



NEDERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REPORT GIVEN BY: Charlie Schmidtmann – Fire Chief

DATE: 10/21/26

ACTION ITEMS

FOLLOW UP

OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION

Calls to date 404

Calls since last meeting 40

Calls of significance:

Injury accident on Caribou road the driver needed to be transported.

Mutual aid to Timberline: for

A Medical Alarm

Sick with vomiting person

Injury accident

Unconscious party

Teens Inc. for a broken sprinkler head with significant water flow, crews helped clean up the water.

Bicycle crash in the switchbacks south of town, party was knocked unconscious

Gas leak underground by the water treatment plant causing 6 different calls throughout the week.

Difficulty breathing in the Caribou Ridge subdivision

Unresponsive party in a vehicle on Hwy 72

Assault on East 2nd street, party was released to BCSO custody.



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Unconscious person in a restaurant in town.

Domestic off of 1st street

Unconscious person on East 1st street

Car in the river in Boulder Canyon- Parties were out prior to crews going arrival.

Another vehicle crash in the 31000 Boulder Canyon, Capt. Faes shut down traffic in both directions, driver was unconscious, was extricated and transported by AMR.

Administration

HR

- After two rounds of interviews and 5 ride-along's, we sent out a conditional offer letter to two people (one for each position). Captains, FF Carpenter, and WL Coordinator Hohnbaum did first round of interviews and Me and Captain Faes did the final interviews.
- Physicals will be completed by a new company (MBI) which is much more affordable than Centura, and hopefully, less complicated. Those are both scheduled for later this week.
- Backgrounds and DL Record checks have been completed and passed by both candidates.
- Expected start dates
 - Wildland Firefighter I – Wednesday November 12th
 - Engine Boss – Wednesday November 18th
 - In the beginning, they will be on the same schedule as our Wildland Coordinator for training purposes and then the schedules will be staggered to allow for coverage throughout the week.
- Open enrollment began on Monday 10/19. Benefit costs went up 16% for 2027 and members were allowed extra time to compare costs and decide on the best coverage. Enrollment will close on Monday 11/9.
- Ran reports for volunteer quarterly numbers
 - A lot of this still has to be done manually due to the poor reporting features in First Due, we are looking into an alternative program.



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FIRE BILLING FOR WILDLAND ASSIGNMENTS

- Completed for the year??
 - WL Coordinator Hohnbaum has possibly completed his “final” deployment of 2026 and it has been entered into the Fire Billing System.
 - The new Engine Boss may deploy depending on their availability and comfort level after hire.
- We have completed 11 deployments in 2026
 - All have been submitted DFPC
 - 4 have been paid! (\$122,889.38) – this is the same as last month
 - 3 are currently with the Eligibility Checker (Level 4 of 5)
 - Hopeful with how payments have been processed so far, all deployments will be paid out in the same year they were submitted.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are \$84,458.46
- 2026 Wildland Season total numbers (once we pay all costs and are reimbursed)
 - Total billed = \$596,725.41
 - Total operating costs = \$274,230.28
 - Additional earned overhead = \$322,495.13

INCLUSION

- Inclusion hearing completed tonight. I will work with Lyon’s Gaddis to complete the filing.

FINANCE

- Audit has been submitted to the Office of the State Auditor
 - The footnote was not needed – from our Auditor “I looked at the budget in the file and it you budgeted \$2,562,518 in expenses. This number then puts the expenses under budget and we can eliminate the budget violation footnote”.
- Request for reimbursement for the Heart & Cancer Trust was submitted on 9/1, this is still showing as “pending”. Last year, we had to contact them several times in order to be reimbursed (and we needed to involve our legal team)...I will start contacting next month if it is still not processed.
- 2027 Budget still needing quotes to come back.
 - Capital Improvements for 2027 may include (depending on approval):
 - Bathroom remodels – received 1 quote back that was greater than \$73K! Still waiting on 2 more companies



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- Outdoor commercial LED sign for Station 1. We received two quotes – one for ~\$37K and another for ~\$23K.
 - We will need a variance from the Town in order to place the sign (I had no idea). Since they denied our initial application due to the fact that illuminated signs are not allowed within Town limits, I have requested to in front of the BZA for a variance. It is in review with the Town Manager.
- Volunteer Firefighter Pension reimbursement request submitted. We contributed \$11,270 on 10/1/2026 and have requested \$4500.00 from the State as their contribution on 10/16/2026.
- Cost containment approved for 2027!
- Notice of 2027 budget submitted to the Mountain-Ear on 10/20 and should be published in the 10/22 issue.

EMS PROGRAM

AUXILIARY

- Silent Auction
 - Took place on 10/10 from 2PM -4PM
 - We took in \$382.00 and sold 8 items. The remainder of the items were offered to our department members or disposed of.

Operations/ Wildland

- Conducted a property visit with FF Jones following a complaint about possible unpermitted remodeling. Documented observations and concerns for Fire Marshal review; the building interior was not inspected. Concerns were forwarded to the County.
- I picked up our new 2 Lifepak monitors and Lucas device that we received the grant for last year. I worked with Brittany Buss with AMR, by doing this we were able to get an additional monitor with the savings!
- Me, Captain Faes, Captain Wheelock, FM Joslin and Administrator Snyder all assisted with getting Captain Higgins familiar and district ready
- We have been having trouble with water in our air compressor and FM Murphy installed an auto drain to hopefully eliminate the water from going into our vehicles.
- Waterway came and performed our pump tests, hose testing and ladder testing, a few hoses and 1 ladder failed testing. I don't have the numbers yet, but they tested 6 pumps, and probably 8 thousand feet of hose in 1 day.



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- I applied for the Boulder County Emergency Services Grant in the amount of 176,000, for the solar carport project at Station 1. If awarded this grant, we will be able to build a solar carport on the south apron and protect all of the vehicles that we store outside and offset more than 100% of our electric bill. The only thing that we may need to pay for would be a EV car charger for that array.
- WC Hohnbaum has applied for 2 grants: FRWRM Grant(Fire Restoration and Wildlife Risk Mitigation) with the Colorado State Forest Service, and the SFMG Grant (Strategic Fuels Mitigation Grant) with Boulder County, each grant compliments the other, the total for these grants are 700,000. These grants were requested in partnership with the Town of Nederland so we can get several of the much needed mitigation projects moving. These grants will fund supplies, staffing and equipment needed to get these projects moving forward.
- WC Hohnbaum is planning on leaving an engine available this winter for deployments.
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Vehicles:

- 5602- rear brakes locked up, was a team effort but FM Murphy and Capt. Faes got it back up running (and stopping)
- 5653- Wildland truck- received its graphics and numbering installed. We have received all parts needed to finish the vehicle except
- 5654- was taken to a UTV class with my trailer and lost a power steering hose. I went down switched the truck out for another and was able to limp the truck back. FM Murphy has warrantied the bad hose, and it is back in service.
- 5617- one of the air solenoids began leaking, the parts have been replaced, and the air leak has been repaired.
- 5653 (plow)- replacement engine never arrived, the order was cancelled and FM Murphy sent the engine to the machine shop so he can rebuild the engine.
- 5640 has been returned to the state.
- 5603 (new) Me and FM Murphy went to do the pre delivery inspection, found several items that needed attention. New delivery date is scheduled for Tuesday 10/27.
- 5601- has 2 issues- pump drain cable is broken and is leaking foam. Once 5603 is in service we will send it in for repairs.
- 5633 – Capt Faes replaced new locks on the broken cabinets from the first deployment.
- 5624 had needed preventative maintenance done (oil change, filters etc.)
- 5631 New tires have been ordered
- Trailer- I finally got through the titling process and got a title for it. It is tentatively sold so we can replace it with one that can haul our UTV.



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Safety/ Training

- Developed and delivered a training survey. This will be used to develop the 2027 training schedule.
- Fire Trainings: Aerial Operations and Setup – Review of proper apparatus placement, stabilization, and orientation to hand signals. Repetitions on aerial movement and hitting designated targets
- HazMat – A review of the MSA Altair 4X, and best practices for using air monitoring tools. Review of CO calls and on scene actions. Review of CGI and natural gas responses
- Water Supply – Engine water supply repetitions – hydrant to engine connections
- Skills Focus: 24’ and 16’ single person ladder deployments, forcible entry techniques.
- Wildland Training: Progressive Packs – Deployment and estimating the stretch for wildland/urban interface operations
- Tender operations – deploying a portable pond for an ongoing incident
- First Due Updating how trainings are recorded – tracking for required hours and the need to track state certification JPRs
- FF Olivas, FF Irwin Powell and FF Ipsen have all passed their UTV trainings
- FF Irwin Powell passed his portable pumps class.
- WC Hohnbaum has several classes scheduled to host this winter including:
 - S-112(introduction to chainsaw operations) November 6th-7th, 0800-1700



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- S-115 (Fire Operations in the Wildland-Urban Interface) WUI course, it's called S-215, but we'll be changing that up to 115 to use more of our local community factors December 4th-5th, 0800-1700
- S-131 (Firefighter type 1 course) February 5th-7th, 0800-1700
- S-230/231 (Single Resource and Engine Boss) March 4th-7th, 0800-1700

EMS

DA Snyder:

- EdCor has been retained for PALS and ACLS courses.
 - Me and Paramedic Bretlyn Schmidtman completed our PALS renewal on 10/14 at their Lakewood classroom.
 - ACLS course (with BLS) is confirmed for 08:30 on 2/11/2027 here at station 1
 - PALS course (without BLS) is confirmed for 08:30 on 08/17/2028 here at station 1
 - We may need to renew 1 or 2 people ahead of that time but the hopes are that everyone renews/expires at the same time so we can schedule 1 class per year.

Captain Wheelock:

- Developed the proposal and implementation plan for a spring 2027 EMR/EMT-B course in partnership with UCHHealth. With the Chief's approval to move forward, planning includes NFPD lab operations, instructor staffing, equipment, scheduling, and student costs. The organizational agreement and final course requirements remain under review, however UCH coordinates the majority of the class with NFPD being responsible for the lab portion. Interest in class is @ 6 members thus far.
- Attained CPR Instructor for handling CPR certification in house and community engagement.



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- Arranged attendance (with Sherry's assistance) at the November 5–8 Colorado State EMS Conference for 4 members (including me).
 - Developed a BLS-focused penetrating-trauma scenario emphasizing recognition of shock, airway and ventilation support, bleeding control, ALS coordination, and rapid transport. Also taught review of Spinal Injuries and protocol review.
 - EMS kit remodel project.
 - Placed our new Lifepaks in service.
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- After BCH discontinued selling NFPD controlled meds we had to create an account with Boundtree Medical to sell us those medications. It was quite the process and had to involve our physician advisor for permission. Fortunately, it is complete and meds are in service. Thanks to Capt. Faes for helping me get that complete.
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- Captain Wheelock has decided to bring all EMS CE in house and will no longer be bring up AMR. Paramedic Bretlyn Schmidtmann is going to start teaching some classes for us.
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- I was asked to meet with the Sheriffs Office to discuss the next RFP for ambulance service in Boulder County. The new contract will begin on Jan 1 2028. I will be part of the RFP committee for that contract, it aligns with my involvement with the ambulance compliance committee. One of the discussions is to host the county ambulance here at NFPD.



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