

2026

Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue

Community Report



Washoe County, Nevada





"Committed to excellence, service, and the protection of life and property in our community."



Board of Fire Commissioners

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TMFPD is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada. The Fire District was created by Washoe County in accordance with NRS 474.460 and is governed by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Regular meetings of the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Washoe County Building, 1001 E. 9th Street, Reno, Nevada. You may find agendas posted on our website at www.tmfpd.us.



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Message from the Board Chair

Dear Members of the Community,

It is a pleasure to serve as Chair of the Board for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), and an honor to represent the dedicated men and women who protect and serve our community every day.

The year 2025 was a year of transition, as we said farewell to Chief Charles Moore, who worked diligently to stand up the Fire District in 2012 after the contract for services with the City of Reno ended. We thank him for more than a decade of service in navigating the Fire District to where we are today.

We welcome Chief Richard J. Edwards to the organization and look forward to his steady leadership in the coming years. Chief Edwards comes to us from the Stockton, California Fire Department, one of the busiest fire agencies on the West Coast. His experience and leadership in nearly every facet of the fire service will serve us well as we look to take TMFPD to the next level.

The year ahead will be focused on improving emergency response efficiencies, not only within our own organization but throughout our region. Inflationary pressures continue to be felt across all local governments throughout the state and nation. Under the leadership of Chief Edwards, we are examining, across the board, ways to streamline our expenses while maintaining a high level of service for our residents.

We are also in discussions with our regional partners to address the provisions in Senate Bill 319 from the 2025 Nevada Legislative Session. The bill, which was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor, requires a study of the feasibility of consolidating fire agencies in Washoe County.

The study will allow a thorough review of fire service operations, including current mutual and automatic aid agreements. We will examine how we collectively deploy our resources to incidents and identify opportunities to improve dispatch operations and emergency medical services (EMS) response times.

I am extremely proud of the dedication of our firefighters and paramedics, who valiantly and compassionately serve our citizens every day. We are grateful for the support of our citizens and stakeholders, and we value your continued support.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clara Andriola".

Clara Andriola, Chair





Message from the Chief

As Fire Chief, it is my privilege to introduce our 2025 Community Report, an opportunity to reflect on our progress and reaffirm our commitment to those we serve.

This year represented a significant milestone for our organization with the appointment of a new Fire Chief and Chief Fiscal Officer. Together, we are committed to strengthening operational excellence, increasing transparency, and practicing responsible stewardship of public resources as we prepare the district for the future.

In 2025, our personnel responded to a growing number of emergencies with professionalism, compassion, and unwavering dedication. From emergency medical calls to complex fire and all-hazard incidents, our teams continue to demonstrate our commitment to protecting lives and property through decisive action and exceptional service.

Our ability to serve the community is also enhanced through strong collaboration with our regional partners. Emergencies do not respect jurisdictional boundaries, and through coordinated response systems, we work to ensure the closest and most suitable resources are dispatched when help is needed. This strategy improves response times, increases efficiency, and reflects a shared commitment to providing the highest level of service to our community.

Beyond emergency response, we continue our community preparedness efforts, focusing on fuel reduction and fire prevention. In a region increasingly threatened by wildfire risk, these proactive steps are vital. Through defensible space programs, public education, and partnerships, we are working together to lower risk and strengthen community resilience.

At the same time, we are navigating a tough financial environment where revenues are plateauing while the cost of service keeps increasing each year. In response, we have renewed our focus on strong fiscal management, prioritizing long-term sustainability, and ensuring transparency in our decision-making. We understand that responsible fiscal stewardship is vital to maintaining the level of service our community expects and deserves.

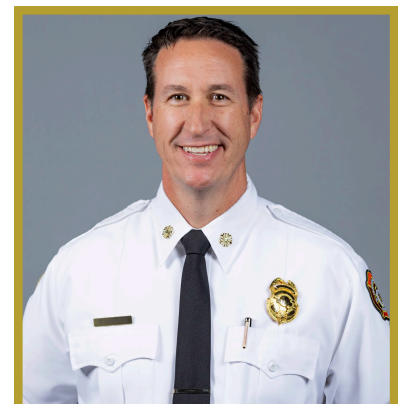
This report reflects the collective efforts of a dedicated organization committed to continuous improvement, accountability, and service above self. We remain guided by our mission and values as we work to meet today's challenges and prepare for the future.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rich J. Edwards".

Richard J. Edwards, Fire Chief





TMFR responds to all types of requests for assistance. Some calls for assistance are threatening to life or property, and others are not. Still, the full effect of what happens in our community is realized if the responses are documented, reported, shared, and analyzed.

Data is a critical business asset and an effective component in the management of our resources. The fire district uses the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) to report its responses to the public and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA). The year 2025 is the last of NFIRS existence.

NFIRS, which served as the backbone of national fire incident data collection since the 1970s, is being replaced by the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) in 2026.

At its core, NERIS is an entirely new system for collecting, managing, and analyzing emergency response data. It is designed to support today's fire service and the demands placed on it.

Created by the USFA in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate, and in collaboration with the Fire Safety Research Institute and the UL Research Institutes, NERIS is an all-hazards platform built to equip the fire and emergency service community with the necessary data and tools to improve decision-making and support incident preparedness.

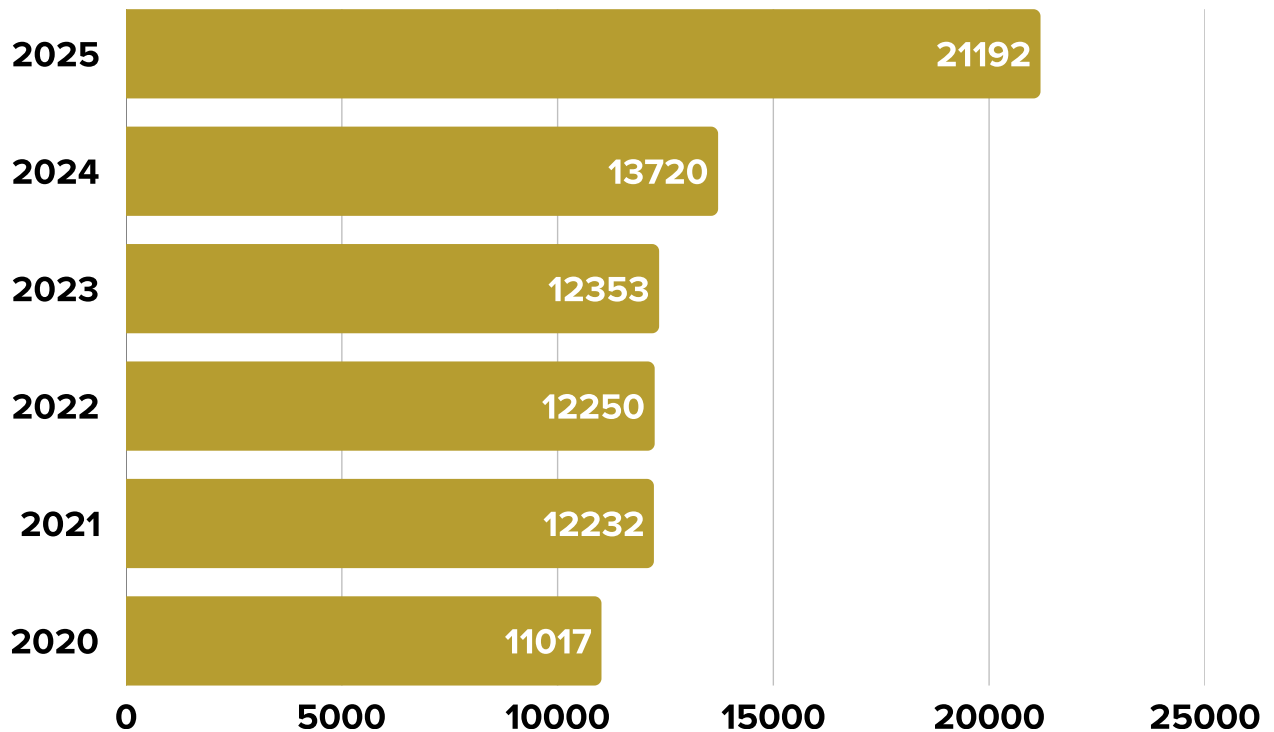


Data and Statistics Overview

The expansion of automatic aid, in which the response is made by the closest emergency resource regardless of jurisdiction, has contributed to the increase in aggregate responses in 2025.

The total call volume increased by nearly 55 percent, and is due to an expanded agreement for automatic aid between TMFPD and regional partners in October 2024.

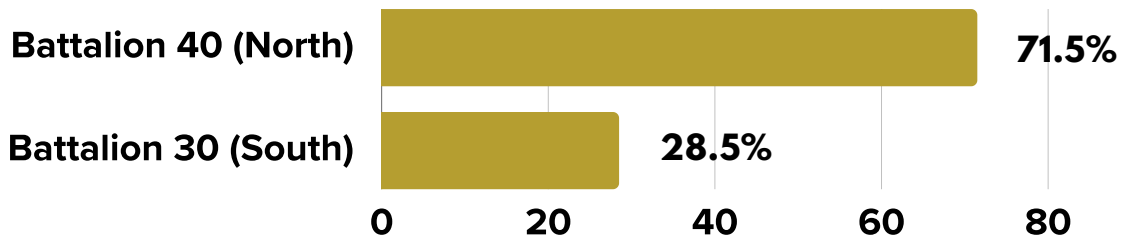
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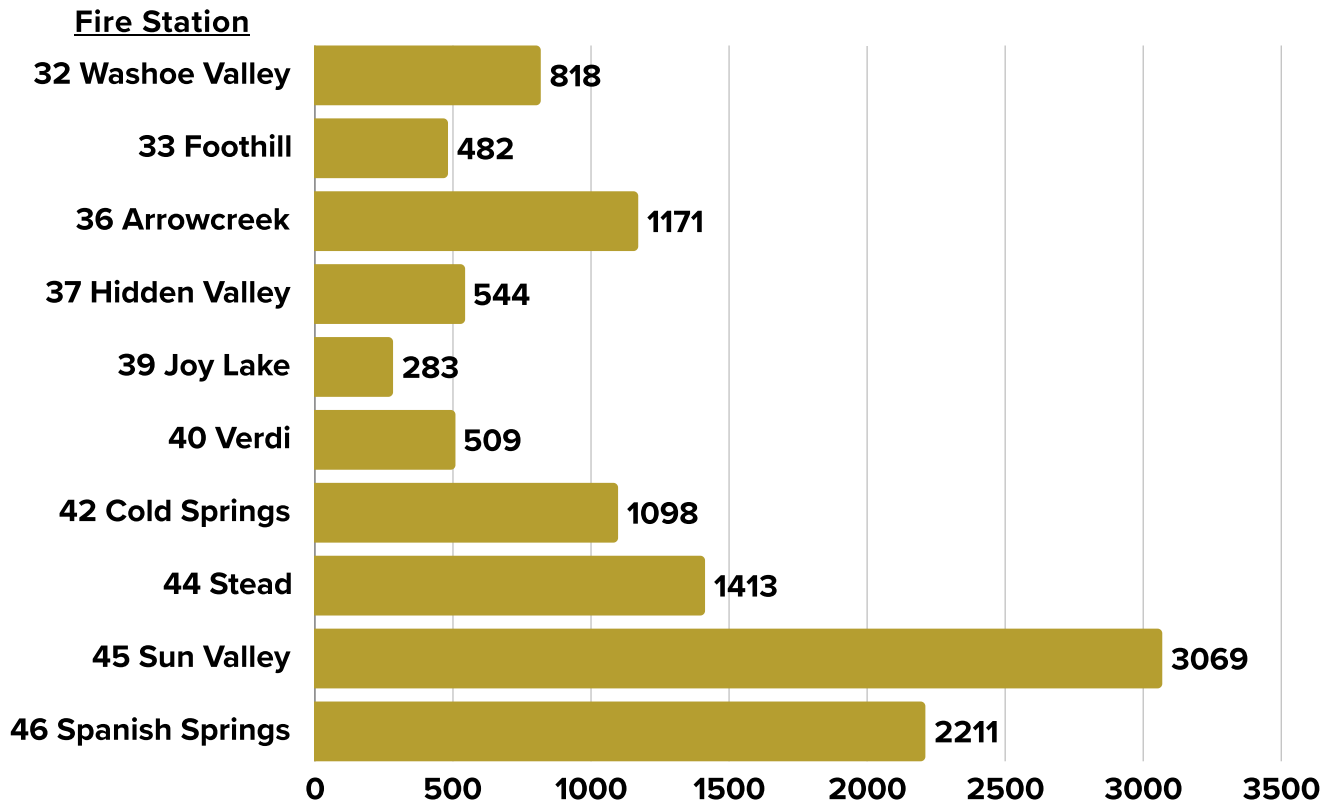
Aggregate Responses by Fire Station & Community

The number of responses tracks higher in the northern half of the district. The comparison between north and south battalions excludes aid to other jurisdictions outside of the TMFR boundary.



Fire stations in the **North Battalion** include Verdi, Sun Valley, Spanish Springs, Stead and Cold Springs. The **South Battalion** includes Eastlake (Washoe Valley), ArrowCreek, Joy Lake, Foothill, and Hidden Valley

Each fire station is indicated by its station number and the community served.





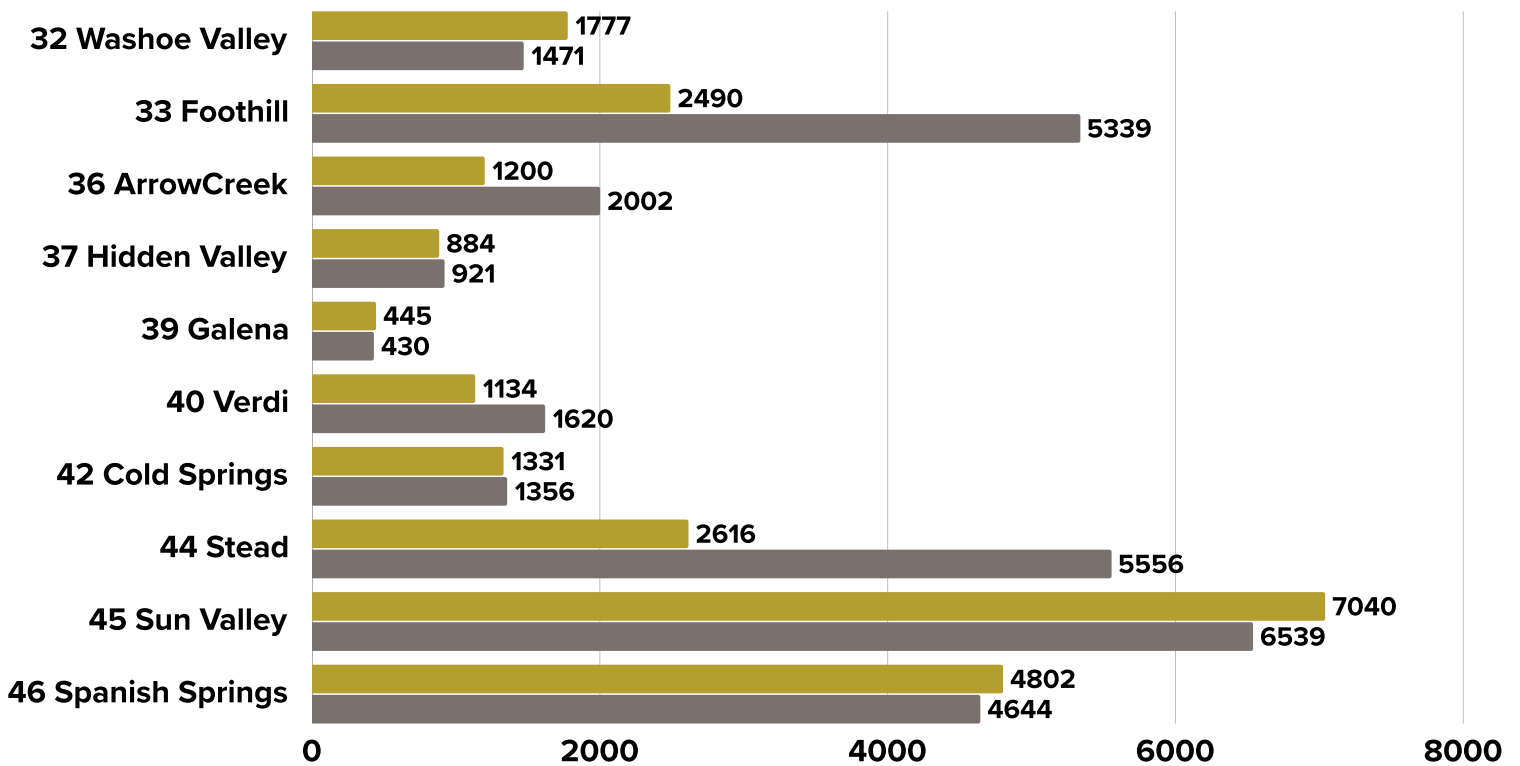
Overview on major Calls for Service

CALLS FOR SERVICE	2024	2025
Fire (Structure/Cooking)	76	80
Fire (Wildland)	131	134
Fire (Vehicle)	49	69
Good Intent - Nothing Found on arrival/cancel	3218	8797
False Alarm	389	585
Motor Vehicle Accidents	699	930
Medical / Rescue	8,135	9,435

This data represents the major calls for service and is not a cumulative total of all calls.

*Unit Responses

● 2024 ● 2025



*Many incidents require multiple resources to respond to the scene. This chart reflects every unit response to an incident. Example: A fire incident dispatches 3 Engines, 1 Ladder Truck, 1 Ambulance, 2 Battalion Chiefs.



2025 Year in Review

Wildland Fuels Reduction

The 2025 fire season was normal for Washoe County, Nevada and across the state. Notably, there were substantially more starts nationwide, but fewer total acres burned across the U.S., a reminder that early detection, rapid response, and coordinated interagency efforts truly make a difference.

Here in Washoe County, strategic fuels reduction, community defensible space efforts, and strong collaboration with our state and federal partners helped mitigate the impact of several incidents before they could grow into large, damaging fires. These outcomes underscore the importance of continued investment in prevention, mitigation, and preparedness.

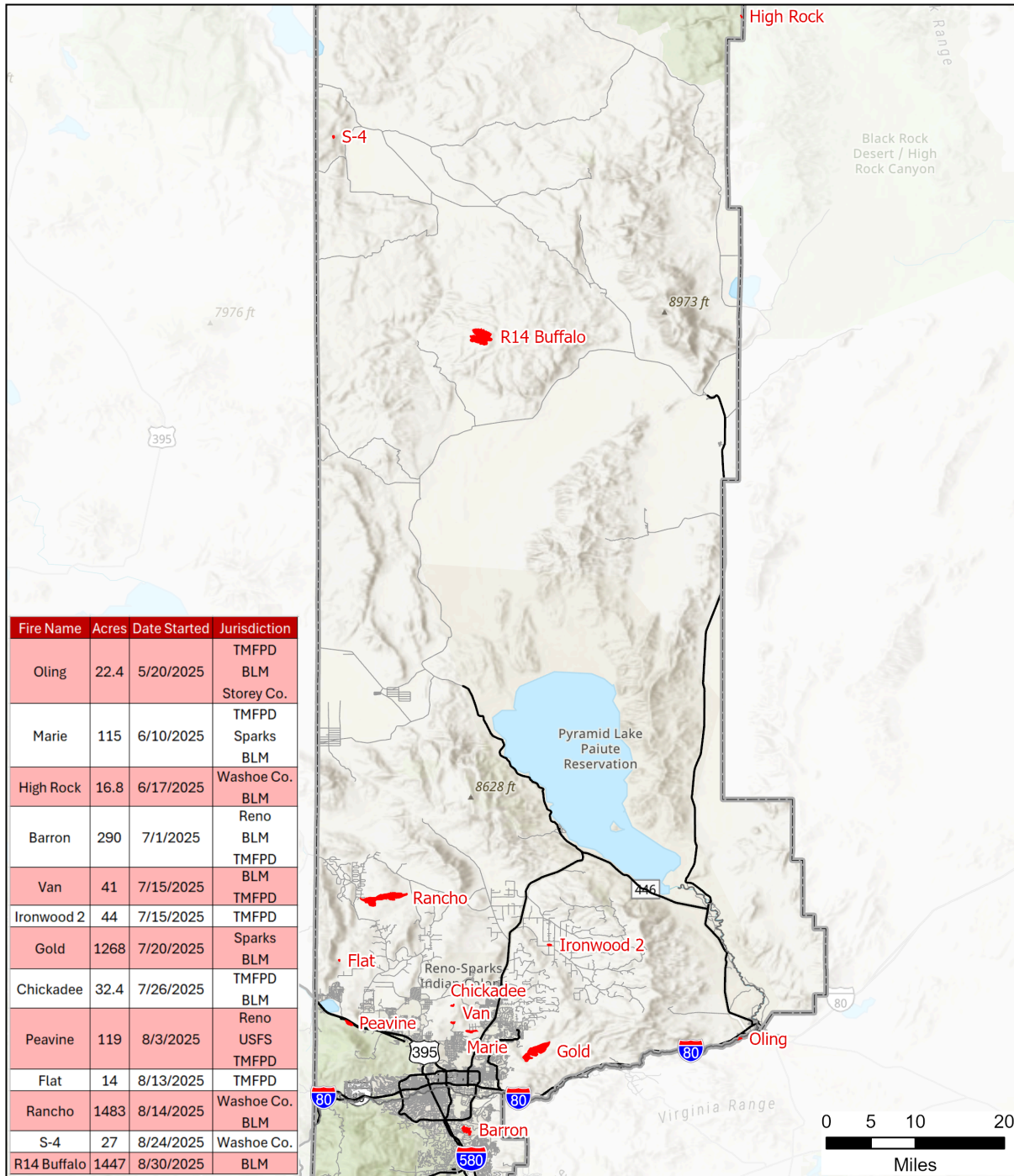
While budgets and funding have become tight for all levels of government, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District continues to adapt through diverse and creative funding strategies, operational efficiencies, and strong public/private partnerships. By leveraging grants, regional cost-sharing agreements, and community collaboration, the Fire District remains a regional and statewide leader in fire response, fuels management, and all-hazards preparedness.

Our commitment remains clear: protect lives, property, and the natural resources that define Northern Nevada, while maintaining fiscal responsibility and operational excellence for the communities we proudly serve.





2025 Wildfire Summary



2025 Fire Season In Washoe County

Fires Over 10 Acres: 4,919.8 Acres





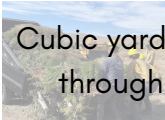






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Community Service

 Acres treated through grants	460
 Utility poles cleared of hazardous fuels	1,214
 Acres treated through prescribed fire	47
 Private parcels cleared of hazardous fuels	91
 Cubic yards of vegetation collected through green waste program	4,500
 Christmas Trees Recycled	789
 Residents serviced through curbside chipping	106
 Residential burn permits issued	1,212
 Cubic yards of vegetation burn through open burning	6,500



TMFPD takes great pride in providing a number of community service programs to help reduce the risk of fires.

Spring & Fall Green Waste Days: This program encourages residents to create defensible space and remove hazardous fuels. The fire district will dispose of residential green waste at no cost.

Curbside Chipping: Limited to those with disabilities or the elderly. This program is intended to assist residents who cannot travel to chipping locations such as the Fire District’s green waste collection locations.

Defensible Space Inspections: An evaluation of a property to identify fire hazards and provide recommendations for creating a safe buffer around a home to help slow or stop the spread of wildfire.

During a defensible space inspection, the inspector also identifies opportunities for home hardening, such as installing fire-resistant materials, installing ember-resistant vents, and reducing ignition points to help the home better withstand flames, heat, and airborne embers during a wildfire.

TMFPD supports Firewise USA® programs by working directly with neighborhoods to assess wildfire risk, provide education on defensible space and home hardening, and help residents organize, plan, and implement community-wide efforts to reduce fire hazards and improve overall resilience.



2025 Emergency Medical Services

The majority of emergency responses made by the district continue to be for requests for medical aid (EMS). Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue (TMFR) maintains a high standard of readiness by staffing every station with Advanced Life Support (ALS) providers, including 3 transport capable ambulances. With over two-thirds of our line staff certified as State of Nevada Paramedics, TMFR provides a sophisticated level of emergency care to all patients within our jurisdiction.

Advanced Life Support (ALS)

ALS paramedic services provide a critical layer of pre-hospital care that significantly improves outcomes in life-threatening situations. While Basic Life Support (BLS) focuses on fundamental care, our ALS paramedics are trained in advanced medical procedures. The ability of these professionals to stabilize critically ill patients, particularly those suffering from cardiac arrest, severe trauma, stroke, or respiratory failure often makes the difference between life and death and reduces the risk of long-term complications.

Advanced Training and Inter-Agency Coordination

To maintain this high degree of clinical excellence, TMFR invests heavily in continuous education and multi-agency collaboration. Notable training initiatives from the past year include:

- **Care Flight Joint Training:** This past winter, TMFR crews participated in rigorous joint training exercises with Care Flight to streamline air-ambulance integration and enhance patient hand-off protocols in challenging winter environments.
- **Specialized Airway Training:** Paramedics completed intensive airway training, focusing on difficult intubations and advanced ventilation techniques to ensure the highest success rates during respiratory emergencies.
- **Earthquake MCI Drill:** TMFR conducted a large-scale, joint Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) drill with Sierra Medical Center. This simulation focused on coordinated triage, resource allocation, and rapid transport strategies following a major earthquake. This is to ensure a seamless cooperation between regional agencies during catastrophic events, and to evaluate areas of improvement.





2025 Emergency Medical Services (cont.)

Beyond life-saving interventions, TMFR paramedics enhance regional healthcare efficiency by providing advanced treatment on-site, which can prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and reduce the burden on local emergency departments.

In our ongoing commitment to the community, TMFR successfully executed **2,747** transports during the 2025 reporting period. These services were concentrated within our limited response areas, specifically covering Sun Valley, Spanish Springs, and the region extending from Mt. Rose Highway south to Washoe Valley. Working in collaboration with REMSA, transport services are currently provided from three fire stations, ensuring that these high-growth communities receive timely, effective, and high-quality emergency medicine outside of a hospital setting.



Medical/Rescue Responses

2024: 8,135

2025: 9,435



Emergency Operations

Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue delivers integrated public safety through specialized training, equipment, and strong interagency partnerships—supporting fire suppression, hazardous materials response, technical rescue, and water operations to protect the community across diverse emergencies.

Hazmat Response

TMFR is part of the TRIAD regional hazmat team serving Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County. The team handles hazardous spills, leaks, and incidents threatening people or the environment. TMFR operates from Stations 44 (North Valleys) and 33 (South Reno) with 34 trained technicians and pioneered the region’s “tox medic” program for chemical exposure care. TRIAD chiefs meet quarterly to coordinate strategy, training, and budgets.



Technical Rescue

As an all-risk district, TMFR manages technical rescues, including rope (high/low angle, swift water, and confined space). The District utilizes Rapid Extraction Module Support (REMS) teams, a specialized and highly trained unit equipped to provide rapid emergency medical care and extraction for injured firefighters in rugged, inaccessible terrain. The District also utilizes advanced tools for modern vehicle extrication. All firefighters are trained for safe, coordinated extrication incidents.

Water Entry Team

TMFR’s WET specializes in water rescues across rivers, lakes, ponds, and ice. They also assist with floods, hazard mitigation, evidence recovery, and aquatic animal rescues.



2025 Training Update

In 2025, Truckee Meadows Fire & Rescue placed a renewed emphasis on comprehensive training for our personnel. The District established a dedicated Training Division focused on keeping residents safe, stabilizing incidents quickly, and mitigating risk in every response.

Our firefighters concentrate on four primary disciplines: structure fires, wildland fires, motor vehicle accidents, and hazardous materials (HAZMAT) incidents. The District's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division continues to provide advanced instruction in medical and EMS-related responses, ensuring our crews are prepared to deliver high-quality patient care.

Beyond incident response, the Training Division is committed to professional development by strengthening core competencies while preparing personnel for the next level of their fire service careers. By building leadership skills and technical expertise, we are investing in the long-term success of our organization.

Today, the Division is also placing greater focus on regional collaboration. We are expanding joint training opportunities with neighboring fire agencies to enhance coordination and interoperability. This includes hands-on evolutions in structures that have been donated to TMFR and are no longer in use. These real-world training environments allow our crews to practice complex scenarios in realistic conditions, improving communication, teamwork, and operational readiness across our region.



Fire Training

2024
24,577 hours
183 hrs per person

2025
32,615 hours
243 hrs per person





Fire Volunteers

Volunteer Days on Incident	66
Volunteer Days of Training	51
Volunteers Onboarded	14

TMFPD is fortunate to have an exceptional group of volunteer firefighters whose contributions make a meaningful difference every day.

These volunteers are an essential part of the district's mission. Our volunteers respond to wildland fires and participate in their control through fire suppression activities as part of a team effort. They are also trained to operate wildland apparatus, chain saws, and other relevant tools and equipment to get the job done.

What makes this group truly remarkable is not just what they do, but why they do it. They serve without expectation of recognition, driven by a shared commitment to support their neighbors and the firefighters who stand ready to respond at a moment's notice.



Santa Parade

TMFPD and IAFF Local 2487 celebrated the 2025 holiday season by supporting children in need with a toy drive benefiting local charity organizations. The event will become annual.

TMFR led a festive parade over five days throughout Washoe County with a decorated engine accompanied by Santa Claus and other first responding vehicles to bring attention to the Toy Drive and deliver holiday cheer!





Fire Prevention

The Fire Prevention Division works to reduce fire risk and protect lives and property in Washoe County, including remote areas, through prevention, education, and enforcement of fire safety laws. Rather than responding to emergencies, the division focuses on stopping fires and hazards before they occur.

The division carries out several major functions:

1. Fire Code Enforcement and Inspections

- Inspects businesses, public buildings, and developments to ensure they comply with fire and life-safety codes.
- Works with property owners to correct hazards and maintain safe conditions.

2. Plan Review for New Construction

- Reviews building and development plans to make sure projects meet fire safety standards, including access for fire engines, alarms, sprinklers, and defensible space.

3. Wildfire and Defensible Space Programs

- Helps residents reduce wildfire risk by promoting vegetation management, defensible space, and wildfire preparedness.

4. Public Education and Community Risk Reduction

- Provides fire safety education programs for schools, neighborhoods, and businesses.
- Conducts outreach to improve emergency preparedness and fire awareness.

	2024	2025
Plan Reviews:	1,749	1,558
Defensible Space Inspections:	80	354

5. Fire Investigation

- Investigates fires to determine the cause and origin and identify potential code violations or criminal activity.





2025 Improvements

2025 was an exciting year for facility and operational improvements at the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD).

Station 37, which serves the beautiful Hidden Valley community, was fully renovated on time and on budget, without ever closing operations. In November, the District proudly celebrated the completion of the project with a community event.

In May 2025, TMFPD broke ground on Station 35, which will serve the increasingly busy Interstate 80 corridor, from the eastern edge of Sparks to Wadsworth. Station 35 is expected to become operational later in 2026 and remains on budget. This state-of-the-art facility has also been featured by Endeavor Business Media.

The District has also made significant progress in fleet operations by improving efficiency and reducing costs. TMFPD is scaling down its inventory of apparatus that are no longer needed or have exceeded their useful life, helping reduce maintenance expenses for vehicles that would otherwise sit idle.

In 2025, TMFPD took delivery of a new Type 3 brush engine, two Type 5 engines to support wildland fuels reduction crews, and three battalion chief command vehicles. In 2026, the District will welcome three new Type 1 fire engines to further strengthen frontline response capabilities.





2025 Improvements to Service (cont.)

Additionally, TMFPD received a mobile command vehicle generously donated by the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority. These vehicles will support both emergency incidents and planned events by providing on-scene and remote command-and-control capabilities for incident commanders.

TMFPD is also pleased to partner with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office on a new drone program. The District is supporting program development and infrastructure by housing drones at select fire stations. Drone technology will enhance situational awareness by improving fire report accuracy in hard-to-reach areas, identifying access routes, and supporting a variety of emergency and operational needs.

In the fall of 2025, TMFPD proudly opened a new centralized Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) laundering facility at District Headquarters. This facility enhances firefighter health, safety, and readiness by providing advanced inspection and cleaning processes to ensure PPE is compliant and ready for service. This investment allows crews to remain focused on what matters most - protecting our community.





TMFPD Fleet Services

TMFPD's dedicated fleet maintenance is responsible for more than 150 active and reserve pieces of equipment, including aerial apparatus and volunteer equipment, Type 1, Type 3, and Type 5 engines. Additionally, our mechanics maintain ambulances, command vehicles, dozers, boats, UTVs, and fuel reduction and other specialized equipment.

Every piece of taxpayer-funded equipment receives preventative and predictive maintenance to enable our firefighters to safely and efficiently protect the citizens of Washoe County. Our fleet team also works closely with all internal departments to design and acquire new apparatus and equipment to ensure our fleet is on the cutting edge of the ever changing world of firefighting/EMS.

Type One Engines	16
Ladder Truck	1
Type Three Engines	15
Type Five Engines	13
Tenders	12
Ambulances	7



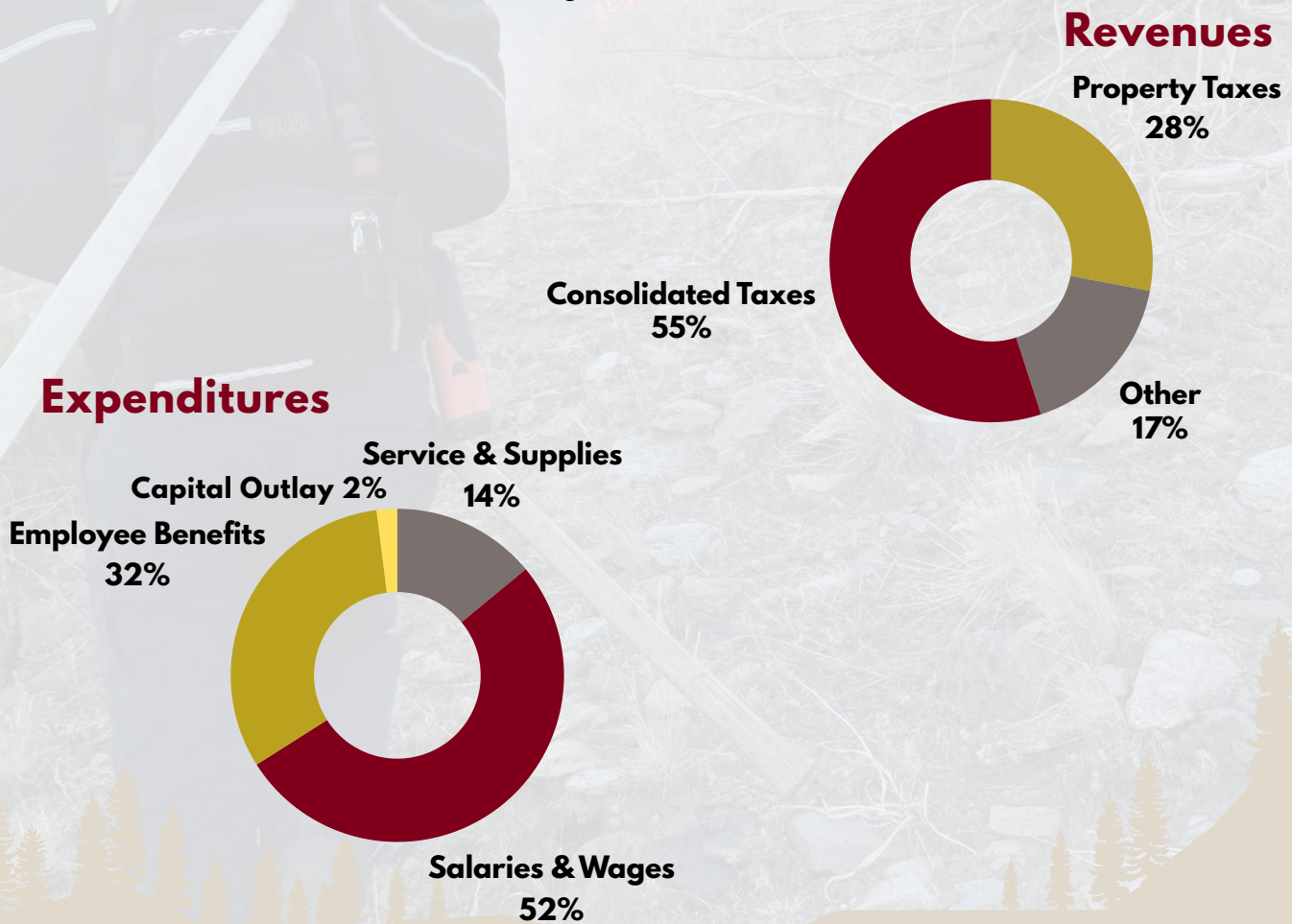


2025 Financial Summary

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District's finances are stable despite a period of high inflation and diminished revenues from a decline in consolidated tax (CTAX) revenues. The General Fund balance as of June 30, 2025, was \$7,086,710, a decrease of \$2,261,628 or 24.2% from the prior year. The decrease was primarily due to lower-than-anticipated revenues.

The total fund balance of \$7,086,710 equates to 13.9% or approximately 1.7 months' worth of expenditures (excluding transfers out to Capital Projects and Sick and Annual Compensation and Benefits costs) as compared to the prior year's ending fund balance of \$9,348,338, which was 22% or approximately 2.6 months' worth of fiscal year 2024 expenditures.

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025 the total General Fund expenditures were \$51,135,558 which was \$2,236,686 or 4.19% under budget. The total General Fund revenues were \$50,912,647 which was \$716,167 or 1.39% under budget.





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