

Fire Apparatus Assessment Committee Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2025 at 12PM
Carlisle Fire Station - 80 Westford St.

Attendees:

Eric Balles
James Catacchio
Scott Jamison
Travis Snell
Scott Triola
Bryan Sorrows (Fire Chief)
Matt Salad (Tecton Architects)

I. Fire Station Tour and Q&A

Chief Sorrows led a tour of the Fire Station and discussed role of each engine in different emergency response procedures.

Included in the tour of apparatus bays:

- Engines 3,4,5,6, Ladder 9
- Ambulance 1 (Ambulance 2 was out for repair)
- Carlisle 10 - Fire Command Vehicle
- Engine 1 (1931)
- UTV
- Decontamination equipment
- Various Fire Gear and Equipment

Included in the tour of outside storage:

- Engine 7 (secondary tanker)
- Engine 2 (1947)
- Hazmat Trailer
- Small Engine Trailer
- Boat and Trailer
- UTV

Committee members asked questions about the function of different apparatus, how the Fire Department attacks fires and the different strategies used of managing water supply given the lack of municipal water in Carlisle.

Committee members asked questions about managing and maintaining an on-call Fire Department and implications for the Fire Station renovation/addition project. Chief Sorrow reviewed the system used to mobilize on-call Firefighters in response to different emergency calls relayed through Dispatch.

Chief Sorrows discussed how fire apparatus and firefighter safety have evolved over the past 25 years and discussed potential future needs, including potentially supporting Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT).

II. Committee Member Updates and Next Steps

- Travis Snell had a call with MRI to discuss how they might support the FAAC in our analysis and recommendations. This will be discussed in more detail at our next meeting.
- Scott Triola will be meeting with Tecton's Community Engagement Specialist to discuss collecting community input to support the FAAC's recommendations. He will provide a debrief of this call and potential community survey questions examples at the next meeting.
- Chief Sorrows has provided Tecton with deployment data and this data will be shared with the FAAC as requested.

III. Meeting Schedule

- The next FAAC meeting will be held on Monday June 9 at 6:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15PM (Motion made and approved 4-0)

These minutes include all motions made and votes taken during this meeting.

Minutes taken and submitted by Scott Triola.

Minutes approved on June 9, 2025 (5-0).

Fire Station Tour Photos

Apparatus Bay – Gear and Ladder 9



Area Behind Fire Station and Engine 7 Location



Boat and UTV Storage Area



PPE and Other Equipment Storage Area

