

FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
May 15, 2025
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Detzel called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. In attendance were: Commissioners Detzel, Schneider, Ragen, Shewmaker and Kressel; Deputy Chief Lamb, Fire Marshal Simmons, Attorney Pringle, and Administrative Assistant Howard .

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Cords – Chaplain Cords was not in attendance.

Amendments to the Agenda - none

Presentations/Awards - none

Approval of Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Account balances at April 30, 2025 :

Operating Account: \$8,476,194.10 ; Impact Fee Account: \$718,518.67 ; 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

- I want to thank Deputy Chief Lamb for covering the meeting tonight while I am out of town.
- Fire Marshal Simmons and I are reviewing a new fire inspection program. This is budgeted and I will have more information for you at the next meeting.
- I received a letter of intent to negotiate from the Union Districts 18 and 20 and have provided some dates for their review. I am waiting for a response from them to schedule negotiations.

- The radio equipment has been installed on the new rescue truck. Once the manufacturer's training is complete and we complete our EVOC (Emergency Vehicles Operators Course) training, the unit will be ready to go into service.

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 Barcelona Avenue
- Current Construction: Buckingham 365 Phase I (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 \$255 for April – 1 Fire Flow Test (\$75), 3 Certificates of Occupancy (\$60 each)
- Meetings Attended: Arson Task Force; Lee County Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association
- Public Education: Water Day at Buckingham Exceptional School
- Inspections: Since January 1st, the division has completed 343 inspections.

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

Attorney's Report – Attorney Pringle updated the Board on current and potential future legislative actions affecting special districts. There is nothing that requires Board action at this time.

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

Operations / Training Report

Operations

- Items of Interest: Vehicle vs. pedestrians (B-Shift, Captain Swindle); Strike Team leader; IMT Division Supervisor; new employee orientation – all are now credentialed EMTs following testing by Dr. Atiyeh; PR event at Sonshine Christian Academy; three employees currently in paramedic school will graduate soon and three more will start school in August

- Call Data: April 1st – 30th – 216 calls with 248 vehicle responses; January 1st – April 30th – 810 calls with 1,017 vehicle responses
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Chiefs Association; EMS Protocol subcommittee and QA Subcommittee; FPL – training director and plant manager to coordinate future training; NFM – ISO/Vector
- Training: incident command scenarios/transfer of command process; EMS in-service with Dr. Atiyeh, traumatic injury scenarios; FEMA O-305 – All Hazards Incident Management 40 hour class; Live Fire training at the Fire Academy

Training Report

- May – 1 pre-fire plan per Captain and crew; SOG review - #25, #32; Water Supply and Delivery; Allergic Reactions; Vehicle Extrication & HAZMAT
- A-Shift: FFs Gross and Dressel in VMR Tech; FF Dressel working on Engineer Task Book; Probationary Task Book with FF Busbee; Engineer Taylor in paramedic school; North Lee Co-op training; ropes and knots; Target Solutions; Engineer Austin Gee working on Acting Captains Task Book; forcible entry
- B-Shift: Target Solutions; FF Sackman in paramedic school; deck gun operations; pumping scenarios and hydrant spotting; elevator rescue training; FFs Juarez and Sackman Rope Ops class; Captain Swindle college course; Probationary FF Task Book with FF Robertson; Live Fire training; Engineer Mimbs finished Acting Captain's Task Book, waiting for time requirement
- C-Shift: Engineer Peterson in paramedic school; Engineer Casey Gee working on Fire Officer 2; FFs Beauchamp and Floyd VMR Tech; Live Fire training; pumping and first due engine ops; FF search and rescue; victim removal down ladders; medical training with Chief Lamb

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

Public Input on Agenda Items - none

Old Business

1. Motion to approve updated Fire Marshal job description.

After review by Attorney Pringle, Commissioner Ragen made a motion to approve the updated job description. Commissioner Detzel seconded, and the motion passed.

New Business

1. Motion to assign fund balance to specific reserve lines for fiscal year 2024-2025.

522.901 Facilities – rebuild Station 82/facility improvements \$3,139,000

522.902 Engines – replace current apparatus \$1,500,000

522.903 Heavy Rescue/Boat/Brush Truck/Rescue \$525,000

522.904 Equipment \$600,000

522.905 Staff/Utility Vehicle \$100,000

522.906 Personal Protective Gear \$92,000

522.940 Disaster Fund \$950,000

522.950 Three Month Reserve \$1,675,000

522.960 Sick and Vacation Payout Fund \$300,000

522.965 Cancer Presumption Legislation (for co-pays) \$100,000

522.970 Post Employment Insurance for current retirees \$300,000

522.970 Post Employment Insurance for current employees \$200,000

522.980 Unassigned Budget Reserves \$9,476

Commissioner Detzel made a motion to approve assigning the fund balance as specified.

Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

2. Motion to approve automatic assignment of all unused “Unassigned Budget Reserves (line 522.980) remaining at 9/30/25 to the “Facilities” reserve line (line 522.901).

Commissioner Schneider made the motion, Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed after amending the motion to correct a typo.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items - none

Comments from Commissioners Thanks to everyone.

Adjourn

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.