

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2026



MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF, ALAN ERNST

As we move into the heart of the summer season, I am pleased to share several important accomplishments and milestones that continue to strengthen East Fork Fire Protection District's ability to serve our community.

This month, the Board of Directors approved the District's final budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget reflects our continued commitment to fiscal responsibility while ensuring we maintain the resources necessary to provide exceptional emergency services. I would like to thank our Board, executive staff, and administrative team for their thoughtful work throughout the budget process.

As part of our ongoing efforts to support our workforce and improve operational efficiency, the Board also authorized the purchase of two additional vehicles to support our light-duty fleet.

The Board also took time to recognize the outstanding career and retirement of Captain Brian Nelson. Brian dedicated more than 25 years of service to East Fork Fire Protection District and the residents of Douglas County. Throughout his career, he served with professionalism, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to mentoring the next generation of firefighters and paramedics. We thank Brian for his many contributions to our organization and wish him and his family all the best in retirement.

Another exciting milestone this month was the activation of the Genoa Handcrew, a partnership between East Fork Fire Protection District and the Nevada Division of Forestry. The crew has already responded to several incidents and is providing valuable wildland firefighting capacity throughout our region. This partnership represents another example of the collaborative approach we are taking to enhance regional preparedness and response capabilities during what is expected to be an active fire season.

As always, I am proud of the dedication and professionalism displayed daily by our personnel. Whether responding to emergencies, supporting regional partnerships, or preparing for future challenges, their commitment to our mission remains unwavering.

Thank you for your continued support of East Fork Fire Protection District. We look forward to serving you throughout the summer and beyond.

Holly Megee

Director of Administrative Services

Career Opportunities

Do you know someone who would be a great addition to our team? East Fork Fire Protection District is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- Volunteer Apparatus Operator
- Lateral Firefighter
- Deputy Fire Chief

For complete job descriptions, qualifications, and application information, please visit www.eastforkfire.org or contact Human Resources at hr@eastforkfire.org.

Help us spread the word as we continue building a strong, talented workforce dedicated to serving our community.



Promotion Recognition

Please join us in congratulating the following employee on a well-deserved promotion:

- **ADRIAN MARQUEZ – CAPTAIN**

We extend our sincere appreciation for Adrian's dedication and leadership and wish him continued success in his new role.

Service Anniversaries

Please join us in recognizing the dedication, commitment, and years of service of the following team members celebrating service anniversaries this month. Their hard work and contributions help make East Fork Fire Protection District stronger every day.

Celebrating This Month:

- **NOLAN BROCKHAGE – 7 YEARS OF SERVICE**
- **BARBARA BENZ – 32 YEARS OF SERVICE**
- **JONATHAN PLUMER – 21 YEARS OF SERVICE**
- **GARETT ALVEY – 4 YEARS OF SERVICE**
- **JESSE FRY – 4 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Deputy Fire Chief Michael Shockey

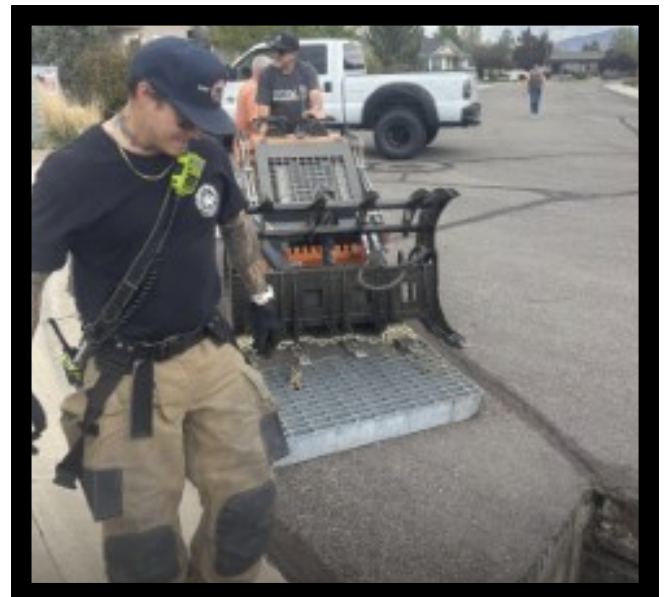
May Call Summary

- Total Calls for Service: **677**
- YTD: **3,230**
- Air 12 Calls for Service: **7**



Scarcelli Elementary Students Visit Station 7

Engine 7 welcomed 55 students from Scarcelli Elementary School to Station 7 for an educational tour of the station and apparatus. During the visit, crews demonstrated various firefighting tools and equipment, provided an up-close look at emergency response vehicles, and shared important fire safety messages. The visit offered students a fun and engaging opportunity to learn about fire service operations and safety in their community.



May Incidents

Engine 7 and Rescue 7 responded to a resident request for assistance in rescuing ducklings trapped in a storm drain. Working alongside community members, crews successfully removed all 12 ducklings and safely reunited them with their mother. The rescue was a great example of teamwork between our firefighters and the residents we proudly serve.



Brad Driscoll

Division Chief

June Safety Topic

Hot Weather Preparedness

As summer temperatures rise, crews are reminded to review heat-related illness prevention and response procedures. A recent NIOSH line-of-duty death investigation highlights the serious risks associated with heat stress, even among physically fit firefighters. Key takeaways include recognizing early signs of heat-related illness, understanding that hydration alone does not prevent heat injuries, maintaining crew accountability, and promptly reporting symptoms. Supervisors are encouraged to review hot weather operations, work/rest cycles, and emergency response procedures with their personnel to help ensure everyone stays safe during the upcoming summer season.



Work Related Injuries for May

- **Required Treatment**
 - **1**
- **Report Only**
 - **2**
- **Accidents**
 - **0**

Training Updates

- On June 3, East Fork training and executive staff participated in a Large Area Wildland Response Drill alongside regional partner agencies. Hosted by the Fuels Division, the exercise provided an opportunity to strengthen interagency coordination, practice incident management strategies, and enhance preparedness for large-scale wildland fire incidents.

Deputy Fire Chief/ Fire Marshal Amy Ray

Wildfire season is upon us. Here is some important information from NFPA to keep your home safe in the event of wildfire. To increase your home's chance of surviving wildfire, choose fire-resistant building materials and limit the amount of flammable vegetation in the three home ignition zones. The zones include the Immediate Zone: (0 to 5 feet around the house), the Intermediate Zone (5 to 30 feet), and the Extended Zone (30 to 100 feet).

To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch, and deck and prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet (depending on their height) from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils, and waxes. Use crushed stone or gravel instead of flammable mulches in the Immediate Zone (0 to 5 feet around the house). Keep your landscape in good condition.

PREVENTION UPDATES

- Chief Ray attended the Silver State Women in Fire event in May.
- Chief Ray and Captain Mooneyhan taught Basic Fire Investigation to the staff.
- The Board of County Commissioners passed Appendix A and B for inclusion into the County Code Title 20 for East Fork and Tahoe Douglas Fire.

PLAN REVIEWS MAY

- 30 submitted
- 40 approved

INSPECTIONS FOR MAY

- 18 Construction
- 51 Annual

GRILLING SAFETY

Spending time with the family this summer is important. Please remember the following safety tips when grilling this summer:

- For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks before use in the months ahead. (Watch NFPA's video on how to check for leaks below.)
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Place the grill well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area.
- If you use starter fluid when charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. When you have or are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container.
- Never leave your grill unattended when in use.



Director of Finance/CFO Julie Andress



FINANCIAL UPDATES



- As of May 31, 2026, the District has completed 91% of the fiscal year and remains in a stable financial position.
- Total revenues are at 75% of budget, with property tax and consolidated sales tax projecting to meet budget collections.
- Charges for services continue to show growth in relation to budget projections, reaching 110% of the annual budget.
- Total expenditures are at 76% of budget, tracking closely with the fiscal year's progress.
- Personnel costs remain the District's largest expense category and are currently at 92% of budget.
- Capital projects continue to move forward, with approximately 49% of the capital budget expended and several projects still underway.
- The District continues to monitor revenues and expenditures closely to ensure fiscal responsibility through the end of the fiscal year.
- FY 2026-2027 Final Budget has been adopted and received compliance from the Nevada Dept of Taxation.

Deputy Fire Chief Larry Goss Latest News

Facilities

- The Station Alerting System project is nearing completion. Installation at all stations has been completed and will be certified by USDD this week. Douglas County has executed its contract with Motorola for the CAD interface, and installation will begin shortly. Following installation, personnel training will be conducted before the final transition to the new system.
- Earlier this winter, the District was notified of bat activity within the attic space at Station 15. Mitigation efforts included identifying and sealing access points, installing brush guards on apparatus bay doors, and allowing the bats to naturally exit without the ability to return. The project has been successfully completed.
- Asphalt paving projects have been completed at Stations 1, 4, 6, 7, and 14, as well as the District Office.
- Several facilities have been upgraded to fiber internet service, including Stations 1, 2, 6, and 14, along with the District Office. Fiber service will provide improved reliability and performance compared to traditional coaxial internet connections.
- New windows were installed in all dorm rooms and the kitchen at Station 14. The upgraded windows, along with added insulation around the frames, will improve energy efficiency by reducing drafts and helping maintain comfortable indoor temperatures year-round.



Community

- The Explorer Program has expanded and is now accepting six additional applicants. Additionally, one East Fork Explorer has accepted a seasonal hand crew position with North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District.
- An application for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) has been completed and is pending Board approval. The grant request includes funding for personal protective equipment (PPE), mobile radios, a turnout gear extractor, and confined space awareness training.

Fleet

- The Rescue remount project is complete, and the unit is ready to be placed into service as Rescue 7.
- Two new staff vehicles have been purchased and are currently being upfitted with emergency response equipment and radios.



Anthony Seghieri

Executive Program Manager

Genoa Handcrew:

The joint Genoa Handcrew is now fully staffed and operational. Over the past month, crew members have participated in several training academies, including the Rookie Firefighter Academy, Tree Falling Academy, Natural Resources Academy, and Land Navigation Academy. The crew has also responded to two off-district wildland fire assignments. When not assigned to incidents, they have continued fuels reduction and mitigation projects, treating up to 1.5 acres per day.



Engines:

Both engine companies have also participated in all Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) academies listed above, as well as an Engine Operator Academy. When not assigned to fires or training, crews have been diligently working on the Sierra Country Fuel Break project and have responded to one initial attack fire in Genoa.



Grants:

- Disaster Funds- \$942,000
- Genoa- \$78,000 (extended)
- CWPP- \$23,636

Contracts:

- Clear Creek- \$52,312

