

Farmington Rural Fire Protection District

Acting Chief's Report

February 23, 2026

I. Emergency Response Staffing

The Board of Directors was notified at noon, February 9, 2026, the leadership team of the district had resigned without notice. The Board of Directors immediately implemented a contingency plan to ensure the district maintained emergency response mutual aid coverage with our neighboring districts.

In addition, the Board President who is a firefighter/EMT and driver/operator qualified, has stepped in to ensure the district has had no disruption in emergency response coverage from the department supporting our community.

Multiple fire districts and city departments in the county have offered assistance with staffing, training, inspections, and administration to ensure the district remains functional, protecting over 100 square miles of the county. This level of support illustrates and reinforces the close bond between firefighters and fire agencies, especially during times of crisis.

There was a recent question regarding why on Friday, February 20, 2026 we did not respond to the head on, fatal vehicle accident at Highway 4 and Dunton Road. While the day before we responded past that location along Highway 4 into Calaveras County. In both cases, we respond out of district only when requested by the responding agencies. In the case of Dunton Road in Stanislaus County, we were not requested and have no authority to respond on our own into someone else's county jurisdiction.

II. Acting Chief:

Current: The district retained Colledgeville Fire Protection District and Escalon Community Ambulance Chief as the Temporary Emergency Acting Chief at an emergency meeting held on February 11, 2026.

Acting Chief Search: The district remains in search of an Acting Chief to provide leadership duties while Chief Matthew Bailey remains on work related medical leave from November 21, 2025.

III. Station/District Upgrades:

- **Station Security:** Station locks were rekeyed on February 9, 2026. Door openers were reprogrammed for each vehicle.

- **Sleeping Quarters:** Firefighters spending the night at the station have been sleeping in recliners at night. This was an immediate need to fix. The bar area at the station was remodeled into a sleeping room and the radio room was reconfigured as a second space. Both have new twin sized beds in place so firefighters have an adequate place to rest.
- **Staffing:** All personnel in officer positions resigned unexpectedly between February 6-11, 2026. We currently have seven firefighters remaining, three of which are driver qualified. Two of the qualified drivers remain on medical leave.

In addition, the Board President continues to serve in an emergency capacity as driver/operator ensuring emergency response coverage continues uninterrupted.

One firefighter/EMT with driver/operator certification was hired on February 20, 2026.

Part-time paid Firefighter openings were posted on the district website and Indeed. We are also evaluating a possible return to include volunteer firefighters as several community members have expressed an interest.

- **Information Technology Systems:** No turnover or access to computers or web-based applications was provided. The district retained an information technology expert to gain access to these systems used for emergency response and district administration. As of this report, most access has not been restored.
- **Maintenance:** There was an immediate need to evaluate the condition of vehicles and equipment. Delta Fleet Services, CHP BIT trained, was engaged to perform this assessment. Based on those inspections, immediate emergency repairs were made to Engine 4-1, including new tires that expired ten years ago. Engine 4-2, Engine 4-3, and Water Tender 4-2 were removed from service due to significant safety issues. Engine 4-1, Rescue 4-1, and Water Tender 4-1 are in service.

Additional repairs are needed on every vehicle and we will be evaluating priorities for repair and past due maintenance to ensure emergency response is not interrupted.

- **Personal Protective Equipment:** We are currently evaluating turnouts and personal protective equipment needs to ensure all equipment is still within its usable lifespan and is safe to use.

- **Portable Equipment:** We will be soliciting the offered help by several chief officers to evaluate our current portable equipment utilized to verify it is in compliance and identify any gaps in need.

IV. Training

- **On-line Training:** Target Solutions access was restored and all firefighters are now in the system and allowed to assign their own training based on need and interest areas.
- **General Firefighter Training:** Currently there is no set training plan for the firefighters. CalOSHA and NFPA standards require firefighters to be trained and retrained annually on duties they are likely to perform. We are evaluating next steps for regular training.
- **Driver/Operator Training:** Driver/Engineer training has been started with the expectation all firefighters will be able to drive an emergency response vehicle and operate as an engineer.

V. Calls for Service:

- **See attached report for call details**

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 February 9, 2026-February 21, 2026
 (NOTE: Records are only available from February 9, 2026)

CALL VOLUME FROM PREVIOUS CALL TYPE	MEETIN TO CURRENT CALL VOLUME
MEDICAL AID	5
VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	2
VEGETATION FIRE	0
STRUTURE FIRE	1
WIRES DOWN	0
SMOKE CHECK	1
FALSE ALARMS	0
MUTUAL AID	1
PUBLIC ASSIST	1
SERVICE CALL	0
TOTAL CALL VOLUME	11 (Partial Month)
MUTUAL AID TO	MUTUAL AID FROM
CGV = 0	CGV = 4
XCA = 1	XCA= 0
TCU = 0	TCU = 0
ESL = 0	ESL = 0
LIN = 0	LIN = 3
RIP = 0	RIP = 0
TOTAL MUTUAL AID	CALLS = 8