



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Personnel

FROM: Fire Chief Burchett

SUBJECT: Finance Committee Meeting Update

The Unified Fire Authority Finance Committee met today to review the proposed FY 2026/2027 budget with the goal of forwarding a recommendation to the full Board for consideration at Tuesday's Board meeting. You may view the recording of the meeting [here](#).

The meeting went very well. Our section and division leaders represented the organization exceptionally well, and it was clear they dedicated significant time and effort to preparing thoughtful and thorough presentations. I want to thank each of them for their professionalism and hard work throughout this process.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Finance Committee voted to recommend the proposed budget, as presented, to the full Board. The proposed budget includes a 3.6% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for all employees, several targeted market adjustments, health insurance updates, and the proposed fire training center project.

Many of you may also be aware that today, the Mayor of Eagle Mountain publicly announced the city's intent to pursue leaving UFSA in the near future. While we have been engaged in early discussions with Eagle Mountain leadership, this was the first time this position had been stated publicly.

It is important to emphasize that Eagle Mountain leadership has repeatedly expressed that they are very satisfied with the service, professionalism, and operational capabilities provided through the regional fire service model. Because Eagle Mountain intends to remain part of UFA as a "direct member," any potential change resulting from its withdrawal from UFSA is not expected to have a significant operational or financial impact on UFA.

Under the current funding structure (member fee system), municipalities may participate either as direct UFA members or through UFSA, with essentially no change to the overall cost of service. The primary difference is simply how the funding is collected and administered. We have successfully navigated similar transitions in the past, including when Herriman and Riverton left UFSA in 2020. During that transition, no jobs were lost, and no reductions in service levels occurred.

We will continue working collaboratively with Eagle Mountain leadership toward an amicable resolution and a smooth path forward. Most importantly, I want to reassure all of you that UFA remains stable, strong, and well-positioned for the future.