

## FIRE CHIEF REPORT

**Report Date:** 3/11/2025

**District Calls:** Month of Feb had 138 request for service: EMS: 74 Transfers: 53 SWAT: 0 Dive: 1 Fire: 11  
Month of Jan had 219 request for service: EMS: 105 Transfers: 93 SWAT: 0 Dive: 1 Fire: 20

### District Update

#### Staffing

District Staffing Level: 100 members

Command Staff: 4 (1 Career Fire Chief & 3 POC Deputy Chief)

Administrative: 1

Chaplains: 2

St 1 has 36 members: 34 POC & 2 Career (11 fire, 25 fire/EMS, 1 EMS, 1 Fire Investigator)

St 3 has 38 members: 36 POC & 2 Career (15 fire, 15 fire/EMS/Dive, 2 EMS, & 7 dive)

St 6 has 19 members: 16 POC & 3 Career (11 fire, 6 fire/EMS, & 2 EMS)

EMS Training: 52 members trained as Medical Responders

Ambulance Staffing: 31 member training/approved to work on ambulance

Dive Team: 21 members (14 Divers & 7 support staff)

Department Members on Military Deployment (Leave of absence)

FF/EMT-B Joe Pitts-Meyer

Department Interview(s)

3 applicants waiting to interview in March 2025

4 applicants to interview for the open Administrative Assistant Position on 3/10 & 3/11/2025

Members to start Department Orientation

4 new members to start on 2/27/2025

Members that have complete fire/EMS classes

FF/EMT Josh Pake completed Fire & Emergency Instructor 1 on 2/17/2025

FF/EMT-P Josh Macdonald completed Fire & Emergency Instructor 1 on 2/17/2025

Captain Samantha McTaggart completed Fire & Emergency Instructor 1 on 2/17/2025

Captain Olivia Steindorf-Berg completed Fire & Emergency Instructor 1 on 2/17/2025

Deputy Chief Mike Nowak completed Fire & Emergency Instructor 1 on 2/17/2025

ELFF/EMT-B Dan D Wildland Fire

FF James Lange Wildland Fire

Members new to the Fire District & started department orientation

FF/EMT Nick Mason on 2/27/2025

EMR Hannah Frederickson on 2/27/2025

ELFF Athony Soberano on 2/27/2025

Diver Zach Joyce on 2/27/2025

Members that have earned the Department Challenge Coin

FF/EMT-B Connor Cich - 1 year of Service

FF James Lange – 1 year of service

FF/EMT James Martin – 1 year of service

Members that have resigned

ELFF/EMT Blasé Todd effective 2/13/2025

FF Eric Frank effective 2/22/2025

Admin Assistant Steph Samson effective 2/21/2025

Years of Service anniversaries for the month

FF/EMT-B Connor Cich - 1 year of Service

Captain Samantha McTaggart – 8 years of service

FF Kevin Zehr – 33 years of service

FF/EMT Michelle Fischer – 12 years of service

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FF James Lange – 1 year of service  
FF/EMT James Martin – 1 year of service  
Diver Dave Carli - 18 years of service  
Captain Kris Krall – 8 years of service

SOPs & MOGs of the Month  
SOP 601 Emergency Radio Comm  
SOP 1001 EMS Clothing to be Worn  
MOG 3255 Older Single-Family Dwelling

Vehicle/Equipment Updates  
Engine 1 breaks fixed on 2/10/2025  
CV1 in for repair work on 2/11/2025  
Engine 1 regen on 2/13/2025  
Medic 1, 2,3, & 4 door latch work completed on 2/17/2025  
Medic 4 loose trim fixed on 2/18/2025  
Medic 2 in for service on 2/19/2025  
Medic 3 wiper issues fixed on 2/24/2025  
Engine 3 water gauge recalibrated on 2/28/2025  
Medic 4 wiper issues fixed on 2/26/2025  
Engine 3 air leak fixed on 3/6/2025

### District Meetings

#### Station Meetings

Station 1 meeting was held on 3/5/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, Officers, and members.  
Station 3 meeting held on 2/26/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, Officers, and members.  
Station 6 meeting was held on 2/19/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, Officers, and members.

#### Fire Board Meeting

Meeting Held on 2/18/2025 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Jeffers, several Officers and employees of the District, and one member of the public.  
Next regular scheduled meeting will be on 3/18/2024 at Station 3

#### Fire Commission Meeting

Meeting held on 1/28/2022 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Scheidler, Capt Larson, and FF Matthews.  
Next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for 4/22/2025

#### Officers Meetings

District Officers Meeting on 1/9/2024 attended by Chief Bernette, DC Nowak, DC Jeffers, and Station Officers  
Next scheduled District Officer Meetings set for 3/20/2025 at Station 3 at 6:30 pm

#### Employee Meetings

Career Employee Meeting to be held on 1/8/2025  
EMS Meeting held on 2/27/2025

### District Trainings

#### Fire Training

February: Blood Born Pathogen & ERG Manual, SCBA Drills, Ground /Roof Ladder, Search and Rescue, Radio Skills, and Fit Testing for Station 1  
March: District wide DNR training at Station 1

#### EMS Training

February: Scenario Based Skills Station Training on 2/27/2025  
March: will be on 3/27/2025 with Topic TBA

#### TEMS Training

February: No TEMS Medic needed

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### Other Meetings/Activities

EMS MC Meeting (EMS billing company) attended by Mr. Staber and Chief Bernette on 2/25/2025

Fire Recovery USA Meeting (Fire Billing Company) attended by Chief Bernette on 2/26/2025

EMS MC Meeting (EMS billing company) attended by Mr. Staber and Chief Bernette on 3/11

### District Safety Topic

March: "Working in the BLACK"

"Working in the black" on a wildland fire means operating within an area that has already been burned by the fire, essentially working inside the "blackened" section where the fuels have been consumed, providing a relatively safe zone to operate from compared to the actively burning front line.