Ameristar stay with spa & food credits and a gift card to Rick’s Steakhouse.
 - We sold 5 t-shirts and brought in about \$120.00 in “boot” money.

Operations/ Wildland

Museum /entry: work continues to progress, Captain Faes, Sherry and Daniel have been painting and installing new lights.

The dryer vent has been causing some problems, Captain Faes and FM Joslin have been trying to get it cleaned out.

I have been working with John Winchester at Sugarloaf Fire to help with our fire hydrant on Cold Springs that is owned by the city. We had signed a contract when a previous Chief was here to care for some of the maintenance. It isn’t very straight forward, and John has a wealth of knowledge. Currently one of the valves that supplies water to the cistern that supplies the hydrant isn’t functioning. We are working together to get this fixed. Captain Faes and our new coordinator Tim helped with the work.

Strategic plan is moving forward but currently waiting on some surveys before we have any more movement.

Tim has started as our full-time Wildland Coordinator. Lots to learn, people to meet, policies to read, district familiarization etc. He is also in the process of moving locally from Steamboat. He has jumped in with both feet and we are so excited to have him as part of our team!



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We also hired a new PRN paramedic. His name is Colin Stenhouse, he works for AMR and is a single resource paramedic that goes out on national deployments. Everyone especially Captain Wheelock has worked hard on getting him trained. He has already worked 2 shifts.

Captain Wheelock had written and submitted a grant to fund a mask fit tester unfortunately it was denied.

We are planning on hosting a community wildfire preparedness meeting at the Nederland Community Center at 1900 on April 29th.

Vehicles:

5631: Trouble with the shifter and not regenerating. FM Murphy has made the repairs

5659: Headlight pigtail was repaired

5654: After all last month's modifications and upgrades we discovered an exhaust leak that open a can of worms with broken bolts etc. Currently in progress

5650: Preparing to get some body work repaired, Captain Faes and FM Murphy built a rear bumper for it and modified the old step/rocker panel protection from old command to fit on the new command.

5652: FM Murphy and Capt. Faes also built a winch bumper for this vehicle. All these items have been sent to powder coating.

Safety/ Training

Captain Wheelock and WC Hohnbaum have a tentative 130/190 class scheduled for new recruits. We are currently working on how to make this work with a recruit academy.

EMT class is wrapping up. There is still lots to do but slowly everything is coming together.

Training of new employees Tim Hohnbaum and Colin Stenhouse.

FF Abramson and FF Carpenter ran 1 evening and a Saturday training focusing on wildland urban interface. Eric took the time to contact all the neighbors in his subdivision so we could go do real life home assessments and triage.

AMR came up and taught an infectious disease lecture.



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I attended a trauma conference taught by physicians at BCH

Lt S Papich taught fire attack

Captain Wheelock taught a Saturday on fire attack scenarios.

Captain Faes spent an evening on medical scenarios

FM Joslin is headed to Missoula to attend a class on wildfire origin and cause.

EMS

Ordering and restocking.

Most of the focus has been on completing EMT academy.