



NEDERLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ACTION ITEMS

Discuss the final draft of the auto aid agreement with Sugarloaf Fire.

FOLLOW UP

OTHER UPDATES/INFORMATION

Calls to date: 169

Calls since last meeting: 36

Calls of significance:

Mutual aid with Sugarloaf Fire 7000 Sugarloaf Rd.

Code Black on Ridge Road

Code Black east side of town

Report of a structure fire on East Street, it ended up being a roll of paper towels.

2 Different patients reporting chest pain in town.

Lost party in the area of 5 Points. Crews found the party.

Baby delivery on the back pad in our ambulance. Great job to the whole crew Captain Faes, FF Irwin Powell, DA Snyder, FF Lynch, FM Joslin and Deputy Cantwell.

Code Black near the quick mart in a residence.

Pipe Bomb standby for the bomb squad at the town shops.



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Mental Health assist on the Peak-to-Peak Highway north of town.

Female having several back-to-back seizures in their residence in town.

Report of a structure fire that had been extinguished in Big Springs. When Capt. Wheelock arrived on scene, he quickly identified the need for an investigation. Both me and FM Joslin responded to help with the investigation.

Administration

EMS EDUCATION

- All of the EMT students took and passed the UC Health test that was required at the end of the EMT program. This allowed them to be “cleared” to take the NREMT test.
 - So far, only two students have taken and passed the NREMT which is what ultimately rates our course. We are hoping to see additional students in the near future.
- Clinical ridealongs were schedule with AMR throughout the end of April – mid May.
 - She created a calendar with specific dates/times the students could use to sign up for a spot that would automatically notify AMR so they would expect them.
 - All but 4 students have completed their clinicals.
- Paperwork has been uploaded to Drop Box and shared with UC Health
 - Electronic folders for each student were created that housed the required information including:
 - BLS Provider certificate
 - NREMT Skills Sheets & instructor verification
 - Student patient contact forms
 - Student preceptor forms
 - Attendance sheets completed by Alec Biscardi
 - Quiz tracking completed by Alec Biscardi
 - Updated syllabus completed by Cameron Moran
- NFPD website was updated to provide students with information on how to complete their NREMT and Colorado registration for EMT.
- EMT Instructors were all paid, Cameron is still entering hours for the work she continues to do until the program is officially complete.

2026 VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer orientation is scheduled to start on 6/14. There is a lot of preparation and applicant screening



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that takes place prior to officially offering prospective volunteers a spot with Nederland Fire.

- We will use the same process as last year to determine who will join the team
 - Chief Approval
 - Background Check
 - Open House on 5/19 @ 6PM
 - Interviews 5/26 – 5/28, the panel will consist of Chief, Fire Marshal Joslin, the on-duty captain (Nick & Glen) and one volunteer (Iain, Alex and Bobby are going to attend on day/each)
 - Arduous pack test on 6/3 @ 6:00PM
 - Recruit orientation starts on 6/14 @ 6:00PM
- Advertising for volunteers
 - Emails were sent to anyone who filled out our “volunteer interest form” within the last year.
 - NFPD website was updated
 - Posted on the Nederland Fire Facebook page
 - Advertisement was sent to The Mountain-Ear to be run as a ¼ page ad for 4 weeks leading up to the application deadline (Friday May 15th)
 - The large message board on the South apron was lent to us by Timberline Fire and Fire Marshal Joslin created a slideshow for messages that included the advertisement for volunteers, the address signs and fire restrictions.
- Applicants
 - 18 applications were received, all of which were approved to move forward in the application process.
 - 18 background checks were completed, all passed except for 1.
 - 17 applicants were invited to the open house on 5/19 @ 6PM.
- Interviews
 - She has created an online calendar that will allow applicants to pick the date/time they are available for an interview which will notify both me and Sherry.

FIRE CAPTAIN/PARAMEDIC HIRING

- Advertising for the position
 - NFPD website was updated
 - Advertisement was sent to The Mountain-Ear to be run as a ¼ page ad for 2 weeks leading up to the application deadline (Sunday May 31st) – should be in the issue this Thursday



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- Added to the large message board on the South apron.
- Posted on the Nederland Fire Facebook page
- Advertised with DFPC and the Colorado State Fire Chief's
- Interviews are expected to take place the second week of June with a new captain starting in July (or earlier) if all goes well.

ADDRESS SIGNS

The address signs proved to be a lot of work! Initially, she had built an amazing workflow in JotForm which crashed. She then had to do it all manually.

All 75 FREE signs were claimed and as of today, we have 86 residents will have reflective signs! HUGE thanks to Time Hohnbaum and Eric Lucas for numbering all the signs prior to the 5/9 event with Boulder Watershed Collective.

People have been stopping by the station daily to pick up their signs and staff plans to start installing signs & posts as soon as the weather permits.

FINANCE

- Q1 taxes completed
- Working with Krista Settler (with Cutler & Associates) on the 2025 audit. Last communication with her was on 5/1 with our 2025 audit entries
 - Emailed Ryan with a question about the second audit entry, waiting to hear back before reaching back out to Krista.
 - Expecting to have a draft of the audit available at the meeting in June.

STATION IMPROVEMENTS

- Continuing to work on the museum.
 - Furniture was assembled and the museum cleaned to prepare for the open house and interviews.
 - Original 1950's Smokey the Bear poster was unearthed and currently being restored for display.
- Skylight Calendar
 - There is a new interactive calendar in the Ops Room which allows us to display all the different activities going on in the department.



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- Calendar is synced with the Admin calendar but anyone can also email an appointment/task by sending an invite to nedfire@ourskylight.com.

Operations/ Wildland

Wildland coordinator Hohnbaum and I spoke at a public meeting hosted by Wild Bear at the Library

The bay door opener for 5601 ripped out of the building, Captain Faes and FM Murphy repaired it and is now functioning.

Sadly, Blue Bell our station dog. (Joe Luna's puppy) passed away.

We had to say goodbye to Lt's Mandi Papich and Scott Papich. They moved to Salida. There was a going away party at Busey Brews for them last month.

We also accepted Captain Conor Moran and Cameron Morans resignation this month. We wish everyone that have recently moved on from Nederland Fire the best and thank them for all their time, and dedication to our community and agency.

Captain Faes and FM Murphy did lots of preparedness for our crew to go out on deployment.

Currently WC Hohnbaum, FF Jones and FF M. Schmidtman are on deployment, they initially started on the Ash Pole Fire in Nebraska and were then moved to the Sharp Fire in Southern Colorado. There is a chance they will get demobed tomorrow.

Lots of pack tests have been hosted

We hosted an evening for Wildfire Preparedness at the community center. Thanks to everyone that made the evening a success and to our guest speakers from Wildfire Partners, Boulder County Sort Yard, Boulder County Sheriffs Office, Boulder Watershed Collective, and the Boulder ODM and of course our Auxiliary and the Backdoor Theater!

We borrowed Timberline Fire's electronic sign to promote volunteer recruitment and the address sign campaign. It is highly visible from the highway. Thank you to Timberline!

As mentioned above NFPD and the Boulder Watershed Collective hosted an address drive on 5/9. The Boulder Watershed Collective donated money to provide community members with 75 free signs. Thank you to our Auxiliary members Sarah, Ilana and Sonia as well as Julien from the Boulder Watershed Collective run the event with me!



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Vehicles:

5654- engine removed, intake, heads, oil pan, all removed, broken bolts pulled from the head, everything has been repaired and resealed and the truck is back in service!

5650 is in the body shop getting some body work done after 3 unrelated incidents.

5652 is beginning to get its emergency package installed. This includes emergency lights and sirens, multiple radios, front bumper that FM Murphy and Capt. Faes built, spot lights and a winch.

5653 The motor failed during our last big snowstorm. It will need either a new motor or the current one to be rebuilt. It is out of service until further notice. I brought my personal plow truck in to get the stations plowed since both station trucks were out of service.

5601 Captain Wheelock and Captain Faes noticed 2 missing lug nuts. Fortunately there was no incident since they caught it early. Captain Faes reported this to our dealer, and I told them they need to return to do another Pre Delivery Inspection. FM Murphy ordered new lugs and came in and retorqued all the lugs on the truck.

Safety/ Training – Captain Wheelock

We hosted the annual rt130 for the county it was very well attended, thanks To WC Hohnbaum, FF Carpenter and FF Abramson for teaching the program.

FF Abramson has been teaching several classes with Bocofire including 130/190 our RT130 and Engine Operator.

Competencies for the spring have just been finished by responders the focus was on wildland fire.

Lots of focus on the upcoming WL academy including rewriting parts of the Rookie Book.

FF Olivas and FF Jones finished Engine Operator

FF Olsen and FF Gude have finished both S130/190 and EMR.

EMS



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With the departure of Captain Moran, everyone has been picking up the EMS needs of the agency.

FM Joslin found a significant glitch in our software that was preventing our trip data from talking to the state.

Eric Lucas helped create orders for needed medications and Captain Faes has been helping get orders in.

Captain Wheelock has been working on on-boarding Handtevy for all our responders as well as organizing our narcotics forms.