

CHIEF'S MINUTE(S)

May 13, 2026

- Incidents** – April, 2026 21 total, 10 medical, 3 structure, 1 mva, 1 natural cover, 1 false alarm/good intent, 2 hazardous condition/illegal burns, 3 public/lift assist
- Training** - Training included safety/officer meeting/apparatus/SCBA check night, Bread and Butter at Melrose Tower, Fire behavior/Doll House, Company Officer Fire Investigation, Burn to Learn on Flournoy Valley, and Wildland Porta Tanks/Drafting/Mobile pumping
- Firefighters** - Still have FFs enrolled at various fire academies and medical training. Included are EMT training at UCC, EMR training at Tenmile, and instructing students at Douglas high School and UCC. 3 members achieved NFPA FF1 certification, 2 received NFPA Driver Operator Certification, 3 members achieved Haz Mat Awareness and Operational Certification, and 1 obtained their National Registry EMT-Basic certification.
- Cadets** - Training with our ffs and Justin, making some incidents and events also.
- Equipment** - Have electrical issues on 1080, fuel hose on 1081 ordered.
Inventory - New PPE for 3 ffs to be shipped this week.
- Facility** No real issues at present. We thank the ffs for the yard work and the future cleanup work for the upcoming Open House.
- Office/Admin** – DHS was funded last week, and we are again working on AFG grant funding for the new 1031. The NOFO has not been published yet, with no opening date but should be soon.
SAFER reimbursements should also start again, we again have about \$35,000 out of our reserve fund, plus PPE expenses coming.
Lot of activity on our website, good information and Justin working hard to keep it updated and add new content.
FEMA communication grant radios are still not in service, waiting for a resolution of who is going to pay for what. The radios as delivered were not as ordered, and the vendor cited increasing costs that caused their bid to be too low.
Working with Lexipol to coordinate a second SAFER Grant to extend our current program. Will apply for the next cycle.
Director Starns was out for a medical issue and may be at the meeting.
LRFD received the OSFM wildland staffing grant again, and effective May 1 expenses can be covered. This grant is a cash allotment of \$35000 for ffs, admin, workers comp, and whatever approved expenses can be fit into the program. We are trying to schedule with the start of fire season, and plan out extending coverage as far as we can, with the deadline being October. It works out to 2 ffs per day for 91 days to be timed in conjunction with DFPA. We have a great cadre of candidates this year and trying to find work for all of them.
The VFC grant through ODF was applied for, with a \$30000 grant at 50% match. It basically doubles our money for structural and wildland fire equipment, repairs and training.
Budget Process and Committee Update
Upcoming LRFD open house June 27.