



MEMORANDUM

May 21, 2025

To: Board of Fire Commissioners
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

Fm: Dale Way, Interim Fire Chief

Re: Chief's Report for the June 3, 2025 Meeting

1. Capital Projects Update

We currently have two major construction projects and one minor project within the District.

- a. **The apparatus bay addition to Fire Station 37** is progressing on schedule to be completed by November of this year. The walls and roof are up and interior work with plumbing, electrical, and HVAC is going smoothly. There will be a period this month when the crew will have to be out of the station so that fire sprinklers can be installed. Plenum Construction has committed to working with us to reduce any potential disruptions to service delivery as much as possible, including the work being completed during the day and the station prepared for the crews to return in the evening. During those periods we are looking into the crew being available for responses elsewhere and seeking cooperation from Reno and Sparks for first response coverage. We will provide a detailed report and plan as we get closer to that point.
- b. **Station 35** is also progressing on schedule. We should expect to lay concrete for the station and apparatus bay floors. We have completed some last-minute finishing specifications for the interior design and the new bay doors. All of the connections on the well should be completed this month. The station is still on schedule to be completed in May 2026.
- c. Before you today is a project to approve the installation of **a washroom at our headquarters building**. If approved, this will create a centralized facility at Barron Way that will decontaminate all the firefighter PPE. It streamlines the process, creating the opportunity for a faster turn-around and consistent delivery by trained logistics personnel. The work will hopefully be done in less than 30 days.

2. Senate Bill 319 Update

Senate Bill 319 passed the Nevada Assembly on May 22 by a vote of 34 to 8. SB 319 is the bill requiring the Washoe County Board of Commissioners, Reno City Council, and Sparks City Council to study the creation of a county fire protection district that would include both Reno and Sparks.

The version of the bill that cleared the assembly was slightly amended to have the study completed by December 31, 2026, from the original deadline of July 1, 2026.

Because the bill was amended in the Assembly, it will return to the Senate for what is expected to be easy passage.

Following likely approval from the Senate, SB 319 will be delivered to Governor Lombardo for his review and possible signature into law. At this time, we are unaware of how the Executive Branch views the bill.