



MONTHLY FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

Regular Meeting: November 11, 2025

Operations:

- We responded to 55 calls in October.
- We responded to the Caribou Village Shopping Center fire in Nederland on the morning of Oct 9th.
- Rosenbauer tender discussion

Support Services:

- The replacement generator for Station 5 should be delivered this week
- Lots of minor repairs are completed regularly that would have been much more difficult before hiring our mechanic
- Out-building at the top of Fritz Peak has been secured

Wildland/Mitigation:

- Brush 59 is available nationally.
- 7-acre project for Boulder Watershed in Porter Ranch is complete.
- Mitigation Coordinator and Jen Lomeli met with residents near Station 1 to discuss potential future grant work with the local watersheds.
- We are working on USFS lands adjacent to county roads: Gilpin Road is complete, currently working in the Wedgewood area. Gilpin County 2025 funding will be exhausted in the next week or two.
- Residential work is scheduled into mid-December.
- Applied for a Natural Disaster Mitigation Enterprise Grant (NDME) we requested \$800,000 over 3 years. We were not funded.
- We applied for FRWRM and requested \$385,000 for mitigation and staffing, which is a 50% match. The match will come from homeowner contributions, indirect expenses, and already budgeted funds. Pre-awards Feb 11, 2026.
- AIM grant: we applied for 50% of the Mitigation Coordinator's salary and benefits.

Administration:

- Multiple construction meetings.
- Continuing work on the 2026 budget and end-of-year budgeting predictions.
- Employee health insurance Open Enrollment: good feedback from employees regarding the addition of family coverage contributions.
- Meeting with Commercial Insurance carrier tomorrow to review current coverage and 2026 coverage.
- Workman's Comp audit completed, will discuss coverage with carrier at meeting tomorrow.
- Billing for deployment, county mitigation work, private mitigation work, grants, etc.
- Boulder County 1B grant we applied for 5 sets of bunker gear.
- Boulder County 1B grant we CO applied with GAA for funding to keep GAA responding out the TFPD portion of Boulder County.
- Applying for a FRETAC grant for a suction unit and advanced airway devices for E55 and B55.
- Congressman Neguse and his staff visited our jobsite on October 22nd, visit went very well!
- Looking at options for our reporting systems, may expand on our current scheduling software to reduce other software programs. The intent is to use one system in 2026.

R&R:

- With the ending of the R&R SAFER grant after 8 years, the R&R Coordinator position has been reduced to part-time for the remainder of 2025.
- We have over 30 applicants for our next onboarding, we are working through how to proceed.

Training Events and Activities:

- Steve Ruscio is our new Training Coordinator and will be working closely with Lt. Schneider to get up to speed.
- The training calendar for 2026 is in draft form and will be published in the next month or so.