



Umatilla Rural Fire Protection District

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CHIEF'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Administration and Finance

A large part of April was spent working on the FY 2026-27 budget and helping with the District audit. Time was spent gathering records, answering questions from the auditors, reviewing financial reports, and working through issues left over from previous years. Work also continued on improving our financial and administrative processes.

Staffing and Personnel

Work continued on hiring seasonal firefighters for the summer. We also continued working on the Resident Intern Program and looking at future staffing needs. As call volume continues to increase, staffing remains one of the District's biggest needs.

Fleet and Equipment

The District fleet remains in good condition overall.

Station 11

- Engine 11 (Seagrave) – Out of Service at Hughes Fire Equipment for radio installation, compliance inspections, repairs, and pump testing.
- Engine 12 (Freightliner) In Service
- Brush 11 – In Service
- Brush 13 – In Service
- Water Tender 11 – In Service
- Boat 11 – In Service
- UTV 11 – In Service

Station 12

- Brush 12 – In Service
- Water Tender 12 – In Service
- Engine 13 (HME) – Out of Service for repairs and compliance work.

Command Vehicles

- Chief 10 – In Service
- Battalion 11 – In Service

Work continued on getting Engine 11 ready for service. Engine 13 remains out of service while repairs are completed.

Grants and Funding

The District was awarded the Oregon State Fire Marshal Staffing Grant and the Wildhorse Foundation Grant. These grants will help support District operations and future projects.

Work also started on three FEMA grant applications. We have run into problems with our SAM.gov renewal, which has slowed the process. We are continuing to work on getting that issue fixed so we can move forward with the applications.

Planning and Projects

Work continued on the budget, fleet planning, future apparatus replacement, and facility planning. Discussions also continued regarding future funding opportunities and ways to improve District operations.

Challenges

The biggest challenge continues to be the amount of administrative work that needs to be completed. The audit, budget, personnel issues, grants, and daily operations all require a large amount of time. The SAM.gov renewal issue has also created challenges as we work on FEMA grant applications.

Progress and Positive Notes

The budget process continues to move forward. The audit is making progress. Receiving both the OSFM Staffing Grant and Wildhorse Foundation Grant was a major success for the District. Several long-term projects continue moving forward, and staff continue to do a good job supporting District operations.

Closing

April was focused on the budget, audit, grants, staffing, and fleet projects. While much of this work happens behind the scenes, it is important to the future success of the District.