

Telluride Fire Protection District Board of Directors Monthly Meeting ~ May 21st, 2026

MEMBERS: Kimball Sr, Lucarelli, Quick, Schuler(zoom) **Staff:** Bennett, Dasaro, Heidergott, Baird(zoom), Cheroske, Van Damme, Gardner(zoom)
GUESTS: Lane Masters

TOPICS	DISCUSSION	MOTION/ SECOND	ACTION ITEMS	DUE DATE	STATUS Open/Closed
CALL TO ORDER	5:30 by Kimball				
ROLL CALL	5:30PM				
MINUTES	Approved unanimous for January regular meeting.	M: Lucarelli S: Quick			
APPEALS	None.				
PUBLIC COMMENT	Lane Masters spoke to the Board and others present of his intentions to run for Sheriff for San Miguel County				
Old Business	<p>Station 3 update: Chief Bennett mentioned how they are working through the design plans for both station 3 and the training facility. Chief Gardner is working with the district PIO, Susan Lilly, to provide public information to area residence. SMPA would like to work with the district on bury power lines and it will do a review with the same time line as the remodel, so it lines up well. CDOT is also still working on the access and apron.</p> <p>Apparatus update: Engine 2129 was sold to Upper West Fork Volunteer fire dept in West Virginia. Chief Scott Hicks came to Telluride and picked up the apparatus to drive back home. The vehicle sold for \$78K. Capt. Mike Kimball is working with Polaris on another Wildland built side by side with expected delivery by July. The Type 3 is currently in the build phase.</p> <p>Mid-Term Audit: Representatives from DWC came to Telluride to finish the 2025 audit review. All was well with the current audit review. A final audit review for submission is expected for the June meeting.</p>				
New Business	<p>Onboarding updates: Stephannie discussed the hiring of 3 new Seasonal Wildland staff members. The have completed the hiring process, and have finished the Critical 80 for Wildland training. The new hires have been assigned a shift assignment and are ready to start normal operations.</p> <p>Summer weather status and predictions: Chief Bennett and Chief Cheroske attended an interagency meeting to discuss and prepare for the upcoming wildland season. Current drought conditions indicate forest fuel loads are at a critical level, which has a high probability of ignition. Creating the potential for a volatile fire season. Chief Bennett expressed appreciation to the Board for their continued support as the district maintains a hope for the best prepare for the worst stance. Smokey the Bear says-"Only you can prevent forest fires!"</p> <p>Other items from the floor: None</p>				

REPORTS	<p>Deputy Chief: Nothing to add</p> <p>Battalion Chief Training: Thanked Chief Cheroske for his support in providing training to the Wildland staff to get the prepared for their role in the fire district! DFPC has a fuselage training prop at the airport and crews will be going to train with the airport AARF crews.</p> <p>EMC Coordinator: Shane attended an ImageTrend conference and learned of an option to use AI for report writing, which will make it easier on crews to complete reports. And trying to set up a system to receive patient billing forms directly from TMC for quicker billing options for ambulance patients.</p> <p>Fire Marshal: Nothing to add</p> <p>HR Coordinator: Nothing to add</p> <p>District Chief: Chief Bennett is, as always impressed with the hard work of this staff!</p> <p>Board Members: Nothing to add</p> <p>Committee Updates: Nothing to add</p>		
APPROVAL OF BILLS	Bills reviewed and approved unanimously	M: Lucarelli S: Quick	
EXECUTIVE SESSION			
ADJOURNMENT	6:10 pm	M: Lucarelli S: Quick	

NEXT MEETING – May 19th, 2026 5:30 PM @ Station 1

Approved:



Michael Kimball

President



Sutton Schuler

Vice President



Mark Quick

Member



Chris Broady

Member

Jim Lucarelli

Sec/Treas.