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2026 Annual Report for Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Program

To: Board of Directors, Truckee Tahoe Airport District
From: Crash Davis, Division Chief – Operations
Subject: Annual ARFF Report

ARFF Apparatus

The ARFF apparatus, designated E296, remains housed at TFPD Station 96 located on airport property and continues to serve in its specialized response role for aircraft emergencies and incidents involving Class B foam application. The apparatus remains operationally ready and strategically positioned to support emergency response operations at the airport.

As outlined in previous reports, E296 is no longer utilized as a front-line structural fire engine and is instead reserved for incidents requiring ARFF-specific capabilities. This operational model continues to reduce unnecessary mileage and wear on the apparatus while ensuring immediate availability for aviation-related incidents and specialized suppression needs.

The district continues efforts to maintain and supplement ARFF-specific equipment and operational capabilities while ensuring that front-line structural apparatus assigned to Station 96 remain properly equipped for daily emergency response activities.

TFPD is currently purchasing battery-powered extrication tools for E296 to further enhance aircraft rescue and emergency response capabilities. The addition of this equipment will restore rescue capabilities previously redistributed to front-line apparatus.

Training and Operational Readiness

TFPD continued annual ARFF training and preparedness activities throughout the year to maintain operational readiness and reinforce airport emergency response capabilities. This year's ARFF training curriculum included both classroom instruction and practical hands-on exercises conducted at the airport. Training topics included:

- Initial aircraft emergency response considerations, including aircraft identification, passenger counts, cargo concerns, and communications.
- Aircraft evacuation procedures and coordination with flight crews and airport personnel.
- Fire suppression priorities during aircraft incidents, including creation of escape routes and exterior fire control.
- Aircraft access and extrication techniques, including considerations related to pressurized cabins, aircraft construction, and tool selection.

- ARFF extinguishing agents and foam application techniques, including AFFF deployment methods and effective suppression strategies.
- Apparatus positioning, approach considerations, and pump-and-roll operations.

Following classroom instruction, crews completed practical field exercises on the airport tarmac utilizing simulated aircraft incident scenarios. These exercises focused on:

- Initial scene size-up
- Apparatus positioning and approach patterns
- Transition into high-pressure pump-and-roll operations
- Turret deployment and coordinated suppression while moving
- Maintaining continuous agent application during simulated rescue and suppression operations

The practical training emphasized coordinated movement, effective suppression tactics, and maintaining safe operational positioning around aircraft incidents.

Additional ARFF and airport coordination efforts this year included:

- Continued coordination with airport personnel regarding emergency operations and airport access considerations.
- Joint planning and communication efforts between TFPD and airport staff related to operational readiness and emergency response coordination.
- Continued familiarization training related to airport layout, movement areas, and response considerations.

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