



VESTAL FIRE DISTRICT

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**Board of
Fire Commissioners**
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Regular Board of Fire Commissioner Meeting Minutes AUGUST 26, 2026

1. Present Thomas McCartney, Chairman (Absent)
Daniel Kirchheimer, Vice Chairman
David Harrington, Commissioner
Mark Tomko, Commissioner (Absent)
Keith Purdy, Commissioner

District Staff: Susan Bowen, Fire District Secretary
Erika Pereira, Assistant Fire District Secretary
Paige Willes-Brown, Director of Purchasing
Marisa Butler, Fire District Treasurer
Clay Ellis, Director of Communications

Others Present: Charles Paffie, Dept. Chief
Steve Langeland, Assistant Fire Chief
Bill Stout, Assistant Fire Chief
Justin Petcosky, Assistant Fire Chief
Scott Orcutt, Captain, Station 4
Bob Hamilton, 2nd Lieutenant, Station 2
Don Albrecht, 2nd Lieutenant, Station 4
Josh Fischbeck, Director of IT
E. Hildebrand, Member, Station 4
Todd Allis, Assistant Chief, Vestal EMS

2. Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kirchheimer at 6:30 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Kirchheimer.

4. Executive Session

4.1 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington enter executive session to discuss the employment history of individual(s) under Public Officers Law Section 105 (f) at 6:31 p.m..
All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to exit the executive session and return to the regular meeting at 6:47 p.m.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.



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There was no action was taken or decision was made.

4. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

4.1 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve the following meeting minutes:

- June 11, 2026, Special Meeting
- June 16, 2026, Special Meeting
- June 24, 2026, Regular Meeting
- July 15, 2026, Special Meeting
- July 22, 2026, Regular Meeting
- August 12, 2026, Special Meeting

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko)
Motion Carried.

5. Correspondence Report

- 5.1 Receive and file Letter from United Way for Public Hearing regard rezoning of their property.
- 5.2 Receive and file Letter from NYS Division of Human Rights
- 5.3 Receive and file FireFly Payment Register for September for LOSAP Recipients
- 5.4 Receive and file Vestal Fire Department, Fire Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2026
- 5.5 Receive and file Affidavit of Publication for the Permissive Referendum published on August 16, 2026
- 5.6 Receive and file Fire District Affairs from AFDSNY for August 2026-September 2026
- 5.7 Receive and file Letter of Opinion from Orrick, Herrington, & Sutcliffe, LLP

6. Bid Openings - None

7. Scheduled Appointments (Guests) – None

8. Operations Report – Chief Paffie (or Designee) – Report Received

- Call Volume & Mutual Aid:
 - The department responded to 72 calls with 3 mutual aid responses.
- Incidents & Safety:
 - A recent call was caused by lithium-ion batteries. Departments must photograph and report such incidents to the county.
 - A site on Stage Road has a safety concern, and personnel should not enter it until the representative is there.
- Meetings & Community Engagement:
 - An esophageal cancer screening will be hosted on September 21st in Endwell Fire.
 - The chief attended a county chief's meeting where the lack of launch sites on the Susquehanna River was discussed; will approach legislators about this issue.



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- A meeting was held with Binghamton University regarding the construction of a small pavilion with solar power at the Nature Preserve.
- Maps for the new retreat on Bunn Hill Road were distributed to all station chiefs, EMS, and the police department.
- Training & Events:
 - The smoke diver's class will be held again in October.
 - Tanker 2 went to Maine on 8/17.
 - Battalion Three will do a live burn on September 26th.
 - The department will support the Stache Strong on 9/19 and the homecoming fireworks on October 9.
 - A "thank you" was received from the recreation park for participation in the summer celebration.

9. Department Business Report – President Eaton (or Designee)

9.1 Discussion on Virtual Meetings at All Stations

- Proposal: Enable virtual meetings for department meetings and scenarios requiring remote participation across stations and the district office.
- A preliminary quote was requested; options vary significantly in cost depending on capabilities and quality.
- Action Item: Collaborate online to refine options and gather preliminary quotes for virtual meeting enablement - Due Date: not specified.
- Key Decision: Proceed to work online on options; no final selection made.

10. Station Reports (Fund Raiser/Special Events/Member Requests)

- a. Station 1
- b. Station 2
- c. Station 3
- d. Station 4

10d.1 Request from Station 4 to hold a raffle ticket sale (50/50) fundraiser during the following time frame of August 3 to December 11 for the drawing to be held December 11 during the station holiday party. Proper permits are received prior to the event, and the station has a NYS game of chances license on file.

Each member receives a number of tickets and sells them at their discretion. All ticket sales collected are received by the station treasurer and deposited upon receiving the funds. All funds received are by cash or checks. All winnings are paid out within a week of the event by check. Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to allow Station 4 to hold their annual raffle ticket (50/50) fundraiser August 3 to December 11, with the drawing on December 11.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.



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11. Membership (New and Current)

11.1 Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve SMAJO MUHOVIC to become a member at Station 2.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko)
Motion Carried.

11.2 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve ELLA SHADE to become a member at Station 2.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko)
Motion Carried.

12. Commissioner Report

a. Commissioner McCartney – Administrative/Policy

- Commissioner McCartney's report outlined extensive August activities including inspections, grant and communications work, coordination on RAT (Rapid Attack Truck) vehicle matters, DOT engagement for 2027 traffic light preemption repairs, and financial planning.

b. Commissioner Harrington – Financial/Records Management/Quality Assurance/LOSAP

- Budget and forecasting:
 - Coordinated with Department Chief Paffie on 2027 budget open items; collected responses via email/phone/polls.
 - Prepared draft budget materials including department and district submissions; posed questions to commissioners and chief for 5-, 10-, 15-, and 20-year forecasts.
 - Ran simulations for reserves (apparatus, equipment repairs, buildings/grounds), operational costs, bond service, year-end allocations; conducted revenue vs. cost simulations; forecasted future tax rates.
 - Meetings: Preparation meeting with district treasurer and Fire Commissioner Cartney on Tuesday, August 25; budget work session held Wednesday, August 12, 2026; next work session noted as Wednesday, September 2, 2026.
- Grants and funding:
 - Meeting on August 4; next meeting scheduled for October 6, 2026 (no September meeting due to budget work sessions).
 - Reviewed presenter outreach flyer/poster with Communications Director Ellis and Commissioner McCartney; Communications Director to develop distribution plan targeting town council, departments, fire departments, Rotary Club, county government, neighboring counties; Commissioner McCartney to conduct specific public outreach; Chief Paffie to disseminate materials; materials to be shared back at the August 1 meeting.
- Record management and reporting:
 - Significant progress on June/July incident and non-incident reports; as of Tuesday, August 25, 2026:



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- May, June, July fire reports completed and submitted to USFA.
 - August incidents: 63 total; 3 new; 19 valid; 41 work in progress.
 - Non-incident reports: One item for Station 3 (training certs to be attached) for June; July item 6267 still open; August all valid.
 - Monthly points:
 - Posted July 30 for all four stations; aim to post June/July points by Thursday, August 27 or Friday, August 28.
 - Emphasized company meetings to ensure postings are distributed to members.
 - Target noted: September 30 is the end of the twelve-month run.
 - c. Commissioner Tomko – Training/Safety Programs/Fred Singer Training Facility
 - Upon acceptance of the engineer's report for the barn building at the training facility, he will request a group to draft a five-year plan addressing the report's recommendations.
 - Proposed group members: Tom, Marissa, Bruce Willis, Commissioner Tomko; fifth member to be appointed by Chief Paffie.
 - Next steps: After the fifth member is identified, Commissioner Tomko will schedule a meeting to develop a plan based on costs, available funds, and grants, aiming to meet all specifications before the next inspection.
 - d. Commissioner Kirchheimer – Facilities/Information Technology/Physical Security/Human Resources
 - Facilities:
 - Issues with journals and lights at Station One are resolved. The floor replacement at Station One is underway, and fencing for the mezzanine at Station Four is also planned.
 - Security:
 - A new security policy is under review. The camera software has been consolidated.
 - IT Services:
 - Laptops have been installed on all apparatus and internet access. Pyramid still needs to install the necessary software. Radio equipment at Station One is being relocated.
 - Member Relations
 - Banquet planning: ongoing.
 - Awards program ongoing.
 - Gym membership policy: to be discussed next week, with an aim for approval in the next month.
 - e. Commissioner Purdy – Asset/Equipment/Fleet Management - Quartermaster and Fleet Report Received
 - HME Vehicle Corrosion:
 - Significant corrosion was found in the waterway of Tower 4. This is part of a wider corrosion problem reported at multiple stations, especially in discharges, suctions, and valves where water sits for long periods.
 - Miller County Garage staff visited to inspect the HME vehicles (Tower 4 and all engines).
 - They will return with replacement sacrificial anodes for all pumps as part of a campaign to address the issue.



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- A suggestion was made to involve professional plumber managers to advise on corrosion management.
- Apparatus Status Updates:
 - Brush 1 (Jutland):
 - Expected to be finished by the end of the week.
 - Engine 5:
 - Operating out of Station 2 while Engine 2 is at Miller's shop to have its foam system controls accessed and repaired.
 - Old Tower 1:
 - The aerial is now certified, and the apparatus is ready to be sold. Vander Molen Fire Apparatus, the dealer who fixed it, has a potential customer.
 - Chief Cars:
 - Two chief cars are being worked on, with Chief Langeland leading the effort.
 - Engine 4:
 - A new backstop device needs to be ordered. They are looking for a bracket to prevent it from hanging underneath the vehicle and will seek input from the manufacturer.
- Small Engine Maintenance Agreement:
 - An agreement exists with Taylor Rental for PM service on small gas engines like saws and fans.
 - The rental company was unaware of the agreement, and it appears only one saw has been serviced through this system.
 - A meeting will be held with asset management staff to establish a proper process for tracking and maintaining these assets.
- Equipment and Gear Disposal
 - A question was raised about the proper procedure for disposing of old gear and failed hoses.
 - It was clarified that old gear cannot simply be thrown in a dumpster where it could be retrieved and used.
 - One suggestion was that New York State OFC is looking for old turnout coats for flashlight training.
 - The issue of whether old gear is hazardous material and requires special cleaning or handling will be taken up with the quartermaster.

13. Director of Communications - Clay Ellis
No report currently.

14. Secretary Report

14.1 Status update on NYS Retirement

- A follow-up was sent to the NYS Retirement system at the beginning of August 2026. The request is still under review by their actuarial area. Once the calculations are complete, the district



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can proceed with adding people to the system.

14.2 Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to authorize Secretary Susan Bowen to send a reservation of rights letter to PERMA at least 30 days prior to the fire district's renewal date. This gives Smith Brothers the ability to quote other options to consider.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

14.3 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to submit Past Chief Douglas J. Rose Sr. to the AFDSNY for their 2026 Annual Memorial Honoree.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

14.4 Permissive referendum for Resolution 2026-008 to Expend from Capital Reserve Fund for Vehicle Equipment Acquisition began on August 16, 2026, and will end on September 14, 2026 followed by a 5-day grace period.

15. Elections (Annual or Special) - None

16. Treasurer Report

16.1 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve July 2026 Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss, and Budget vs. Actual report. All reports and bank reconciliations were reviewed by Commissioner McCartney.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

17. Approval to Properly Audit and Pay Claims as Submitted

17.1 Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve the Audit of Claims for 2026 Expenses dated August 27, 2026, in total amount of \$201,339.42.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

18. Director of Purchasing Report

18.1 Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve debit card expenses from July 2026 in the amount of \$18,768.45.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

18.2 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve Chief 32-2, B. Stout monthly Mileage report from June 24, 2026, to July 22, 2026, and all Chief's Monthly Mileage Reports from July 22, 2026, to August 26, 2026.



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All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko)
Motion Carried.

18.3 Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve the purchase of (1) Tempest Ventmaster 572HD, 20" with Chain and Depth Gauge not to exceed \$2,500 including shipping costs from Colden Enterprises.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko)
Motion Carried.

18.4 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve to purchase (2) Command Cabinets (TV & Bed Slide not Included) to upfit the New Chief's Vehicles at the cost of \$7,450 including shipping, for a total amount of \$14,900 from Nolasco Command Solutions, LLC.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko)
Motion Carried.

18.5 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve reimbursement to Chief Charles Paffie for use of personal vehicle for Fire Department and Fire District business at the per diem rate of 76 cents a mile for a total of 491 miles in the amount of \$373.16.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko)
Motion Carried.

18.6 Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve the following budget modification request:

Description/Reason for Modification

Increase the 2026 adopted budget by appropriating funds from unappropriated fund balance and increasing account A3410.410 for the purchase of (8) Akron Valves

Budget Modification Detail

- Increase in Funding Source

Account Code	Account Description	Amount Requested
A1011	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$19,800.00

- Increase in Expenditure Appropriation

Account Code	Account Description	Amount Requested
A3410.410	Op Materials, Supplies & Exp	\$19,800.00

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko)
Motion Carried.

18.7 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve the following budget modification request:

Description/Reason for Modification

Increase the 2026 adopted budget by appropriating grant received from Broome County and increasing



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account A3410.426 for the purchase of engineering study for Fred Singer Training Site
Budget Modification Detail

- Increase in Funding Source

Account Code	Account Description	Amount Requested
A2706TS	Grants from Local Governments	\$29,155.00
- Increase in Expenditure Appropriation

Account Code	Account Description	Amount Requested
A3410.426	Training Site	\$29,155.00

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko)
Motion Carried.

19. Policies and Procedures

19.1 Following policies are currently under review:

- Policy #208.00 Key and Access Control Policy under review.
- Policy #402.00 Firefighter Physical Fitness Training Program Policy under review.
- Policy #403.00 Fundraising Activity Policy under review.

20. Unfinished Business - None

21. New Business

21.1 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve Change Order by Worx Paint & Epoxy for Station 1 Resurfacing Concrete Floor in Apparatus Bay.

Proposal includes:

- Insurance
- All Materials & Equipment Needed
- Prevailing Wage Rate
- Installation of 3M Yellow Marking Tape

Total amount: \$2,900.00

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

21.2 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve Change Order by Robinson Design Company for Station 1 Resurfacing Concrete Floor in Apparatus Bay.

- Floor Badge Logo (Installed)

Total amount: \$765.00

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.



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21.3 Robert G. Harner, PE, a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of New York, certify that the permanent live-fire training building at the Vestal Fire Training Site on Pumphouse Road in Vestal, NY was inspected in accordance with accepted engineering practices and the guidelines of NFPA 1402/1403 and is certified under the same.

Robert G. Harner hereby certify that this report has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted engineering practice and applicable codes and standards. The building's physical structure complies with the inspection criteria of NFPA 1402, and the department is legally cleared to conduct training in accordance with NFPA 1403. Further this building is compliant with NFPA 1402 and NFPA 1403 which satisfies the 2025 New York State Building Code Section 430.1

The structure is certified safe for Class-A live-fire training for a period not to exceed five (5) years from the date of this report. On-going inspection and maintenance are required to keep the building in good working order.

Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve Lakeside Engineering's Structural Evaluation of the Vestal Live Fire Burn Building as provided by Robert G. Harner, PE.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

21.4 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve from Quartermaster David Bowen to discard expired turnout pants and coats as follows:

Coats:

MAKE	CONDITION	SN#	DATE MFG.	LOCATION	NOTES
LION	USED	0006004611	1/2013	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0007714171	12/2015	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0006582751	1/2014	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0008507211	12/2016	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0007713401	12/2015	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0006004621	1/2013	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0006582701	1/2014	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0007712871	12/2015	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0007713381	12/2015	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE

Pants:

MAKE	CONDITION	SN#	DATE MFG.	LOCATION	NOTES
LION	USED	0008503872	12/2016	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0007710472	12/2015	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0006008462	1/2013	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0008503862	12/2016	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0007709672	12/2015	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE



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LION	USED	0006583982	1/2014	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0006008482	1/2013	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0008503912	12/2016	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	0007709772	12/2015	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE
LION	USED	?	?	CENTRAL STORAGE	DISPOSE

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

21.5 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve from Radio Communications Officer Robert Hamilton to donate the following radio equipment to the Boy Scouts of America, Greater Finger Lakes Council.

- (4) Kenwood TK-7180 mobile Radios
- (12) Motorola HT-750, HT-1000 or HT-1250 handheld radios

The donation is, as is, no warranties. This equipment is needed to support the camp operation and safety at Camp Tuscarora here in Broome County.

- Radio Communications Officer Robert Hamilton explained that the department has a surplus of old analog radios. The Motorola models require programming for which the department no longer holds a license.
- It was noted that there is virtually no commercial resale value for this equipment, as the market is flooded due to the county's system changeover. Resale value on eBay is minimal (approx. \$60 per radio) and items are not selling.
- The board requested that the minutes reflect the Radio Communications Officer's assessment that there is no viable market for the equipment, hence the recommendation to donate.
- Key Decision: The board approved the donation of four Kenwood mobile radios and twelve Motorola handheld radios to the Boy Scouts of America. - This was based on the equipment being surplus and having negligible resale value.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

21.5 Follow-up request was made by Radio Communications Officer Robert Hamilton to donate additional traditional, obsolete surplus radios as they become available during the implementation of the new Knox Box system. Commissioner Harrington raised a concern about giving blanket approval for future donations, preferring that each batch of items be brought before the board with specific quantities and models for review, like the first request. The board agreed this was a reasonable requirement to maintain process and oversight. The board approved the concept of donating future surplus radios from the Knox Box system changeover, with the stipulation that each specific batch must be brought to the board for approval with itemized quantities. This ensures continued oversight and process adherence.



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Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to approve from Radio Communications Officer Robert Hamilton to bring additional obsolete/surplus radios to be presented with specific quantities for approval as they become available for future donations to the Boy Scouts of America, Greater Finger Lakes Council.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

21.6 Motion by Commissioner Purdy, seconded by Commissioner Harrington to approve the invoice in the amount of \$38,997 to Jutland Truck Bodies for the truck body build of Brush 32-1.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

22. Resolutions - None

23. Announcements

- Special Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be on September 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
- Fire District Office will be closed on September 7, 2026, for Labor Day.
- Regular Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners will be September 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

24. Public Input Session

24.1 A member of the public asked who was paying for the logo on the floor at Station One.

It was clarified that the Fire District is paying for the logo as part of the overall floor project, and it is not being billed to Station One.

26. Motion by Commissioner Harrington, seconded by Commissioner Purdy to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

All in Favor: 3 (Kirchheimer, Harrington, Purdy) Opposed: None. Absent: 2 (McCartney, Tomko) Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Bowen
Fire District Secretary



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2026 Vestal Fire District Fleet Projects, Maintenance, Service and Forecast Report

August 23, 2026

VEHICLES OUT OF SERVICE (OOS) on August 23, 2026

Car 32
Brush 32-1

VEHICLES RETURNED to IN-SERVICE STATUS as of August 23, 2026

Tanker 32-2
Rescue 32-2
Midi 32-2
Midi 32-3

VEHICLES OUT FOR ROUTINE SERVICE & MAINTENANCE as of August 23, 2026

Brush 32-2
Engine 32-2
Utility 32-4

VEHICLES PENDING 2026

Brush 32-1 (Back from Jutland last few days August – This week...)
Spill Trailer 32-4 for up-fitting
UTV 32-2 Trailer for up-fitting
UTV 32-2
Command Car 32
Assistant Command Car 32

ACTIVE MISSIONS FOR VFD FLEET SERVICES JANUARY 1 – August 23, 2026

Received all Fleet Maintenance Form Tickets (up to August 23, 2026) which were approximately 66-68 tickets and items. (YTD)

NOTE: Key of process remains in 868 as to NOT use VFD firefighters to move apparatus for maintenance or testing services as much as possible;

COMPLETED Leftover Item Number 93.) 12.22.2025. Engine 32-4 reported to have air horn falling out. Info sent to Millertown Garage. Update 2.20: Parts have arrived at Millertown Garage. COMPLETED

COMPLETED Leftover Item Number 94.) 12.22.2025. Engine 32-4 reported to have SCBA pack holder broken. The height adjuster no longer holds in position and falls to the lowest setting. Information sent along to Millertown Garage. COMPLETED

Leftover Item Number 95.) 12.22.2025. Engine 32-4 reported to have rear step bumper damage being “pulled off truck and slightly bent on an inclined driveway. Information sent to Millertown Garage on the issue.

Leftover Item Number 96.) 12.24.2025. Engine 32-1 Q siren damage from garage door. Information forwarded to Millertown Garage.

COMPLETED Leftover Item Number 97.) 12.28.2025. Utility 32-3 battery discharge issue and not starting. Sent to FSE. Battery charger replaced. Back in service. COMPLETED

Leftover Item Number 98.) 12.29.2025. Engine 32-1. Q-Siren second report.

COMPLETED Leftover Item Number 99.) 12.30.2025. Rescue 32-1 reported to have issue with light tower not aligning for lowering.

2026 Tickets

1. 1.12.2026. Engine 32-2 reported to have power steering fluid at the low mark. Information forwarded to Millertown Garage. COMPLETED
2. 1.14.2026. Air Trailer 32-4 reported to have tires that are flat or low. Valve stems are dry rotted. Leak upon attempting to fill with air. COMPLETED

3. 1.19.2026. Car 32-4 was sent to Matthews Auto for deer collision repair.
COMPLETED

4. 1.19.2026. Utility 32-4 was reported to be electrically dead. "...Battery dead as vehicle not plugged in to shore lone..." COMPLETED

Unit was jumped and then plugged in. Operating now and in-service.

5. 2.5.2026. Tower 32-1 was reported to be involved in a minor MVA while getting diesel fuel. Police report was written. COMPLETED

6. 2.7.2026. Engine 32-3 was reported to have compartment vent fans failing or operating very loudly. Reported to Millertown.

7. 2.8.2026. Engine 32-4 reported to have rear discharge leaking when pump is on and the valve is closed, Becomes pressurized without the drain opened. Reported to Millertown Garage. COMPLETED

8. 2.16.2026. Car 32-2 was reported to have the rear muffler falling off. Tail pipe was dragging on the ground. It was also reported that the vehicle was dropped off at Schultz's Garage. COMPLETED

9. 2.16.2026. Tower 32-4 was reported to be showing a "joystick error". Truck was shut off and error went away. Checking for codes. Reported to Millertown Garage.

10. 2.19.2026. Tower 32-1 was reported to have rust, corrosion and abrasions on right side forward roll-up door handle. No damage to rub-rail or any surrounding components. COMMUNICATED TO DEALERSHIP (VANDER MOLEN FIRE)

11. 3.5.2026. Engine 32-1 was reported to have auto eject for electrical shore line not ejecting. Multiple operators reporting separate incidents.

12. 3.9.2026. Midi 32-2 was reported that pump drops pressure and shuts truck down when CAFS compressor engaged, Still flows water as needed, no foam. COMPLETED

13. 3.10.2026. Midi 32-2 was reported while pumping foam CAFS compressor malfunction. Took pumps out of gear and engaged CAFS and water pump when put in drive the truck shut ff. Same issue as the previous 2 failures COMPLETED

14. 3.22.2026. Chief 32-4 was reported as NYS inspection, Screw in right rear tire, right front headlight out, needs alignment. Going to Schultz's on Tuesday 3/24/26. COMPLETED

15. 3.22.2026. Engine 32-4 was reported to have:

- Left rear body discharge becomes pressurized every time pump is put into gear.
- Multiple sections of ground light LED lights are out
- Driver seat belt alarm activates when buckled
- Seat belt occasionally glitch w/4 seats in alarm, have to reset battery to stop
- No Cab Air Conditioning
- Temp knob for front climate control loose/inoperable
- Coolant and Check engine light on at startup
- coolant and check engine light alarm when using pump for extended time frame
- Compartment door rollers ball bearings are broke and falling apart, all roll up doors
- Emergency lights not working, right front and above both officer side wheel wells.
- Air Horn broke off
- Right front wheel hubcap ring missing

COMPLETED

16. 3.22.2026. Car 32-4 reported Replace Transmission in vehicle. COMPLETED
17. 3.22.2026. Boat 32-4 reported to need Service motor, service trailer to include doing wheel bearings, replace tire to include spare. Go over boat and check motor mounting area and make sure it is secure. Install hour meter on motor.
18. 3.23.2026. Engine 32-4 reported Plymo-vent only activates upon starting the truck, not when you return to station, never worked. Update 8.23.2026: This work was not performed at the HME factory, they have no records of it, it was apparently done at the dealership. Asking Millertown Garage to look at it.
19. 3.31.2026. Engine 32-1 reported High Exhaust Temperature alert. COMPLETED
20. 3.31.2026. Engine 32-1 reported to have electric auto eject not working. COMPLETED
21. 3.31.2026. Engine 32-1 reported to have seat belt indicator not working. COMPLETED
22. 3.31.2026. Engine 32-4 reported to be “hard starting like the battery is dead”. COMPLETED
23. 4.1.2026. Car 32-3 reported to need NYS inspection, front tire losing air, rear tires out of balance, oil change among PM service. COMPLETED
24. 4.6.2026. Utility 32-3 reported to need NYS inspection. COMPLETED
25. 4.8.2026. Engine 32-1 reported to have air auto eject not working. COMPLETED
26. 4.8.2026. Engine 32-3 officer SCBA seat reported to be sticking and not releasing the pack. This is an adjustment that can be made within the Stations. (Field adjustment.)
27. 4.14.2026. Engine 32-2 reported to have rear suction valve inoperable. PLEASE CROSS REFERENCE ENGINE 32-4 REPORT of JUNE 2026 (SAME ISSUE)

28. 4.14.2026. Boat 32-4 reported to have the right side bunk slide pad is missing screws.
29. 4.17.2026. Boat 32-3 reported to have electrical issue either with plug or wiring throughout the boat. When boat is plugged in no brake lights, turn signals, no power whatsoever.
30. 4.18.2026. Brush 32-3 reported to have back-up camera not working. WILLIAMS FORD NOTIFIED. COMPLETED
31. 4.18.2026. Brush 32-3 reported to have roll-up door keeps sticking and can't open the door. Screws came out which is marking up the door as well. JUTLAND BODY NOTIFIED. Replacement door on order as of August 2026.
32. 4.22.2026. Tower 32-1 reported to have a loud clicking noise from behind the pump panel while the waterway was pressurized, the noise was reported to cease once the waterway was drained or depressurized. VANDER MOLEN DEALERSHIP NOTIFIED. COMPLETED
33. 4.23.2026. Tanker 32-2 was reported to have the rear dump chute bent by the actuator, concerns are the welds on the chute breaking with it being bent. COMPLETED
34. 4.25.2026. Car 32-4 reported to need front brakes, tie rods, ball joints and tires "by summer". COMPLETED
35. 4.28.2026. Foam 32-4 radiator leak seems to have stopped with addition of additional clamp. Still want it looked at. COMPLETED
36. 5.11.2026. Car 32-4 reported to need an oil change. COMPLETED
37. 5.11.2026. M 32-2 reported will not go into pump gear. Proven to be a process error. Working properly. COMPLETED
38. 5.12.2026. Tower 32-1 reported to have the generator oil overheated light activated, reported that the tank was very hot. VANDER MOLEN DEALERSHIP NOTIFIED. COMPLETED

39. 5.20.2026. Tower 32-4 reported to have pump governor not functioning in RPM mode or pressure mode.
40. 5.20.2026. Tower 32-4 reported to have tower water curtain inoperable.
41. 5.20.2026. Tower 4 reported to have officer side window controller broken in inoperable.
42. 5.20.2026. UTV 32-2 was reported to have roof clips broken after brush fire. COMPLETED BY STATION 2 FOR USE AT SUNY MOVE-IN.
43. 5.20.2026. NO TICKET. Engine 32-1 (operated by Station 4) was reported to have impacted tree branches coming into brush fire. Scratches confirmed.
44. 6.1.2026. Rescue 32-1 was reported to have cascade cycliners filled to 6,000 PSI which is then bleeding to 5,500 PSI with Bank 3 down to 2,500 PSI. DEALERSHIP NOTIFIED (JEROME FIRE EQUIPMENT).
45. 6.3.2026. Engine 32-1 was reported to have oil dipstick leaking oil. COMPLETED
46. 6.3.2026. Car 32-4 was reported to have engine light and traction control lights on. COMPLETED
47. 6.9.2026. M 32-2 was reported to be showing E01 on pump panel. COMPLETED
48. 6.16.2026. Tower 32-1 reported to have video monitor inoperable at the pump panel. DEALERSHIP NOTIFIED (VANDER MOLEN) COMPLETED
49. 6.19.2026. Engine 32-4 reported to have check engine light on. DEALERSHIP NOTIFIED (MILLERTOWN GARAGE) COMPLETED
50. 6.21.2026. Car 32-4 reported to have check engine light on and water into passenger side headlight assembly. COMPLETED

51. 6.22.2026. Engine 32-4 reported to have rear inlet stuck open. COMPLETED
52. 6.22.2026. NO TICKET. Boat 32-3 observed to have damaged propeller. No related ticket found or similar event description defined.
53. 6.23.2026. Tower 32-1 reported to have bent mudflap bracket, mudflap partially pulled out of the bracket. COMPLETED
54. 6.24.2026. Engine 32-3 reported to have left rear discharge that will not close.
55. 6.25.2026. Boat 32-3 was reported to have pop and skag damage. (Previously reported with no ticket.)
56. 6.26.2026. Training vehicle reported by Station 4 to check engine light on and tire maintenance light on.
57. 6.29.2026. Tanker 32-3 reported to have piston in officers side dump door not giving proper pressure, door does not always open and close automatically without help.
58. 7.4.2026. Tanker 32-3 reported that tanker battery will not charge, tried charging them but batteries are completely fried. Tanker 3 is out of service. COMPLETED
59. 7.6.2026. Tower 32-1 reported driver side tail light and brake light not working. ON ORDER
60. 7.11.2026. Midi-Pumper 32-3 reported is nit holding prime – as soon as we stop flowing water, the hard suction drains right out. We checked every connection we have access to for air leaks but could not find any – we are thinking it may be within the pump itself.
61. 7.13.2026. Tower 32-1 reported that remains of a Huckbolt was found sitting on the turntable. Unknown origin. COMPLETED
62. 7.20.2026. Station 4 reported that the Training Vehicle check engine light is on.

63. 8.3.2026. Station 2 reported that Tanker 32-2 rear dump chute would not retract, all three switches would not work. COMPLETED

64. 8.4.2026. Station 2 reported that the recently reassigned TIMS Trailer (Former Ex-Air Trailer/Spill Trailer 4) needs the following:

- Light issues
- Top left front light, half out
- Left wheel cover red light out
- Left side lower back light out and broken
- Rear upper marker lights, right one is out
- Right wheel cover both yellow and red are out
- Brake lights-right side one half is out
- Non driving issues
- Both scene light inop right-no bulb, left not working (might be battery powered from trailer)
- Trailer jack does not have a foot on it, block of wood in use
- Window on left side, outside seal torn
- Replace AIR TRAILER with T.I.M.S. Trailer (Fire Police request)

65. 8.10.2026. Station 2 reported that rescue 32-2 has a possible hole in the exhaust system, vehicle is very loud, reported by several drivers. COMPLETED

66. 8.12.2026. Station 4 reported that on Utility 4, the serpentine belt is loose. Making a squealing noise when it is running. Contact was made with Williams Ford to schedule but M-2 and M-3 previously scheduled on August 4th did not get in until August 18/19...Suggest perhaps Schultz's for repair.

67. 8.13.2026. Station 2 reported again regarding the rear intake will not open. Millertown Garage is taking this vehicle on August 26th for repairs. Reserve Engine 5 is expected to be placed in Station 2 during this time.

68. 8.23.2026. Station 4 reported that there is a scratch above the doors on Engine 4. Unknown when occurred.

BUDGET FOR 2026

\$131,000 total.

\$125,000 fleet/\$6,000 for annual aerial testing

FROM PURCHASING MANAGER

Expenses to be paid on January 29, 2026

- United Auto Supply – Car 32. \$260.90.
 - Federal Safety – Old Brush 32-1. \$1,851.04
 - Advance Auto Parts- Pump plug kit. \$25.99
 - Jim Matthews Chevrolet – Car 32-1 driver seat repair. \$765.08
- Total Spent: \$2,903.01

Expenses to be paid on February 12, 2026

- Millertown Garage- Labor & Parts for Tower 32-4- \$334.93
 - Matthew's Collision Center- Repairs done to Chief 32-4 Vehicle- \$4,774.57
 - Millertown Garage- Labor & Parts for Engine 32-4- \$551.17
 - Verizon Connect- Tracking Subscriptions for Chief's Vehicles- \$227.50
- Total Spent: \$5,888.17

Expenses to be paid on February 26, 2026

- Federal Safety Equipment – New Brush 32-3 Additional graphics. \$1,250.00.
 - Federal Safety Equipment- (4) Quantum 2.0 Pillar-Three Lights per Side-Tri-Color- \$5,245.00
- Total Spent: \$6,495.00

Expenses to be paid on March 12, 2026

- Hibler & Sons LLC- Towing Services for Rescue 32-1 from Bunn Hill to Station 2- \$950.00
 - Tallmadge Tire Service- Tires, Parts, & Labor for Air Trailer, Foam Tote Trailer & Boat 32-1- \$2,237.72
 - United Auto Supply- Parts for Chief 32- \$307.99
 - Verizon Connect- Tracking Subscriptions for Chief's Vehicles- \$227.50
- Total Spent: \$3,723.21

Expenses to be paid on March 26, 2026

- Schultz's Vestal Service Center- Labor for Chief 32 & Chief 32-2 Vehicle-\$170.00
 - Tallmadge Tire Service- Labor & Parts for Engine 32-2- \$1,570.14
- Total Spent: \$1,740.14

Expenses to be paid on April 8, 2026

- CNY Farm Supply- Service, Evaluation & Parts for ATV 32-2- \$624.28
 - Federal Safety Equipment- Labor, Parts & Service for Old Brush 32-3- \$1,937.01
 - Snake Creek Marine- Service & Parts for Boat 32-4- \$520.09
 - Verizon Connect- Tracking Subscriptions for Chief's Vehicles-\$227.50
- Total Spent: \$3,308.88

Expenses to be paid on April 22, 2026

- Jim Matthew's Chevrolet, Inc.- Labor & Parts for Chief 32-4 Vehicle- \$2,217.59
- Total Spent: \$2,217.59

Expenses to be paid on May 20, 2026

- AutoZone, Inc.- Parts for Chief 32-4 Vehicle- \$265.46
 - Schultz's Vestal Service Center- Remove/Replace Front Pads & Rotors-Clean Sliders (C32-1)- \$187.00
 - Schultz's Vestal Service Center- NYS Inspection, Repair Tire Leak (C32-4)-\$61.00
 - Schultz's Vestal Service Center- NYS Inspection, Lube, Oil, & Filter (Utility 32-3)- \$66.00
 - Schultz's Vestal Service Center- Lube, Oil, & Filter, Remove/Replace Disc Brake Calipers, Pads & Rotors (C32)- \$310.00
 - Schultz's Vestal Service Center- Lube, Oil & Filter (C32-2)- \$45.00
 - Schultz's Vestal Service Center- Tire Mount & Balance (x4), Waste Tire Fee, Remove/Replace Right Front Lower Control Arm/Ball Joint, Sway Bar End Links, Replace Front Disc Brake Pads & Disc Brake Rotors, Caliper Hardware Kit, Lube, Oil, & Filter, Front End Alignment (C32-4)- \$810.50
 - United Auto Supply- Parts for Training Vehicle Chief 32 & Chief 32-4- \$460.65
 - Verizon Connect- Tracking Subscriptions for Chief's Vehicles- \$102.75
- Total Spent: \$2,308.36

Expenses to be paid on June 12, 2026

- Federal Safety Equipment- Labor, Parts & Service for Chief 32-1 & Chief 32-3 Vehicles- \$1,753.92
 - Federal Safety Equipment-Labor & Service for Foam 32-4-\$1,500.00
 - Federal Safety Equipment-Labor, Parts & Service for Chief 32-2 & Chief 32-4-Vehicles-\$1,753.92
 - Verizon Connect-Tracking Subscriptions for Chief's Vehicles-\$102.75
 - Wilcox Towing & Auto Repair, Inc.- Towing Charge for Old Brush 32-1-\$350.00
- Total Spent: \$5,460.59

Expenses to be paid on June 25, 2026

- Federal Safety Equipment- Upfit for Current ATV 32- \$4,089.34
 - United Auto Supply- (2) Batteries, (2) Core Charges (Chief 32)- \$242.52
- Total Spent: \$4,331.86

Expenses to be paid on July 17, 2026

- Advance Auto Parts- (4) DEF Fluid (Station 4)- \$79.00
 - Advance Auto Parts- (3) DEF Fluid (Station 1)- \$59.25
 - Millertown Garage- Labor, Parts, & Charges for Engine 32-1 and Engine 32-4-\$9,682.79
 - Vander Molen Fire- Intake Inspection, Pump Testing and Aerial Testing on Old Tower 32-1-\$6,248.46
 - Verizon Connect- Tracking Subscriptions for Chief's Vehicles- \$102.75
- Total Spent: \$16,172.25

Expenses to be paid on July 23, 2026

- Federal Safety Equipment- Labor & Service to Drop off Vehicle, Pick up Vehicle with Trailer & ATV- \$425.00
 - Federal Safety Equipment- Upfit for ATV 1- \$1,685.34
 - Federal Safety Equipment- Labor, Parts and Service for Tanker 32-3- \$1,552.00
- Total Spent: \$3,662.34

Expenses to be paid on August 13, 2026

- Federal Safety Equipment-Standard Chassis Service, Pump Service, NYS Inspection, Labor, Parts & Service for Tanker 32-3- \$3,558.44
 - Home Central-Supplies to Repair ATV1 Roof-\$20.99
 - H&W Contracting-(12) Labor Hours for Installation of Lights & Sirens for J. Petcosky's POV-\$600.00
 - Schultz's Vestal Service Center-Install New Battery -Test Alternator (Chief 32)- \$90.00
 - Verizon Connect- Tracking Subscriptions for Chief's Vehicles-\$227.50
- Total Spent: \$4,496.93

Expenses to be paid on August 27, 2026

- Federal Safety Equipment- Standard Chassis Service, Pump Service, Labor, Parts & Service for Tanker 32-2-\$5,479.22
 - Federal Safety Equipment- Standard Chassis Service, Labor, Parts & Service- Rescue 32-2- \$1,145.12
 - Williams Ford of Binghamton- Lube, Oil, Filter, NYS Inspection, Reprogrammed System- \$248.71
- Total Spent: \$6,873.05

OVERALL TOTAL: \$131,000.00

Spent from Budget: \$75,879.84

Amount Remaining: \$49,120.16

Ladder Inspection Remaining: \$6,000.00

2026 PROJECTS & ATTACHMENTS TO CAMPAIGNS

PUMP TESTING 2026:

Federal Safety Equipment has confirmed that 2,000 GPM pump flow testing at their facility is in jeopardy for 2026 due to low water levels and flow turbulence. VFD Fleet will be getting three quotes for pump testing in 2026.

Vehicles for pump testing include:

Engine 32-1 (2,000 GPM test)
Tower 32-1 (2,000 GPM test)
Engine 32-2 (2,000 GPM test)
Tanker 32-2
Midi 32-2
Engine 32-3 (2,000 GPM test)
Tanker 32-3
Midi 32-3
Engine 32-4 (2,000 GPM test)
Foam 32-4 (2,000 GPM test)
Tower 32-4 (2,000 GPM test)
Reserve Engine 32-5 (2,000 GPM test)

Twin Tier Fire and Safety has provided a quote (verbally) for pump testing. Twin Tier will bring the pump testing trailer to the Fred Singer Training Site. Vehicles to be tested would rotate through the procedure.

TIRES CAMPAIGN 2025/26/27:

An additional campaign within the 2026 session is the need for tires and (a few) wheels:

COMPLETED 2.19.2026. Boat Trailer 32-1 tires are dated (2006) **DONE**

Brush 32-2 tires are dated (2016) **DUE in 2026 SEE BELOW**

Ex-Traffic Trailer 32-2 tires are dated (2014) **DUE in 2026**

COMPLETED 2.19.2026 Air Trailer 32-4 tires are dated (2009). The Bauer cascade system is riding on 15-year-old tires at or near maximum weight capacity. **DONE**

TIMS Trailer 32-2 Ex Air Trailer 32-4b (now reassigned) is a 1999 trailer (United Expressline) with (2020) stamped tires but heavily rusted steel wheels. This is a wheel replacement candidate.

COMPLETED 2.19.2026 Foam Trailer with Monitor 32-4 tires are dated (2008) **DONE**

Foam Tote Trailer 32-4 tires are dated (2017) **DONE (?)**

COMPLETED 8.14.2026 Tanker 32-3 tires replaced.

VEHICLE REASSIGNMENT, REPLACEMENT and STRATEGY

Vehicles Removed from Service:

Ex-Brush 32-1 was removed from service with a transmission that was declared to be in need of replacement as checked by a Ford Authorized Dealership. The price was prohibitive based on the limited continues service life of Ex-Brush 1 when the New-Brush 1 arrives in September/October 2026. Ex-Brush 32-1 will be sold away as surplus.

Ex-Car 32 was removed from service and will not return to service. Ex-Car 32 will be sold away as surplus.

The Training Vehicle (Ex-Chiefs Car) will be removed from service and sold as surplus when new Brush 32-1 arrives and enters service.

Ex-Tower 32-1 has been pump tested and the aerial has now been third party certified in anticipation of sale.

Vehicle Reassigned or Repurposed:

Ex-Utility 32-3, now assigned as Utility 32-1, is intended to be reassigned as the Training Vehicle when New Brush 1 arrives in September/October 2026.

Utility 1 will become the Training Vehicle. The current Training Vehicle (White Tahoe) shall be sold away as surplus on or after September/October 2026.

Command Cars:

Assistant Chief Steve Langeland is now heading up this project.

Two (2) New Command Cars will be entering the fleet shortly. One will replace Car 32 as Command Car 32. The other will be rotated in an Assistant Command Car. The existing SUV Command Vehicles will begin a rotation process to equalize mileage and service life expectations. The one unused Command Car will be reassigned to the District Office where it will serve as a reserve Command Car and be able to be signed out as a VFD vehicle for official duties.

With exception of Command Car 32, the other four vehicles shall be rotated between managers.

Existing Fleet Vehicles and Planning:

Brush 32-2 is being evaluated for annual service, new tires and a possible adaptation of the Hale HPX-200 pump and Honda Powerhead to be fitted to Brush 32-2. This is for reliable parts replacement and serviceability moving forward. The manifold and connections would be enhanced to fit in Brush 32-2.

There are considerations and contingencies being evaluated in the process and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

Foam 32-4 is being evaluated for possible refurbishment with a new cab and chassis, rather than complete replacement. The Foam 4 committee will be reporting on this moving forward.

New UTV 32-2 is being upfitted at this time.

New UTV 32-3 will be acquired shortly.

The existing UTV 32-2, which was a donation acquisition, shall be reassigned as UTV 32-1. This will place UTV deployment at the western side of the rail trail from UTV 32-3, central rail trail access from UTV 32-1 and eastern rail trail access from UTV 32-2.

All the UTVs will have brush fire fighting skid pumps. Two of the UTVs will have patient transport capability.

Midi-Pumper 32-3 remains in service at Station 3 but is being short cycled for a replacement of a higher capacity (larger reserve) GVWR vehicle with higher payload capacity. This short cycle is due to a firetruck manufacturer clarification of payload capacity on Mini-Pumper 32-2 and mini-pumper 32-3.

The reduced payload allowance could be tolerated by Station 2 and their design intention, but the new limitation makes Midi-Pumper 32-3 unfit for use as intended for Station 3 operational objectives.

With a planned apparatus to address the intentions and strategies established by Station 3, the current midi-pumper as Midi-Pumper 32-3 will be reassigned as Midi-pumper 32-4 to replace Utility 32-4 during that scheduled Utility 32-4 replacement cycle time.

These are fiscally prudent suggestions to maintain fleet readiness.

These concepts are subject to change based upon the needs of the community, the team and the standards, requirements and best practices for the safety of our operating crews.

PLEASE NOTE: Funding for tires in 2026/27 is dependent on the service and maintenance bills and any unexpected charges against the forecast 2026 maintenance budget.

SPECIAL ITEMS, UPDATES, THAT MIGHT NEED APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS AND SAFETY CAMPAIGNS STATUS:

These are items that require permission, approvals and funding affirmations:

1. Permission request from Assistant Chief Steve Langeland to order rear bed command modules for the two Command Cars.
2. Permission to consider flatbed transport NEW Brush 32-1 back to Federal Safety Equipment. Estimated \$750.00.
3. Permission to add two (2) FIXED SHELVES for side compartments for NEW Brush 32-1. These will be shipped loose by Jutland Bodies.

(Place Holder 8/23/26)

Keith Purdy