

# Regional Fire Collaboration Update

May 21, 2025



# Direction from Feb. 6 Meeting

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- Directed managers to work together on:
  - Cooperation
  - Coordination
  - Efficiency
  - Effectiveness
- Explore full continuum of enhanced regional fire options, including further implementation of auto aid



# Interagency Working Group

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## Managers Formed a Working Group:

- City of Reno, City of Sparks, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and Washoe County Managers
- Reno, Sparks, and Truckee Meadows Fire Chiefs
- Weekly Meetings Started in February
- Emphasis on increased, productive Cooperation, Collaboration, Communication and Decision-Making



# Key Milestones Since Feb. 6

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Defined Scope of  
Regionalization

Agreed on  
Transparent Public  
Updates

Focused on Auto-Aid  
& Dispatch  
Alignment

Working on Drafting  
Regional Standard  
Operating  
Guidelines (SOG)  
Priorities

Testified on SB 319

Collaborating on  
RFP Items for Study



# Operational Priorities

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Closest Appropriate Unit(s)  
Dispatched Regardless of  
Agency or Jurisdiction



Standard Operating Guidelines  
Being Regionalized



CAD Upgrades (Hexagon)  
Central to Progress



Regional Response Models in  
Development



Working Toward Co-located  
Dispatch Centers

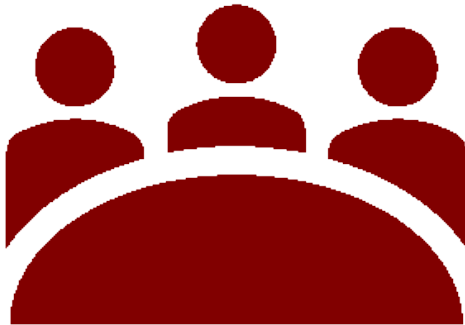


Focus on most Effective and  
Efficient Call Routing



# Operational Chiefs Subgroup

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## Focused on:

- Creating unified policies and joint training
- Developing emergency response logic models for auto-aid
- Determining response strings to achieve recommended NFPA standards for total personnel on scene numbers



# SB319

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Heard by Senate  
Committee on  
Government Affairs on  
3/28

Passed by Senate  
Committee on  
Government Affairs on  
4/11

Passed by Senate on 4/22

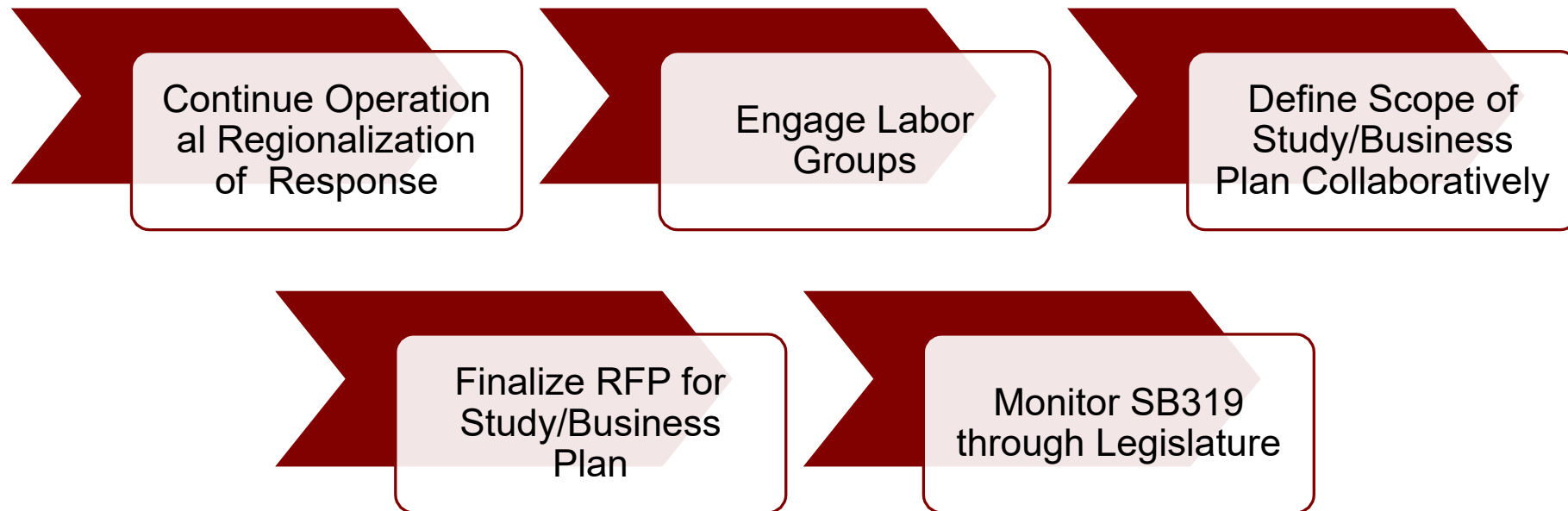
Heard by Assembly Committee  
on Government Affairs on 5/8

Passed by Assembly  
Committee on Government  
Affairs on 5/13



# Next Steps

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# Citywide Fire Emergency Evacuation Planning



# Wildfire Evacuation Preparedness Overview



Public Education



Evacuation Route Risk Analysis



Community Wildfire Protection Plan

# Community Outreach and Readiness

## Residents are encouraged to:

- Sign up for emergency alerts via RAVE-Smart911 and the Perimeter app.
- Prepare go-bags and complete evacuation checklists.

## Public engagement includes:

- Community events, presentations, and forums.
- Media campaigns and a dedicated evacuation preparedness video.



# Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

- In development with SWCA Environmental Consultants; targeted completion in early 2026.

## Plan includes:

- ✓ Risk Assessment
- ✓ Vegetation Mitigation
- ✓ Evacuation Planning
- ✓ Public Outreach Strategies to Support Readiness

# Data-Driven GIS Evacuation Planning



## Route Risk Analysis:

- Evaluates road conditions, connectivity, and neighborhood density

## Entrapment Risk Analysis:

- Assesses fuel loads and potential fire behavior along key corridors.



# Countywide Evacuation Study

Funded by a  
Private  
Donation

Led by  
Washoe  
County

Will Inform  
Evacuation  
Planning

Enhances  
Regional  
Safety and  
Coordination



# **Recommended Motion**

No motion required. For discussion only.

