

**2025 Annual Meeting Summary
CDH-Vergas Fire & Rescue
February 2, 2026**

The CDH-Vergas Fire & Rescue held its annual meeting on February 2, 2026, 7:00pm, at the Vergas Fire Hall.

Annual Fire Incident Report: 43 calls.

- Location of Calls: Hobart 52%, City of Vergas 30%, Candor 9%, Dora 9%
- Time of Calls: 67% 6am-5pm & 33% 5pm-5am
- Type of Calls: 27% (12) Structure fire, Grass Fire 16% (7) 9 % (4), Compost Fire and several types of calls with only 1 or 2 instances.
- Mutual Aid Calls: 16 (Pelican 31%), (Frazee 25%), Dent (19%), Perham (19%), (DL 6%) Support also provided to Bemidji for storm damage
- Fire Department fully staffed at 27/26 currently active
- Goals for 2026: start preparing for next new truck, raise truck fund, retain & recruit fire department members, & increase public fire prevention & awareness

Discussed need to replace retaining wall and lower parking lot. Bids obtained; estimated at \$50,000.00.

Solar installation opportunity & reviewed solar analysis noting cost after incentives \$23,500.00 and annual energy savings of \$5,100.00 with 30 year lifetime savings of \$149,661. Cash flow positive in 4 years 7 months. Will proceed to be on the RFP with the caveat can pull out of final project. It was noted there is roof replacement need on north part of fire hall. Shingles are 20 years old.

Annual Rescue Calls Report: 143 calls

- Location of Calls: Vergas 47%, Hobart 27%, Candor 19%, Dora 7%
- Time of Calls: 50% morning and 50% night
- Type of Calls: 22% lift/assist, 3% stand by for Fire Dept, and several with only 1-2 instances
- Mutual Aid Calls: 9 with Dent
- Fully staffed with at 18 members

Annual audit conducted January 28th.

- All required documentation reviewed
- Documentation found to be satisfactory with funds accounted for
- Julie Lammers new treasurer as of November 2025

Submitted
/es/ Julie Bruhn