

Southern Park County Fire Protection District  
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Board of Directors  
Sean English, Board Chair  
Mike Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer  
Louis Fesmire III, Director  
Mike Parrish, Director  
Mike Smith, Director

## Regular Board of Directors Meeting 2026.03.13

### 1) Attendees

#### Board members present:

Sean English - Chair  
Mike Brandt – Secretary & Treasurer  
Mike Parrish  
Mike Smith  
Louis Fesmire III

#### Department members present

Chief Aric Stahly.  
Captain Aaron Mandel  
Nina Almond  
Kurt Nevergold  
Rebecca Killam

### 2) Introduction of Visitors

3) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3 PM by Board Chair Sean English.

4) Approval of Agenda: Mr. English moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Mr. Parrish motion carried.

5) Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the 2026.02.11 special meeting by Mr. English, second by Mr. Brandt; motion carried.

6) Board member resignation – Louis Fesmire resigned as Director, and Mr. English thanked him for the time and effort he put in.

7) Notice of Board Member Appointment – Mr. English nominated Jen Taylor as a Director.

8) Oath of Office accomplished by Ms. Taylor.

### 9) Resolutions

2026-03-01 Adopting Board Meeting Procedures Policy 200.02.07 – motion to accept policy by Mr. English, second by Mr. Parrish; Motion carried.

2026-03-02 Adopting Public Comment Policy 200.02.08 – motion to accept policy by Mr. English, second by Mr. Brandt; Motion carried.

2026-03-03 Adopting District Complaint Procedure 200.2.13 – motion to accept procedure by Mr. English, second by Mr. Brandt; Motion carried.

2026-03-04 Creating the Position of Deputy Fire Chief – motion to accept policy resolution by Mr. English, second by Mr. Brandt; vote was 3 for, 1 against Motion carried .

2026-03-05 Creating the Position of Fire Captain (Paid) – motion to accept policy by Mr. English, second by Mr. Parrish; Motion carried.

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#### S.P.C.F.P.D. Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District is to provide fire protection and emergency rescue operations within its 240 square mile district boundaries; encourage fire and human caused disaster prevention through community education; ensure the existence of a properly trained team of primarily volunteer firefighters who are able to, and motivated to, respond professionally and work safely; acquire and maintain the necessary equipment; and provide mutual aid to neighboring fire and emergency services departments, as requested.

10) Public Comment

DS: How long until info from executive sessions is made public? How many ranches will be evaluated as discussed in the January meeting? Is there a payoff from board actions ongoing. What is duly elected? Is there a set time for board members to respond to email questions?

Mr. English moved to close public comments, second by Mr. Smith; motion carried.

11) Director’s Chief’s and Committee Reports

a. Auxiliary Report:

Meeting scheduled for next week

b. Regulatory Matters

Requirement for Exemption from Audit: this has been started, waiting for response from audition firm.

c. Chief’s Report

Incident Responses:	Jan 26	Feb 26	2025 YTD	2026 YTD
Traffic Accidents (w/Med)	0	1	1	1
Traffic Accidents (no Med)	1	0	2	1
Medical	10	4	16	14
Wildland Fire	0	0	0	0
Smoke Reports	0	0	0	0
Structure Fire	0	0	0	0
Mutual Aid	2	6	1	8
Service Calls	3	2	5	5
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>

**Water Usage:** Fire Station total: 2070 gallons, K&B: 627 gallons, Training and Maintenance: 793 gallons; Suppression: 950 gallons; Road & Bridge: 168 gallons; Community Center: 628 gallons.

**Summary:**

1. **Equipment status**

1. Rescue 9-1 is being repaired at Fire Truck Solutions in Denver. The transmission control module and the electronics control modules were/are not communicating effectively, along with an ABS module. FTS in Denver is still working on this. Parts have been delayed in shipping, and they are re-writing the software in conjunction with the manufacturers.
2. Engine 9-3-same status. Will work for initial attack- reliability in question on extended incident.
3. Squad 9-2 needs injector / glow plug repair, but is still limping along. Replacement truck chassis will be delivered at the end of April / early May according to dealer. Tank is built and will ready for pick up in Oklahoma when chassis arrives. Pump is here. Flatbed has been tentatively ordered through True Value Trailers in Penrose. We are ordering parts and equipment so as to have them when the project requires. Staying ahead of the game to the best of our ability.
4. Squad 9-2 and 9-3 were sold and have been delivered to buyer for \$3500.
5. All DTR (800 mHz) radios have been re-programmed to correct some errors in the initial programming. Mark Hall completed this process on 3/13/2026 free of charge to the district, as the initial errors were not our issue.

**2. CIP Projects**

The bays at all stations have been de-cluttered to the satisfaction of the chief. Aaron Mandel, Kurt Nevergold, Matt Long, and Nina Allmond performed the bulk of the effort. Kudos for their hard work!

The CIP plan is going to be revisited and tidied up for better tracking and progress reporting.

**3. Personnel Status**

- a. 13 Active members
- b. 1 Reserve member
- c. 11 Probationary Members- 2 are very close to promotion to 'Active'
- d. 3 fully trained med-ride drivers- 3 more to be trained
- e. The roster currently reflects 8 EMTs and one Paramedic
- f. Roster has been purged of non-participating personnel.

**4. Events**

- a. Appreciation dinner planning underway. I have procured a "caterer"; we will be treated to Unsupervised Barbeque- a local competition smoker. At this time the location will be the ambulance bay at station 1 in the interest of maintaining neutral ground where all can attend. The date of this appreciation dinner will be May 9. Save the date. A group decision was made to push it back instead of rushing it. We are going to have several special presentations to honor the dedicated service of all involved with our efforts. We are looking into commemorative memorials for Barry Picker and Rick Scheffel.
- b. An update on our grant application efforts is viewable under Addendum A.

**5. 5-Year Plan / Strategic Master Plan**

- a. Has been submitted to board electronically for review and revision.
- b. The medical ride program is being written formally; will be submitted by 3/20/2026 via email for board and legal approval.
- c. Currently working with board chair to standardize formatting and write policy / standard operating guidelines to reflect changes in the fire service since our last approved policy manual.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report is available at [www.guffeyfire.net/board\\_treasurer.php](http://www.guffeyfire.net/board_treasurer.php)

No extraordinary items to report this month.

The following requests for payment have been received and require Board approval. Mr. Brandt moves to approve this item, totaling \$2,200.00, second by Mr. English; motion carried.

Payment to:	Amount:	For:
Coaty and Woods	\$2,200.00	Legal services

Bill from Western Originals for \$921.25, Mr. English moved to approve this, second by Mr. Parrish; motion carried.

12) Old Business

Mutual Aid Agreement Updates: underway, no new items.

13) New Business

- A. Staff study for Wildland HB 25-1001 was emailed to the board. Captain Mandel recommended that the district adopt the plan he and Ms. Almond established. Wildland urban interface restrictions only apply to a few areas in the district. State has required adoption by April 1, 2026, Special meeting is scheduled for Wed, March 18, 2026 at 4:00 pm at Station 1.
- B. Deputy Chief Position — Deputy Chief Position is established.

- 14) Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter – Section 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. and not involving: employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of the SPCFPD Board; the appointment of any person to fill an opening on the SPCFPD Board; or personnel policies that do not require discussion of matters personal to particular employees. Moved to executive session at 4:22 pm. Adjourned at 5:47 pm
- 15) Reconvened meeting at 5:54 p.m.
- 16) The Board supports the Chief’s authority to hire and promote under SOG 140. The chief asked for the Deputy Chief position to review.
- 17) Executive Session for discussion of Specialized Details of Investigation – CRS 24-6-402(4)d Specialized details of the matters discussed might reveal information. Moved to go into executive session at 5:57p.m. Adjourned at 6:57 pm
- 18) Reconvened meeting at 7:06 p.m.
- 19) Executive Session for discussion of a personnel matter – Section 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. and not involving: employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of the SPCFPD Board; the appointment of any person to fill an opening on the SPCFPD Board; or personnel policies that do not require discussion of matters personal to particular employees. Moved to go into executive session at 7:09 p.m. Adjourned at 7:32 pm
- 20) Reconvened meeting at 7:36 p.m.
- 21) Move to change agenda order advancing resolution.
- 22) Resolution 2026-03-07 Formally Tabling Consideration of the Jan 6, 2026 Draft Advisory Letter and Closing the Matter Without Prejudice to Future Board Action on Fire and Life Safety Concerns. ([www.guffeyfire.net/notices\\_statutory.php](http://www.guffeyfire.net/notices_statutory.php)) Mr. English moved to adopt the resolution, motion carried.
- 23) Executive Session — Legal Advice from District Counsel — C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice from District Counsel on dispute between Mike Smith and Aric Stahly and specific legal issues concerning the Board. Mr. English moved to go into Executive session at 7:42 pm. Adjourned at 8:01 pm.
- 24) Reconvened meeting at 8:03 p.m.
- 25) Adjourn meeting: Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by Chairman English.