

TRUCKEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2024 OVERVIEW AND UPDATE
for the TAHOE DONNER ASSOCIATION
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TFPD: Overview and Update

- Origin and Authorization
- Boundaries and Service Area
- What we provide
- Staffing
- Service Stats
- Budget/Funding
- Serving Tahoe Donner



TRUCKEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

- Founded in 1894
- Independent Special District
 - Bi-County
 - Nevada/Placer/Town of Truckee
 - Non-Contiguous Boarder (Islands)
 - Hobart Mills and Floriston
- Celebrating 130 years of service to the community in 2024



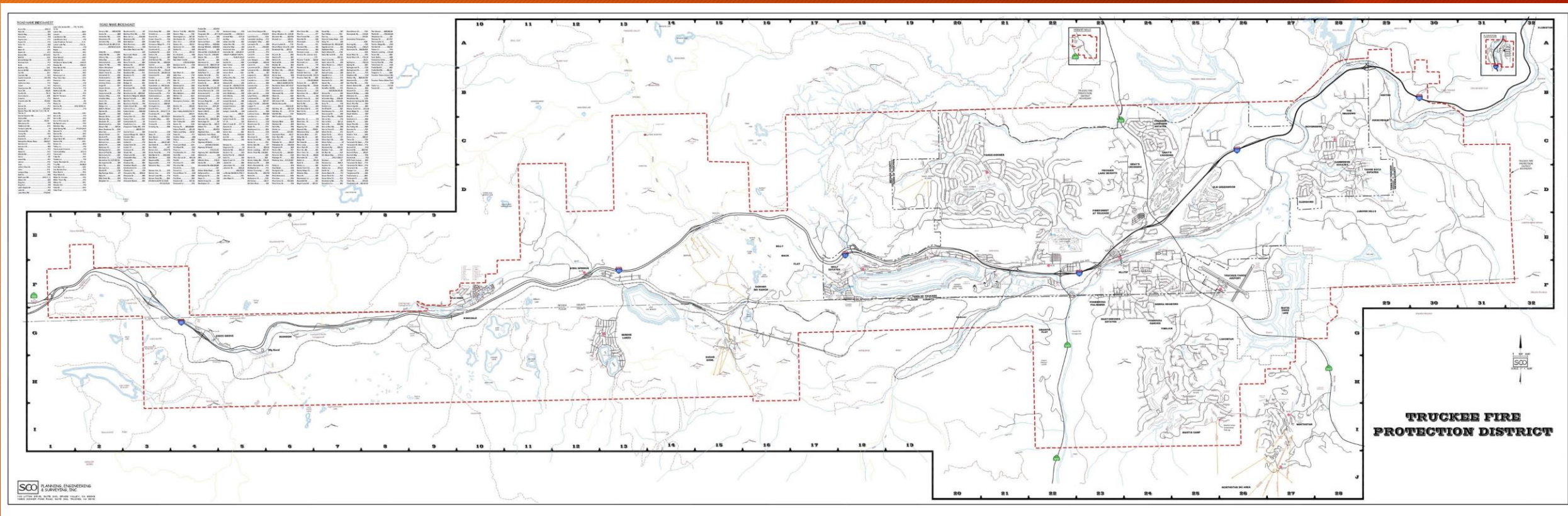
TFPD: Governance

- 5 member at large Board of Directors
- Fire Protection District Act of 1987
 - Central Tenet: Local Control
 - Examples of Local Control
 - 1988 - Started providing ALS ambulance transport services
 - 2006 - Annexation of Donner Summit Fire Department
 - 2019 - Adoption of a Seasonal Burn Ban
 - 2021 - Parcel tax to develop a Wildfire Prevention Division (Measure T)

TFPD: Boundaries and Response Areas

- Fire District: 125 Square Miles of Jurisdictional Responsibility
- Ambulance Response: 400 Square Miles
 - California/Nevada Stateline (east)
 - Nevada/Sierra countyline (north)
 - Blue Canyon (west)
 - North Tahoe FPD (south)

TFPD: District Map



TFPD: Deliverables

- **Operations:** 24/7 Preparedness to respond to any type high consequence events
 - High Consequents: Life or Property may be lost
 - All Risk: if you call we come
 - Needed 24/7 because nobody schedules emergencies
- **Prevention:** stop loss before it happens
 - EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE PREVENTION!!
 - Fire prevention is all around us: cars, appliances, best practices
 - The Fire Districts role in Fire Prevention:
 - Investigation
 - Education
 - Regulation

TFPD: Staffing (54 Positions)

- Operations
 - 41 Positions
- Prevention
 - 3 Positions
- Wildfire Prevention (New Division from Measure T)
 - 4 Full Time Positions plus seasonal staff
- Administration
 - 6 Positions

TFPD: Operational (24/7) Staffing

- Max staffing = 12 scheduled per day
- Minimum staffing = 8 per day
- Four Stations
 - 92: Serves Tahoe Donner
 - 95: Glenshire
 - 96: Airport and Martis Valley
 - 97: Donner Summit
- Cross Staffing: two person crews staff fire engines, ambulance and specialty rescue equipment.

TFPD: Calls for Service

- 3,339 Incidents in 2023
 - Up 10% or 329 calls from 2022
 - 60% EMS/medical includes vehicle accidents
 - 15% Good intent, public assistance
 - 14% Hazardous conditions/service call
 - 9% Alarm Calls
 - 2% Fire Calls (building fires, vehicle fires, vegetation fires)
- Fire calls are the high consequence calls that could become catastrophic.
 - 75 fire calls last year
 - A bit more than one per week
 - Most you never hear about because we keep them small

TFPD: Serving the Community Services

- We serve the services that serve the community:
 - Power and gas distribution
 - I-80
 - Hospital
 - Schools
 - Airport
 - Sewer Plant
- These facilities are exempt from property taxes
- These facilities produce calls for service

TFPD: Role in Wildfire

- We fight wildfires but we are not a wildfire agency. Measure T is wildfire prevention only no suppression.
 - We don't have:
 - Handcrews
 - Dozers
 - Aircraft - tankers and helicopters
- Wildfire suppression primarily falls to the responsibility of the Federal and State agencies, USFS and CalFire. The agencies also develop and enforce the regulatory framework for forestry resource management.
- Land use managers like the Town of Truckee and Counties also have important roles in wildfire prevention, especially in the very high fire hazard severity zones like Truckee.

TFPD Funding and Budget

- \$20 Million per year
 - \$16.5 Million - Fire Protection Services
 - \$3.5 Million - Wildfire Prevention (Measure T Sunsets in 2030)
- Revenue (Approx.)
 - 80% Property Taxes and Special Assessments
 - 20% Ambulance Transport Revenue
- Expenses (Approx.)
 - 74% Staff
 - 26% Equipment Facilities ...
- We protect approximately \$16 billion in private property assessed value

TFPD: Serving Tahoe Donner

- Primary response comes out of Station 92
- Over the last 4 years, TD has averaged 370 calls per year
- Typical response time is less than 10 minutes but can take longer for remote areas or inclement weather.

TFPD: Staffing Station 94

- Station 94 is adjacent to the golf course
- Costs: Staffing would involve:
 - Six additional positions = \$1.5 million/year
 - New Type 1 Fire Engine = \$750,000
 - Site and facility improvements = \$500,000
 - Fire station alerting system, vehicle exhaust extraction system, more parking
 - So around \$2.5- 3 million to get started and then ongoing expenses of about \$1.5 Million per year
- Benefit:
 - Better ISO rating for remote portions of the association (Ski Slope, Pinnacle)
 - Faster response times



TFPD: Questions??