

A TIMELINE HISTORY OF TMFPD



50 YEARS OF SERVICE



1972-2022



Introduction

The year 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD)! The Board of County Commissioners created the District, by Ordinance, on February 10th, 1972. The District was formed to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires as the local population grew, leading to an increase in the number of emergencies in the County.

Since 1972, the staff of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District have proudly provided the highest quality of fire and EMS services to residents and visitors. While the technology of firefighting has changed and evolved over the decades, what has not changed is the dedication to service and protection of the community by Truckee Meadows Firefighters.

We honor those who served the previous 50 years; many who purchased their own equipment and tools. They put in a lot of time and talent to protect our community, and we are grateful for their commitment and heritage to the fire service. It is our desire to carry on the great tradition of those who came before us!



Brief History

Prior to the District's formation, fire protection was provided through various volunteer firefighting departments in the unincorporated portions of the County, including Washoe Valley, Pleasant Valley, Brown Huffaker, Hidden Valley, Sun Valley, Panther Valley, Black Springs, Lemmon Valley, Silver Lake, Cold Springs, and Wadsworth. The Volunteer tradition is rooted deep in the communities served by the District. As time went on, career firefighters were added and a transition from volunteer to career fire and rescue personnel were necessary due to explosive growth and increased emergency medical response incidents throughout Washoe County.

The western foothills of Washoe County were originally in the Sierra Forest Fire Protection District which was administered by the Nevada State Division of Forestry Western Region. The NDF wanted to move back towards their mission statement to protect and enhance Nevada's ecosystems and communities through natural resource stewardship and wildfire management. In response to this mission realignment, the Sierra Forest Fire Protection District's emergency medical, structure and wildland fire services on private lands were formed into a new county-based fire agency. Established in 2006 the Sierra Fire Protection District was created, bringing with it over forty of the original NDF Firefighters, destined to continue serving the very same communities they had been protecting for more than a decade.

Both the Sierra Fire Protection District and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District merged administration operations and budgets in 2012 by way of a contract, and legally combined in 2015 into one District; TMFPD.

After negating an Inter-local Agreement for Fire Services with the City of Reno in 2012, the district assumed its own administration and operations as a standalone agency once again. The district grew from 98 employees to over 190 in the last 10 years.

With grateful hearts, we thank you for supporting us, and we look forward to the next 50 years serving Washoe County residents.



Pre-Establishment & Regional Growth

In the years prior to the establishment of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Washoe County contracted with the Cities of Sparks and Reno to provide fire protection services in the unincorporated portions of the county from 1863 to 1974. The City of Sparks was provided with an American LaFrance Engine. The call sign for this engine was Washoe 1, and was housed in the City of Sparks Fire Training Center on 21st Street. In 1974, Washoe 1 would be moved to the new home on East 2nd Street in Reno. As Washoe County's population grew and calls for emergency services increased, so too did the cost of contracting firefighters.

1972

ORIGINS OF THE ORGANIZATION, NAME & DISTRICT

As a result of the swelling demands of Northern Nevada, action was taken to establish an organization committed to fire protection efforts. County Bill No. 282: Ordinance No. 188 was signed into action, stating:

"...In order to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, there is hereby created and organized in Washoe County, Nevada, a fire protection district... which name shall be known as the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District..."

Jon B. Irwin, former Sparks Assistant Fire Chief was appointed as Fire Coordinator for Washoe County in 1970. His annual salary was \$14,500.

Sparks Fire Department would continue to respond to calls in Washoe County until 1972, the year Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD) was formed. TMFPD's fire engine, Washoe 1, responded to calls from Sparks Station 2 (Hobson Station) until 1974.

There were twelve organized volunteer fire departments under TMFPD. These included Washoe Valley, Pleasant Valley, Brown Huffaker, Hidden Valley, Sun Valley, Panther Valley, Black Springs, Palomino Valley, Lemmon Valley, Silver Lake, Wadsworth and Cold Springs.

The Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District jurisdiction area covered 550 square miles upon inception. Lines were drawn at Township 22 to the north, Carson City to the south, Storey County to the east, and the California border to the west. In addition to these boundaries, the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District provided services to Native American Reservations located within Washoe County. (Reno Sparks Indian Colony, Pyramid Lake, and later Hungry Valley).

Under a separate inter-local agreement for fire services with Washoe County, TMFPD responded to calls north of the geographic area of Township 22 North. Under this agreement, the volunteer fire departments of Red Rock (Rancho Haven), Gerlach and Sutcliffe supported emergency responses to the unincorporated areas of the county. This is the northern part of Washoe County to the Oregon border consisting of 6,000 square miles.



1973

Jack Kissinger was appointed Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's Fire Chief on July 1, 1973. Under his leadership, the District's active volunteer membership grew to over 200 firefighters. TMFPD became the second-largest county fire department in Nevada, just behind Clark County. Increased equipment needs were supplemented by purchasing former military fire apparatus.

1974

On July 1, 1974, the first Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Professional Firefighters were hired. While volunteers of the fire department were talented and passionate about their work, the need for a full-time team of trained and licensed professionals grew.

The first ten professional firefighters, and stations where they previously volunteered are: Dave McNeil – *Cold Springs*, Dennis Barone – *Brown Huffaker*, Ron Hasson – *Brown Huffaker*, George Reidel – *NDF*, Rocky Byers – *Sun Valley*, Lee Lynnes – *Sun Valley*, Charles Hughes – *Sun Valley*, Jim Bryan – *Sun Valley*, Jim Sullivan – *Sun Valley*, Les Pickens – *Lemmon Valley*. Additionally, Ray Winkler – *Lemmon Valley* and Andy Hanson – *Pleasant Valley* were designated Volunteer Battalion Chiefs.

The first two permanently-staffed stations were created in Sun Valley and at Glendale Ave. Both stations were staffed with paid engine companies consisting of two firefighters, 24 hours a day.

The first fire engine to respond to calls in Washoe County was a 1963 American La France truck, identified as Washoe 1. The engine was first housed at the City of Sparks Fire Department (Old Hobson Station) on 21st Street in Sparks.

The organized volunteer fire departments still remained, providing auxiliary support to the professional units.



Date: November, 1975
 Scene: inside station 1, rear of LaFrance Pumper
 Rear, left to right
 Charlie Hughs, Jim Bryan
 Middle, left to right
 Les Pickens, B/C Ray Winkler, Mike Burton, Rocky Byers
 Front, left to right
 George Reidel, Pat Adams, Arlene Thomas, D/C Gene LeBlanc,
 Lee Lynnes, Dave McNeil, Jim Sullivan, Bill Jackson



1975

Truckee Meadows Fire Volunteer Program, originally called Sierra Meadows Volunteers, was created, and staffed by off-duty career personnel to supplement engine companies at all stations. The program of the Sierra Meadows Volunteers was later disbanded due to a conflict with labor regulations of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and the formation of Firefighters Local 2487.

In July 1975, Kissinger appointed the first Battalion Chief, John (Ray) Winkler. He was the first Operation Chief, in charge of apparatus and station maintenance, as well as fire suppression duties. Gene LeBlanc was appointed Deputy Fire Chief.

1976

At the Board of Fire Commissioners February 17, 1976 meeting, the establishment of a bargaining union, International Association of Firefighters Local 2487, was recognized as the exclusive negotiating unit.

1977

The Truckee Meadows Auxiliary Firefighters Program was established to assist the Fire District in its mission to serve and protect our community from fire and other emergencies. The auxiliaries worked under the direction of the Training and Volunteer Operation Services through the Battalion Chief. When assigned to career stations or district functions, the auxiliaries worked for the engine company captains. The auxiliary stations included Brown-Huffaker, Hidden Valley, and Palomino Valley.

By the end of the 1970's and with the District's continued growth, additional career fire stations opened.



Panther Valley Fire Station in 1972



Front of Sun Valley Fire Station in 1972



Date: summer of 1976
Scene: outside station 1
Rocky Byers on duty with Ron Booth

- Station 1 was located at 2595 E. 2nd Street, near Galletti Way, and was staffed with one firefighter per shift.
- Station 2 was located at 100 Woodland Avenue. It originally contained three bays, but was converted to two bays for the addition of larger living quarters by Rocky Byers and Shane Evans. It opened in 1976/77.
- Station 3 was located at 10575 Silver Lake Blvd. in Stead. It was one of the original three intermediate life support (ILS) career stations. It opened in 1976/77.
- Station 4 located at Old Virginia Road (Zolezzi which was a dirt road) built by Brown Huffaker Volunteers in the 1960s.
- Station 5 located at 5399 Sun Valley Drive became the hub of the District, built in 2000. Station 5 was eventually staffed with two firefighters and one Battalion Chief.
- Station 6 was constructed in Washoe Valley at 1240 Eastlake Blvd. Washoe Valley in summer of 1979.
- Station 7 located at 500 Rockwell Ave. Spanish Springs. Opened in 1980/81. It was the first station to have a pre-plumbed generator to run all power in the event of an emergency, and one of the original three ILS Stations.
- Administrative Offices were originally located at 2595 East 2nd Street, Reno in 1977. This office was shared with NDF located next to Station 1.
- Then the Administrative Offices were located at 10 Kirman Avenue next to the Washoe County Morgue from 1980 to 1989.
- Moved to Washoe County Complex at 1001 E. Ninth Street from 1989 to 2000 and again from the years 2012 to 2019.
- Headquarters relocated in 2020 to 3663 Barron Way in Reno. Logistics, Fleet Maintenance, and Administration Offices are all centralized under one roof.

1980

Gene LeBlanc selected as new fire chief with an annual salary of \$28,808. The "Sierra Front Cooperators Agreement" was developed. All cooperator agencies agreed to respond to each other's emergencies, without financial obligation to one another, during the initial stages of large wildfire incidents. This agreement was the first of its kind in the United States and is still in effect today.

" My dad was the very first Battalion Chief of Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District! He had a great team & together they built Truckee Meadows into an incredible life & property saving department! I have so many great memories of many of these incredible men!! Camping trips, hanging at the station, holiday parties, & of course, the fires I went to because my mom worked nights! Thank you to all who served, risking their lives to save others!! This year Truckee Meadows will have a 50th year celebration as the greatness of this department continues to serve Washoe County & beyond!! I'm proud of you dad!!!! You are the best!!! He is second in from the far right in uniform, the short one. Small but mighty!"

- Rae Winkler Zargham



FRONT ROW: L-R COPPLE-RESLOCK-DAVIS-JACKSON-GILCHRIST-KNIGHT KIRIAZE-LEMAIRE
MIDDLE ROW: L-R SUTTON-HARRIS-LEBLANC-WILKERSON-NEILSON SPERLE-CALAMUSA-HULTS
HAVNEAR-CREWS- WINKLER -HIGGINS ON ENGINE: BOOTH-BARONE-BYERS-DU'PREE
(PHOTO TAKEN AROUND 1980 WHEN TMFPD PROMOTED FIRST FIRE CAPTAINS)

1981



On May 27, 1981 Chief LeBlanc recommended that Station 1, located at the Sparks Training Center, be closed and the equipment and staff be moved to Station 4 (Brown Huffaker) and Station 5 (Sun Valley). This would allow two engine companies to respond within the two busiest Districts. At this time, TMFPD retired the name of Station 1 as well.

Additionally, the Palomino Valley Fire Station and Spanish Springs Fire Station Bids were approved and awarded.

The District developed and initiated the first computerized Inventory Control System.

The District first utilized access to the Global Positioning System (GPS).



1985

GALAXY AIRLINES FLIGHT 203

Galaxy Airlines Flight 203 was a Lockheed L-188 Electra 4-engine turboprop, registration N5532, operating as a non-scheduled charter flight from Reno, Nevada to Minneapolis, Minnesota. It crashed on January 21, 1985, shortly after takeoff. All but one of the 71 on board died. Truckee Meadows Firefighters from Station 4 were the first to respond at the crash site.

LEFT: PHOTOGRAPHER LANCE IVERSEN;
RIGHT: PHOTOGRAPHER JAMES KENNEY
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Reno tragedy probed; plane's safety at issue



1986

The District continued strong partnerships with local, state, and federal fire agencies. Mutual and automatic aid agreements were developed to ensure the citizens receive services for all types of emergencies.

The Safety and Training Division was formed with the responsibilities of organizing training for both career, volunteer, and auxiliary personnel. They also provided the record keeping of training files along with tracking of required certifications. Specialized training includes Hazardous Materials, Confined Space Rescue, High Angle Rescue, Swift Water Rescue, Ice Rescue, EMS Training and Health and Safety Officer.

TMFPD joined the fire departments from the cities of Reno and Sparks to form one of the first recognized hazardous materials response teams in the nation. Through an inter-local agreement, the three departments provided HazMat response to all three jurisdictions and other areas upon request. The District grew its reserve of hazardous materials technicians and specialists, distributing them equally among shifts.



1988

TMFPD benefited by Safety 88, a nationwide program to promote safety in fire and police agencies by receiving 18 new positions to increase response of engine company staffing levels.

1989

The District became a leader in training its personnel on emergency medical response practices to meet growing demand. Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District embarks on region's first defibrillation pilot study program. A report compiled by Capt. Ewald and the EMT committee recommended all firefighters be trained and certified to EMT-Basic level or EMT-Defibrillator level. To provide this advanced level of service, all career engine companies were equipped and trained to operate defibrillators.

1990

The Medical Support Unit (MSU) vehicle was created through various donations to support basic emergency medical service. This unit responded to many incidents, including wildland fires to provide medical attention to the firefighters on scene. It was also utilized to provide basic emergency medical service for community events throughout Washoe County.

1991

The District received a donation of a vacant parcel of land by Lifestyle Homes for future career fire station in Cold Springs.

1992

Joint firefighter Academy lead by TMFPD in collaboration with Washoe County Volunteer Association and Nevada Division of Forestry.

1995

TMFPD's Fire Prevention Division took action to heighten fire safety awareness of the community and provide the residents necessary information to recognize hazardous conditions and take appropriate action to minimize risks. In 1995, the district provided 100 smoke detectors to residents and conducted 77 public education programs, including the "Junior Fire Marshal" program to all third grade students within the elementary schools in the District's jurisdiction. Annual service totals of 1,200 include inspections of business and childcare licenses and review of building plans. More than 60 fire investigations were completed.

1996

The District formally solidified a water rescue program, which included knowledge, skills, and abilities in static and swift water rescues. This team responds to emergencies involving people who have jumped or fallen from bridges or cars that crash into the water, boating accidents, and swimmers in trouble. All engines were, and still are equipped with tools and safety clothing to protect rescuers in aquatic environments, and even and facilitate ice rescues.

1997

The District was the first agency in northern Nevada to place full hydraulic auto extrication equipment on its first-out engine companies. This provided the first-in unit the ability to remove entangled victims from vehicles within minutes of arrival, providing a greater chance of survival. In 1997, the District took on the responsibility of handling all auto extrication situations within the jurisdiction. This policy change relieved the Washoe County Sheriff's Hasty Team from this responsibility.

1998

The District members completed their first EMT-Intermediate Academy at Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) with Dr. Rores, Medical Director. This level of advanced service stated at Station 3, 6 and 7.

2000-2012

TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE AND THE CITY OF RENO INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FIRE SERVICES

Serving as the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection Board of Fire Commissioners, the Washoe County Commissioners took action to contract with the City of Reno Fire Department to have Reno take over fire protection services in the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's jurisdiction, as projected financial difficulties and a regionalization movement nationwide influenced discussion and direction from City of Reno and Washoe County Commissioners. A contract for fire services was negotiated and approved, effective July 1, 2000. The District retained ownership of all its assets and stations. The status of all District employees changed to City of Reno Firefighters.

On July 1, 2004, amendments to the Inter-local Agreement for Fire Services with the City of Reno were approved and implemented. The amendments were needed to address and direct administrative, operational, and financial concerns. TMFPD paid approximately \$11.3 million annually to the City of Reno Fire Department for the delivery of fire services under this agreement.

Throughout the 12 years of the Inter-local Agreement for fire services, the Joint Fire Advisory Board (JFAB) provided oversight. Serving on the Joint Fire Advisory Board were two elected Washoe County Fire Commissioners and two elected Reno City Council Members. This Board met monthly to review the administration of the contract for services, provided oversight of operations and reported concerns back to each governmental agency.

In June 2011, the Board of Fire Commissioners elected to terminate the Fire Services Agreement with the City of Reno. Financial analysis had shown that the funding levels of the contract with City were not sustainable. The economic environment had changed from when the Inter-local Agreement was created for the contract for fire services in 2000. The collapse of Nevada's housing values in the fire District's service territory caused property tax revenues to fall dramatically. Along with Reno's planned annexation into the District's territory and the increased labor costs made the contract unsustainable. The Washoe County Commissioners serving as the Fire Commissioners were John Breternitz, David Humke, Kitty Jung, Robert Larkin and Bonnie Weber. Notice was given July 1, 1999 by the Washoe County Commissioners serving as the Fire Commissioners with their vote to cancel the inter-local agreement contract for fire services with the City of Reno.

2012

As of April 1, 2012, the inter-local agreement for fire services and consolidation became effective between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Sierra Fire Protection District. Under the agreement, the two Districts consolidated fire department administration and operations, although they remained legally separate governmental entities until 2016.

A transition plan was created that redirected operational responsibility from the City of Reno to TMFPD effective July 1, 2012. The primary actions necessary to supporting the District were divided into nine functional areas: Organization, Capital Assets & Equipment, Human Resources, Finance, Risk Management, Legal, Technology, External Relationships and Volunteer Fire Departments. The District hired a large graduating class of 65 academy firefighters to prepare to support the District's operations. The District stood up with 96 personnel.

Washoe County and TMFPD had only three months to begin operations by July 1, 2012. Through hard work and the dedication of the Washoe County Manager and multiple Washoe County departments, TMFPD commenced service on time. On July 2, the second day of operations, the Fire District responded to its first major wildland fire, the Ironwood Fire, which burned approximately 750 acres with no structures lost.

Dedication of Station 36 Arrowcreek Fire Station, and Station 39 Hidden Valley Fire Station.

2013



Fire Safe Container Program initiated for proper disposal of ashes following the Washoe Drive Fire with generous donations from Atlantis and Peppermill casinos. TMFR continues to provide free containers to the community for proper disposal of ashes, oily rags, and charcoal.

TMFPD and Washoe County Health District partnered with their Preparedness Program to provide Points of Dispensing (PODS) for vaccinations in case of County-wide emergencies.

Total upgrade to all fleet apparatus and equipment.



2014

All TMFPD stations utilizing full time paramedics, now serving citizens 100% Advanced Level of Service (ALS) on all career engine responses.

First two line female firefighters hired, Erin Bergevin and Hillary Laravie.

The Blue Ribbon Committee on Regional Fire Service was a nine-member panel tasked by the Board of Fire Commissioners to evaluate the potential for regional delivery of fire, EMS, and patient transport in Washoe County. After 10 months of fact finding and presentations by fire agencies, the written report was presented to the Washoe County Commissioners and accepted.

The reserve program developed which hired 21 reserve firefighters. The program intended for career-minded volunteers who wish to gain more immersion in fire and emergency services. This program augments career staff at stations.

Grand Opening of Station 40 Verdi Mogul.

Truckee Meadows Kids Fire Camp spearheaded by Capt. Stephenson, in partnership and great support of the District, Local 2487 and Washoe County Parks, to teach safety, emergency skills and self-confidence for youth ages 11-14 (Continued 2015, 2016 and 2017).

2016

Chest Compression Systems for cardiac arrest situation devices in all career stations aid firefighter paramedics performing CPR in the field.

2017

Station 39 Joy Lake remodel.

Green waste collection program launched to help homeowners make proper disposal of dry vegetation as they create a defensible space.

2018

Grand Opening of Station 33 Foothill



2020



TMFPD launched a new fuels reduction division. The wildland fuels reduction team consists of 5 wildland firefighters and a Division Chief tasked with clearing targeted areas presenting a significant threat to wildfires. Working in partnership with NV Energy who is funding wildland fuel reductions around their utilities, the team ensures a minimum clearance of a ten feet radius around each pole, increasing to 30 feet, depending on the type of line.



The fuels reduction team also became a critical resource to support the Fire District and regional fire partners in wildfire suppression operations. Additionally, as the program expanded, the crew addressed residential projects to reduce the fire threat if certain criteria were met.

Updates to the District's apparatus resources include a refurbished 100-foot aerial platform truck and two ambulances placed in service at Station 45 Sun Valley and Station 30 Washoe Valley.

2021

Improvements to service include the addition of two bulldozers, heavy equipment operators to assist in wildfires, and 15 additional wildland firefighters. NV Energy funded a significant amount towards the cost for the Fuels Crew, and their projects center around the clearing of dry fuels surrounding utility infrastructure.

A collaboration between TMFR and IAFF Local 2487, the Peer Support Team and lead by BC Reid, was initiated. The Peer Support Program serves to benefit the mental health and spiritual needs of Truckee Meadows Firefighters, personnel and families.

First female firefighter promoted to Captain, Nicole "Nikki" Stowe, and Captain of Fire Prevention, Brittany Lemon.

The District and Regional Emergency Medical Service Authority (REMSA Health), implemented a new partnership aimed at enhancing emergency services for the northern Nevada region. The partnership comes as a response to Washoe County's rapid expansion, growth and the need to provide innovative solutions to emergency medical response.



LEFT: CAPTAIN OF FIRE PREVENTION, BRITTANY LEMON
RIGHT: CAPTAIN NICOLE "NIKKI" STOWE

Three ambulances staffed by TMFPD Firefighters and Paramedics (Stations 45, 46, and 32) allow the versatility of using personnel to respond to medical emergencies, while also leveraging their training as firefighters to respond to all other types of emergencies that the District handles.

REMSA Health's Emergency Communication Center began receiving emergency calls from residents in unincorporated areas of Washoe County that require fire response. Previously, calls were dispatched by Washoe County. The combined dispatch services significantly reduced costs to TMFPD thereby saving taxpayer dollars.

TODAY

Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue continues to provide premium emergency services in the protection of life and property of the citizens. The present District is multi-faceted and always challenged to meet the needs of growth of the Truckee Meadows. District operations currently serve residents from 11 career stations and 7 volunteer stations, serving all unincorporated areas of Washoe County.

Career Station locations are:

- Station 30 located at 3905 Old Highway 395 in Washoe Valley
- Station 32 located at 1240 Eastlake Boulevard in Washoe Valley
- Station 33 located at 470 Foothill Road South Reno
- Station 36 located at 13500 Thomas Creek Road Reno
- Station 37 located at 3255 W. Hidden Valley Drive Reno
- Station 39 located at 4000 Joy Lake Road Reno
- Station 40 located at 10201 W. 4th Street Mogul
- Station 42 located at 3680 Diamond Peak Drive Cold Springs
- Station 44 located at 10575 Silver Lake Boulevard Stead
- Station 45 located at 5841 Sun Valley Boulevard Sun Valley
- Station 46 located at 500 Rockwell Boulevard Spanish Springs
- District Headquarters, Administration Offices, Logistics, and Fleet Maintenance at 3663 Barron Way, Reno

Presently, the types of response categories served include Fire, Ruptures/Explosions (with no fire), Rescue and Emergency Medical Service (EMS, Hazardous Conditions with no fire), Service Call, Good Intent Call, False Alarm and False Call, Severe Weather, Natural Disaster, and Special Incident.



FIRE COORDINATORS & CHIEFS



JON B. IRWIN
COORDINATOR
(1972-1973)



CHIEF JACK KISSINGER
(1973 – 1979)



CHIEF GENE LEBLANC
(1980 – 1989)



CHIEF RAYMOND E. BRUNSTROM, JR.
(1990 – 1997)



CHIEF CHARLES A. MOORE
(April 2012 – Present)

There were multiple Acting/Interim Fire Chiefs for Truckee Meadows (1998-2000) and during the years of the Inter-local Agreement for Fire Services with the City of Reno (2000-2012). These included Rik Kajans, Roy Slate, Gary Nielson, Marty Scheuerman, Chuck Lowden, Paul Wagner, and Tim Alameda. Michael Hernandez was hired as Reno Fire Chief but also served in the role of Truckee Meadows Fire Chief.

The Washoe County Fire Services Program Coordinator would be the County’s advocate for Contract Administration and oversee all fire services activities. This leadership position provided advice on fire services issues to the County Manager, the Board of County Commissioners and various Boards in Washoe County. Washoe County Fire Services Coordinators were Paul Hefner (2004-2007) and Kurt Latipow (2007-2012).

TMFPD PATCHES



PATCH #1
(1975-1995)



PATCH #2
(1995-2000)



PATCH #3
(2012-2020)



CURRENT
(2020-)

Editor’s Note:

The historical references in this publication are largely based off of the Board of Washoe County and Board of Fire Commissioners for Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, along with the memories of the contributors. The timing and references of some timelines may not be 100 percent accurate. It was a privilege to help see this project come to fruition.

Adam Mayberry
TMFR Communications Manager

2022 BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS



LEFT TO RIGHT:
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VICE CHAIR;
BOB LUCEY;
KITTY JUNG;
VAUGHN
HARTUNG,
CHAIR;
JEANNE
HERMAN





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