

FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
June 19, 2025
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Detzel called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. In attendance were:

Commissioners Detzel, Ragen, Schneider, Shewmaker and Kressel; Chief Rewis, Deputy Chief Lamb, Fire Marshal Simmons, Administrative Assistant Howard, Attorney Pringle. The Station 82 crew, four new employees and some of their family members were also in attendance for the first part of the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Cords

Amendments to the Agenda

Presentations/Awards – Chief Rewis swore in the four new firefighters, FFs Busbee, Coleman, Graham, and Robertson, and welcomed them to the District.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for May 2025 were presented for approval. Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Account balances at May 31, 2025 :

Operating Account: \$8,137,414.68 ; Impact Fee Account: \$691,685.20 ; C.D.A.R.S. Accounts:
\$4,500,000

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Chief's Report:

- Debbie and I just returned from the FASD annual conference. I received my CDM (Certified District Manager) certificate. It is always nice to get a refresher on the requirements we have as a special district.
- We have started working on the budget for this coming fiscal year. The June 1st soft numbers came out showing the district received a 3.27% increase. We will have the final numbers on July 1st.

- We have dates set for the negotiations for Local 1826 districts 18 and 20 on June 25, July 1st, and July 22nd. If we need more dates we will schedule them later.
- We will have an executive session after tonight's meeting. Please also plan for an executive session after July's meeting.
- All our employees finished the EVOC training on the new rescue unit. We have training from the manufacturer scheduled and we will be ready to place the unit in service anytime after the training is completed.
- We have received an offer to purchase Engine 83. We will discuss this under new business and review the options we have.
- We hosted a drone operator's class recently and 7 of our employees attended the class. They will still need to complete their FAA Part 107 test to be certified. This is going to be beneficial as we look forward to a drone program for the district to assist with brush fires, search and rescue, marine operations, and pre-planning within the district.
- The financial disclosure forms are due by July 1st through the Florida Ethics online system.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Chief's Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Prevention Division:

- New Construction: single family homes on Barcelona Avenue
- Current Construction: Buckingham 365 Phase 1 (Valencia Pointe); Hemmingway Pointe; Riverdale High School; Bluewave Carwash; Palm Beach RV and Boat Storage; River Hall multi-family homes; Culvers
- Revenues: The division billed \$25 for the month of May for one fire alarm acceptance test.
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association
- Education: Florida Incident Safety Officer; Remote Pilot Drone Operator
- Inspections: The division conducted 80 inspections for the month of May, including annuals and re-inspections.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Attorney's Report

- Attorney Pringle reserved comments for the new business items.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to accept the Attorney's Report. Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed.

Operations /Training Report

- Items of Interest: brush fire at RSW; Strike Team leader; IMT Division Supervisor; Water Day at Buckingham Exceptional School; flagpole dedication at Cascades in River Hall; Lee County EOC expansion completed
- Call Data: May 1st – May 31st = 184 call generating 215 vehicle responses; Jan 1st – May 31st = 994 calls generating 1,232 vehicle responses.
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Chiefs Association, Training & Ops group; EMS Protocol subcommittee, Training and QA Subcommittee; Florida Fire Chiefs Regional meeting; Officers' meeting; Water Rescue training/planning
- Training: Incident Command scenarios/transfer of command process; EMS in-service with Dr. Atiyeh, pediatric respiratory and seizures; water supply and delivery drills
- June Training: Overhaul & EVOC; Cardiac; Professional Development
- A-Shift Training: FF Dressel working on Engineers Task Book; Probationary Task Book with FF Busbee; Eng. Taylor in paramedic school; ropes and knots; Target Solutions; Eng. Austin Gee working on Acting Captain Task Book; forcible entry; FFs Salyers and Busbee drone operator class
- B-Shift Training: Target Solutions; FF Sackman in paramedic school; deck gun operations; pumping scenarios and hydrant spotting; Capt. Swindle college course; Probationary Task Book with FF Robertson; Eng. Mimbs drone operator class
- C-Shift Training: Eng. Peterson in paramedic school; Eng. Casey Gee working on FO2; pumping and first due engine ops; FF search and rescue; medical training with Chief Lamb; Capt. Clouse, Eng. Casey Gee & FF Graham drone operator class

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to accept the Prevention Report. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Public Input on Agenda Items - None

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Approval to request a credit card for Captain Washburn with a \$1,000 limit.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to approve requesting the new credit card. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

2. Approval to request an increase of Fire Marshal Simmons credit card limit from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to approve requesting the credit limit increase.

Commissioner Shewmaker seconded, and the motion passed.

3. Discussion of the 2017 E-One. Decide whether to keep it as a reserve engine or declare it surplus and begin the process of selling it.

Attorney Pringle discussed the procedure to sell the truck if the Board decides not to keep it in reserve after the new rescue truck is in service.

After some discussion, Commissioner Detzel made a motion to table the discussion until next month. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items: None

Comments from Commissioners: Welcome to the new employees. Thanks to everyone for your great work. Commissioner Kressel congratulated Chief Rewis for his CDM.

Adjourn

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.