

OFFICIAL STATEMENT,
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
APRIL 12TH, 2025

It is with deep regret that we announce the collective resignation members of the Vedauwoo Volunteer Fire Department, effective immediately.

This difficult decision comes after the Albany County Fire District #1 Board suspended both the Chief and the Assistant Chief based on unsupported claims, refused to investigate serious discrimination and harassment concerns that were brought forward by our members, and not allowing our department to respond to any calls within our own response area and assisting mutual area partners.

As dedicated volunteers who have always prioritized the safety and well-being of our community, we believe transparency, accountability, and mutual respect are essential to our mission. Unfortunately, under the current circumstances, we no longer feel supported or able to serve effectively in our roles.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the residents of Albany County and our partners for their trust, support, and collaboration over the years. Serving this community has been an honor.

At this time, the Vedauwoo Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will remain active in the community, but has plans to change its mission statement to best fit a wider demand. Our Facebook page will remain in the ownership and operation of the Auxiliary and will remain active as much as possible.

If you would like to express your opinion on this matter, you're welcome to come to the upcoming Albany County Fire District #1 Board Meeting on April 23rd at 5:30 pm at City of Laramie Fire Station #2 (1558 N 23rd St, Laramie, WY). You are also welcome to write a letter addressed to the board members to PO Box 2240, Laramie, WY 82073.

Thank you for understanding.

— The Members of Vedauwoo Volunteer Fire Department

