

PENINSULA FIRE DISTRICT

Fire Chief's Monthly Report

Prepared for the Board of Directors, Staff and Public of the Peninsula Fire District

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Executive Summary

This report provides an overview of the Peninsula Fire Protection Districts activities, incidents, and operational updates for the month of April, 2026. Key highlights include incident response statistics, training initiatives, community outreach efforts, and strategic priorities. This document is intended to inform the Board of Directors and the public about our ongoing commitment to safety and service excellence.

1 Incident Response Summary

1.1 Incident Statistics

- **Total Incidents:** 59
- **Fire Incidents:** 8
- **Emergency Medical Services (EMS):** 47
- **Hazardous Materials:** 0
- **Other Incidents (e.g., public assists, false alarms):** 4

1.2 Notable Incidents

- On May 2, 2026, Peninsula Fire was dispatched to a man down call in the 12000 block of Peninsula dr. 7152, 7122, and Hamilton Branch 7351 were at Peninsula station 2 beginning an after-action review of the previous call that morning for cardiac arrest patient. When the man down call came in, all 3 units responded from station 2. 7351 was the first unit on scene followed by 7122 and 7152 a minute later. According to several eyewitness accounts and security at scene the crew from 7351 were moving at a casual pace not consistent with training and expectation of the district. Additionally, the crew did not bring a suction unit or AED to the location of the patient that was some distance from the vehicle. When questioned the crew member stated that the “ambulance was right behind us”. This answer was not consistent with the expectation of training, and it was clear that it was an incorrect decision. Crews are taught to bring everything regardless of ambulance arrival time or any reason to be frank. I made the decision to suspend the individual without pay and upon return he would be assigned to work directly with the paramedic on shift for retraining on EMS protocol. Upon assessment it would appear that the patient experienced a fatal cardiac event, and the lack of AED may have not made any difference, however, all staff members are aware that we treat all patients with the full extent of our training and scope regardless of personal impression of the patient condition. I have spoken with several community members that have concerns about the lack of urgency the crew from 7351 displayed and are questioning the effectiveness of the members of Peninsula fire. There is no excuse for the actions of the first in crew and I made it known to all staff that if anything like this happens again, they will be terminated on the spot for negligence and dereliction of duty. All crews are going through cardiac arrest protocols and running scenarios at least once monthly in addition to the employee in question retraining. It is my opinion that this is completely unacceptable for any agency that is trusted with the care of the community and in 30 years in this career I have never seen such poor judgement. Having said that, I feel that all the other crew members we have are solid providers and this was an isolated incident.

2 Personnel and Training

2.1 Staffing Updates

- We have finished the hiring process for per diem firefighter/EMT. We have 7 very qualified recruits out of the Butte Collage fire academy. They have all passed background and medical evaluations and will begin their onboarding training on May 26th. The training will last 2 weeks and then they will be assigned to a field training officer for the remainder of their probation.

Training and Certifications

- **Training Sessions Conducted:** Weekly training for April included structure fire attack, wildland fire attack and EMS skills. The annual training calendar is in progress for the 26/27 FY. There will be a focus on basic skills at the first part of the year and advancing to more specialized skills in the second half.
- **Certifications Earned:** Several employees have received their trainee status for wildland fire line paramedic.

3 Equipment and Infrastructure

- **Maintenance Updates:** The fire Sirens have approved a bid for flooring to replace the flooring in the hall, bathrooms, and captains' office. We have an offer from a local painter to paint the hall at very low cost. I am exploring the opportunity and will advise.
- **Acquisitions:** No new acquisitions in April to report.

4 Community Engagement

- **Events and Outreach:** Annual pancake breakfast is coming up this weekend. Preparations are in full swing this week.
- **Public Education:** CPR and First aid training provided to several community members in Chester and Peninsula.

5 Budget and Financial Overview

- **Grants and Funding:** The SAFER grant for this year has opened this week. I will be preparing an application over the next couple of weeks for consideration. If awarded, this grant would help fund Chester staffing.

6 Strategic Priorities and Goals

- **Current Initiatives:** Create robust training calendar for the next fiscal year, Budget preparation, Workers comp case resolution of an employee that has been ongoing.
- **Upcoming Goals:** Continue with policy updates to reflect current laws and the expanded District responsibilities

Conclusion

The Peninsula Fire Protection District remains dedicated to protecting our community through proactive emergency response, comprehensive training, and robust community engagement. We appreciate the continued support of the Board of Directors and the public as we work to enhance safety and resilience.

Sincerely,
Bob Gray
Fire Chief, Peninsula Fire Protection District