

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

**Regular Board of Directors Meeting 2026.04.08**

1) Introduction of Visitors

2) Attendees:

Board members present:

Sean English - Chair  
Mike Brandt – Secretary & Treasurer  
Mike Parrish  
Mike Smith  
Jennifer Taylor

Excused Board Member:

Department members present  
Chief Aric Stahly.

3) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by Board Chair Sean English

4) Approval of Agenda: Mr. English moved to approve the agenda with discussion on citizen complaint added at end, second by Mr. Brandt; motion carried.

5) Approval of Minutes: Moved to review minutes at the next meeting

6) Director’s Chief’s and Committee Reports

a. Auxiliary Report:

Meeting scheduled for Friday to prepare for Guffey Gorge exercise

b. Regulatory Matters: Nothing to report

c. Chief’s Report

Incident Responses:	Feb 2026	Mar 2026	2025 YTD	2026 YTD
Traffic Accidents (w/Med)	1	1	0	2
Traffic Accidents (no Med)	0	0	1	1
Medical	4	4	23	19
Wildland Fire	0	0	0	0
Smoke Reports	0	4	0	4
Structure Fire	0	1	0	1
Mutual Aid	6	4	3	16
Service Calls	2	2	7	9
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>52</b>

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

The Mission of the Southern Park Creportounty 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.

Water Usage:

- a. Fire Station total: 5983 gallons
  1. K&B: 850 gallons
  2. Training and Maintenance: 700 gallons
  3. Suppression: 4433 gallons\* (closer to 9000 gallons but cistern still recovering at the time of writing this report)
  4. Road & Bridge: 531 gallons
  5. Community Center: 194 gallons

**Summary:**

1. Equipment status
  - a. Rescue 9-1 is close to ready, according to FTS. The last hurdle is to test the body control module through McCandless. This part is ~\$5000 installed; Brian (FTS) is working with McCandless to find the solution to the final issue.
  - b. Engine 9-3-no change in status. Will work for initial attack- reliability in question on extended incident.
  - c. 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 we will have them when the project requires. Staying ahead of the game to the best of our ability. No changes since last report.
  - d. Engine 9-1 worked for initial attack on a structure fire March 25. After pumping 2 tanks of water, we switched to Hartsel FD Engine 7-1 for the remainder of overhaul. Gearbox needs to be addressed before it fails; we intend to take it back to FTS when Rescue 9-1 repair is complete.
  - e. All other FD vehicles are in service without issue. We are going to inspect tires and make the annual tire purchase in the next few weeks.
2. CIP Projects
  - a. We were awarded a grant for a turnout gear extractor and dryer. Kudos to Rebecca for putting in the work and receiving her first grant award with our department!
  - b. Other grants are pending.
3. Personnel Status
  - a. 12 Active members
  - b. 2 Reserve members
  - c. 9 Probationary Members- 3 are on the verge of 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
4. Events
  - a. Appreciation dinner planning in full swing. It will be exclusively for the volunteer crew and fire Auxiliary.
  - b. Annual Guffey Gorge Training to be held on Saturday, May 2. SPCFPD, 4-Mile FPD, Flight for Life, and the SPCFPD Auxiliary will be present.

- c. Stage 2 burn ban in effect. Without significant precipitation, this will remain in force indefinitely. All federal lands in the area are in Stage 1 fire restrictions as well. Fremont and Teller Counties are also in Stage 2 Restrictions.
- d. The Park County BOCC will be revising the burn ordinance in 2026 to simplify the fire restrictions. As recommended by the ES Council, Park County will be moving toward burn/no burn fire restrictions to make the rules easier to follow and applying more stringent penalties (to include arson) to those who do not follow the ordinance.

5. Calls of Note:

- a. SPCFPD participated with PCSO on an overnight Search and Rescue mission on March 25. Released from the scene with about 30 minutes to spare before a structure fire on Valley Lane off Park 411 / Slater Creek Rd. Mutual aid from: Cripple Creek FD, 4-Mile FD, Hartsel FPD, and Northwest FPD. Lake George was enroute but stood down; fire was controlled before they arrived.
- b. SPCFPD provided mutual aid to Tallahassee FD on a structure fire in Fremont County off High Park Road. Several residents of our district are neighbors to the house that burned. 4-Mile FPD was also on scene.

d. Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer’s report is available at [www.guffeyfire.net](http://www.guffeyfire.net)

No extraordinary items to report this month.

The following requests for payment have been received and require Board approval. Mr. Brandt moves to approve these 2 items, totaling \$6,710.00, second by Mr. English; motion carried.

Payment to:	Amount:	For:
Coaty & Woods	\$4,500.00	Legal counsel
QuickBooks (Visa)	\$2,210.00	Bookkeeping software

7) Resolutions

Subject

- 2026-04-01 Adopting the Board Administrative Rules, Practices and Procedures Manual (BAM v1.0). Mr. English moved to approve, second by Mr. Brandt; motion carried.
- 2026-04-02 Adopting the 100-Series Policies of the SPCFPD Policy Manual. Mr. English moved to approve, second by Mr. Parrish; motion carried.
- 2026-04-03 Approving the Employment Agreement with Aaron Mandel as Deputy Chief. Mr. English moved to approve, second by Mr. Brandt; Vote for 4, vote against, 1.
- 2026-04-04 Adopting CORA Compliance Procedure (Policy 200-2.12). Mr. English moved to approve, second by Mr. Brandt; motion carried.
- 2026-04-05 Authorizing District-Controlled Web Hosting, Domain Registration, and Directing IP and Domain Ownership Remediation. Mr. English moved to approve, second by Mr. Brandt; motion carried.

8) Old Business

**Capital Improvement Program** — *Discussion of CIP planning and priorities.*

**Strategic Plan Development** — *Update on District strategic planning process and next steps.*

9) New Business

**Deputy Chief Contract Signing** — *Execution of Employment Agreement with Aaron Mandel (20260408\_PERS\_DCCContract\_Mandel\_v1.3). Signatures required from Employee, District Chief, and Board Chair.* Contract executed by Chief Stahly, Board Chair English and Deputy Chief Mandel.

**Search for New Accounting Firm** — *Discussion of candidates, selection criteria, and timeline.* Mr. English moved to search for a new firm from the recommendations given by Mr. Weber, second by Mr. Parrish, motion carried.

**Wildfire Resiliency Program** — *Letter to County Manager regarding adoption of wildfire code and renewal of Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion and authorization for Board Chair to transmit letter.* Mr. English moved to accept the letter and send it to the BOCC, second by Mr. Parrish, motion carried.

**Bylaws Update** — *Discussion of bylaws modernization plan per Resolution 2026-04-01 § 7. Board to confirm counsel engagement and planning timeline (due by April 8, 2027).*

**200-Series Policies Review** — *Status report on DRAFT 200-Series policies. Discussion of drafting priorities and schedule for upcoming adoption cycle.*

10) Public Comment

11) Executive Session — Legal Advice from District Counsel — C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) To receive legal advice from District Counsel regarding a personnel matter. Adjourned to executive session at 5:35

12) Reconvened meeting at 6:21 p.m.

13) Citizen complaint filed by Mr Sullivan is being addressed. Investigation is well under way and the results of the findings have been now given to Directors English and Taylor to review. The response will be returned to Mr. Sullivan within the 75-day period.

14) Personnel matter: After legal advice the Board has to address an issue following from a complaint regarding Chief Stahly. Mr. Stahly was made aware of the complaint and given a chance to respond, question and clarify the issue.

15) Adjourn meeting: Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. by Chairman English.