Chief's Report to BOT

April 20, 2026

Call volume: March 2026- 31, YTD 2026-73. March 2025-26, 2025 YTD- 73

Recruitment/ Retention: 24 personnel on roster. 3 new in training. 16 are in good standing currently. 12 are active with calls and training. Active member staffing remains number one priority.

Meetings:

- Capt. Espenschied and I met with a member of the Seeley Hospital Board to discuss RHTP and healthcare in Seeley Swan.
- Renee and I attended the county-wide Dan Clark Board training. Excellent information.
- Our officers and several staff met with the DNRC, USFS, OEM for a wildfire season preparation meeting. Great communication between local agencies.

Training:

- Extrication Training
- EMS training was lifting, moving, packaging patients and splinting
- 7 staff members completed the annual wildland refresher training on April 14. Pack tests will be taking place in a couple of weeks.
- We have 4 folks attending the Active Shooter (AAIR) in May.

Updates:

- Talked to Citizen's Alliance Bank rep and the Safety Deposit box key issue will cost anywhere from $250-400 estimated.
- 729 was repaired at no cost/ warranty.
- All our apparatus need a DOT inspection. Once a contract is signed with a vendor, we will have an annual inspection schedule. A request for an agreement was submitted to MRFD Board members. Seeking other shops/vendors as well.
- Our annual Incident Rental Agreement (IRA)/ Chief's contract with the DNRC has been signed and submitted.
- MESI Contract has been signed and submitted.**
- May 2nd will be the Seeley Lake Community Wildfire Preparedness Day at the Community Foundation building next to MBF church. 10am-2pm. We will have display tables set up and will be talking with community members about open burning and permits, address signage, defensible space around the home and other topics.
- We have been working on the new budget draft for FY26/27. The county is still behind in getting us reports due to some issue with their computer program.
- Changed pest control vendors and saved $50/ year.
- Career day at High School would like to borrow 12 of our tables for the event.
- New FB page for the district.
- Renee completed her Notary training and certificate. We added bonding and insurance to our VFIS policy for this.

- Next batch of SCBAs were shipped out Saturday for recertification. We anticipate one more shipment will complete the recert cycle. About $3k more to complete.
- Station 2 parking lot has a big sinking trench. History of a water line repair x 2 years ago. Need to get quotes on repair?
- Our NERIS reporting system provides accurate statistical information. This started in November of 2025.