

**Southern Park County
Fire Protection District
SPCFPD Board of Directors**
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Secretary/Treasurer
Elaine Campbell, Director
Louis Fesmire III, Director
Mike Parrish, Director**

**SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Regular Board of Directors Meeting 2025.12.04**

1) Introduction of Visitors

None

2) Attendees:

Board members present:

Mike Smith - Chair
Mike Brandt – Secretary & Treasurer
Elaine Campbell
Louis Fesmire III
Mike Parrish

Excused Board Member:

Department members present

Chief Aric Stahly.
Captain Aaron Mandel

3) Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Chair Mike Smith.

4) Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda as published, second by Mr. Parrish; motion carried.

5) Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2025.11.13 meeting by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Brandt; motion carried.

6) Adjourn meeting to Budget Hearing at 18:03

Resolution 2025-12-01 – Motion to approve by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Brandt, motion carried ([attachment 1](#))

Resolution 2025-12-02 – Motion to approve by Mr. Parrish, second by Mr. Brandt, motion carried ([attachment 2](#))

Resolution 2025-12-03 – Motion to approve by Mr. Brandt, second by Ms. Campbell, motion carried ([attachment 3](#))

Budget message read and approved. – Motion to approve by Ms. Campbell, second by Mr. Smith, motion carried ([attachment 4](#))

7) Reconvene Board Meeting at 18:22

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.

8) Director’s Chief’s and Committee Reports

- a. Auxiliary Report – nothing to report
- b. Regulatory Matters
 Budget hearing must be completed by Dec 15th.
 Establish tax levies for 2026 along with budget
 Meeting schedule for 2026
- c. Chief’s Report

Incident Responses:	Oct 2025	Nov 25	2024 YTD	2025 YTD
Traffic Accidents (w/Med)	1	0	2	4
Traffic Accidents (no Med)	0	0	11	2
Medical	5	4	71	89
Wildland Fire	0	1	2	1
Smoke Reports	2	1	8	5
Structure Fire	0	1	1	1
Mutual Aid	3	2	7	18
Service Calls	5	4	34	45
Total Calls	16	12	136	164

Water usage: kitchen: 683 gal.; maint & training 142 gal.; fire suppression 0 gal.

Summary:

1. Equipment status

- 1. Rescue 9-1 will be addressed as soon as Engine 9-1 is back from repair shop in Denver.
- 2. Engine 9-3 will work if needed. Worn alternator belt is a concern. As soon as Engine 9-1 is back in service, we will attempt to repair the belt in-house. For now, the truck is operational. Neighboring district chiefs are aware of our situation. Was deployed on a structure fire last week; was not needed.
- 3. Engine 9-1 is at Fire Truck Solutions in Denver. The work on it is nearly complete. Upon receipt of the final bill NTE \$5,000 payment is approved. Mr. Bradnt moved to accept the bill NTE \$5,000 upon repair completion, second bMr. Parrish, motion carried.
- 4. Squad 9-2 needs injector / glow plug repair, but is still running and in service. Replacement build begins in 2026. We should order the chassis, pump, and tank asap.
- 5. We may have a buyer for decommissioned Squad 9-2 and Squad 9-3. No further comms with interested party, but I will reach out to him.

2. CIP Projects

No progress to report since last meeting. Purge of extra and old equipment (clutter in the bay) will continue until the clutter is gone.

3. Personnel Status

- a. 14 Active members
- b. 7 Reserve members
- c. 6 Probationary Members
- d. 4 Medical Drivers have been recruited- training to be completed in November. They are listed as ‘reserve’ on the roster.
- e. EMT students need to pass NREMT for certification. We have 2 preparing for the test.

4. Events

- a. 4th- 3:30pm Tree-lighting Ceremony, Guffey School
- b. Park County HMP had been completed and signed. Chief was involved in the process for the last 6 months. Some corrections were needed; 901 made corrections for resubmission. Has not been returned as of 11/27/2025.
- c. Chief vacation from Dec 20-27. District coverage will be thin on EMS, but crew has stepped up to support 902.

- d. I would like to plan an appreciation dinner in late January for volunteer crew, auxiliary members, and board of directors.

5. 5-Year Plan / Strategic Master Plan

- a. Has been submitted to board electronically for review and revision.

d. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report is available at www.guffeyfire.net

No extraordinary items to report this month.

9) Old Business

Engine 1 repair -see chief's report

10) New Business

Employee reviews and contracts schedule Board to review and meet again with comments –
3:00 pm on 12/10

Medical clinic partnership at Station 1 – table until January meeting

New squad build – move to release the department to order the long lead items for the build.

Lead EMS position discussion – add to agenda for 12/10

11) Public Input

None

12) Adjourn meeting: Meeting adjourned at 19:07 by Chairman Smith.

Attachment 1:

Southern Park County Fire Protection District

Resolution 2025-12-01 to Set Mill Levies

A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR **2025** TO HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COLORADO FOR THE **2026** BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District, has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on December 4th, 2025 and;

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance to budget for the general operating purposes from property taxes of **\$620,900.41** and:

WHEREAS, the 2025 valuation for assessment for the Southern Park County Fire Protection District as certified by the County Assessor is **\$50,603,130**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT COLORADO:

Section 1. That for the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District during the 2026 budget year, there is hereby levied a tax of 12.27 mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the Southern Park County Fire Protection District for the year 2026

Section 2. That the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the County Commissioners of Park County Colorado, the mill levies for the Southern Park County Fire Protection District as hereinabove determined and set, or be authorized and directed to certify to the County Commissioners of Park County, Colorado, the mill levies for the Southern Park County Fire Protection District as hereinabove determined and set, but as recalculated as needed upon receipt of the final (November) certification and valuation from the county assessor in order to comply with any applicable revenue and other budgetary limits.

ADOPTED, this 4th day of December, 2025.

_____/s/_____

Mike Smith, Board Chair

_____/s/_____

Michael Brandt, Treasurer

Attachment 2

Southern Park County Fire Protection District

Resolution 2025-12-02 to Adopt 2026 Budget
(Pursuant to 29 - 1 - 108, C.R.S.)

A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY 2026 AND ENDING THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER 2026.

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District has appointed a Budget Committee consisting of the Chairman, Treasurer and Chief, to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time, and;

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee has submitted a proposed budget to this governing body on October 11, 2025 for its consideration, and;

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on December 4, 2025, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget, and;

WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues or planned to be expended from reserves/fund balances so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COLORADO:

Section 1. That the budget as submitted, amended, and summarized by fund, hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District for the year stated above.

Section 2. That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer of the District and made a part of the public record of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District, Park County, Colorado.

ADOPTED, this 4th day of December, 2025 A.D..

_____/s/_____

Mike Smith, Board Chair

_____/s/_____

Michael Brandt, Treasurer

Attachment 3:

Southern Park County Fire Protection District

Resolution 2025-12-03 to Appropriate Sums of Money

A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND SPENDING AGENCIES, IN THE AMOUNT AND FOR THE PURPOSE AS SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COLORADO, FOR THE **2026** BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Southern Park County Fire Protection District has adopted an annual budget in accordance with the local Government Budget Law, on December 04, 2025 and;

WHEREAS, the Southern Park County Fire Protection District has made provision therein for revenues including monies from reserves/fund balances in an amount equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures as set forth in said budget so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law, and;

WHEREAS, it is not only required by law, but also necessary to appropriate the revenues provided in the budget to and for the purposes described below, thereby establishing a limitation on expenditures for the operations of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COLORADO:

Section 1. That the following sums are hereby appropriated from the revenue from each fund for the purposes stated:

GENERAL FUND:	Administration and Operations:	\$524,402
CAPITAL FUNDS:	Capital Outlays:	\$466,000

ADOPTED, this 4th day of December, 2025 A.D..

_____/s/_____

Mike Smith, Board Chair

_____/s/_____

Michael Brandt, Treasurer

Attachment 4:

2026 Budget Message

(January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026)

Important Features of the Budget

The Budget is presented in a format in compliance with budget law. Revenues are generated from property tax, specific ownership taxes, donations, grants, service income and interest income. Expenses are categorized under administration, county treasurer’s fees, firefighting and medical supplies, repair and maintenance costs, training, utilities, vehicle fuel and capital expenditures. This District restricts a portion of its reserves to comply with TABOR. Forecast property tax income budgeted for 2026 is \$3,463 less than the amount forecast for 2025.

Medical Billing has provided \$25,040 income in 2025. This income, primarily from insurance, is used to finance needs of the Department.

The Department built a new brush truck in house in 2025 under budget.

Capital expenditures budgeted for 2026: beginning the necessary purchases to build a water tender with improved pump capabilities by mid-2027, ordering a chassis to upgrade an ambulance in 2027, obtaining improved communication capabilities, building a second new brush truck and making facility improvements to Station 1.

Budgetary Rules of Accounting

This budget is prepared on a cash basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded in the accounts where they are received, and expenses are recorded when expenditures are made.

The District

Southern Park County Fire Protection District is a political subdivision pursuant to the Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended. The District, located in Park County, Colorado, provides the following services: Firefighting, Fire Prevention, Emergency Medical and Rescue Services, and patient transport (as available).

_____/s/_____

Mike Smith, Board Chair

_____/s/_____

Michael Brandt, Treasurer