

**FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
January 15, 2026
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Cords

Amendments to the Agenda - None

Presentations/Awards - None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for November 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 December 31, 2025 :

Operating Account: \$11,602,956.65 ; Impact Fee Account: \$669,051.30 ; 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 DC Lamb for running the meeting tonight while I attend the Florida Association of Special Districts Legislative Week in Tallahassee. We will be talking to our legislators about the bills that would affect the district and give them our thoughts on possible issues.
- I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! We ended 2025 with an increase in calls over 2024. DC Lamb will review the data in his report.
- Everyone had a great evening at this year’s banquet. It is always nice to enjoy time with each other and our families while we recognize our employees for all the work and dedication they put in throughout the year.

- I attended the FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act) class in Deland Florida. This was a great class; I learned a lot of good information.
- We have been notified that our ISO (Insurance Services Organization) inspection is due. This is an inspection of the district and review of our training records, maintenance records for hydrants, ladders, apparatus pumps, etc. This can affect the insurance costs to our residents. We are beginning to gather the requested information and will have the site inspection in the next few months.
- Meetings Attended: Rotary weekly meetings, Lee County Fire Chiefs, Lee County Fire Marshals and Inspectors, Lee County BIA meeting, FASD – Legislative Week, River Hall CDD, Region 6 Communications Group
- Education: ISO Inspection update class, FLSA class

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

Prevention Division Report

- New Construction: single family homes on Barcelona Ave., Storage King
- Current Construction: Buckingham 365 Phase I (Valencia Pointe), Hemmingway Pointe, Palm Beach RV and Boat Storage, River Hall multi-family homes
- Projects Completed: BluWave Car Wash, Sherwin Williams, Culvers
- Revenues: the division billed \$348 for the month of November and \$959.18 for the month of December
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association
- Education: started AS degree classes
- Inspections: the division conducted 4 inspections for the month of December.

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

Attorney's Report

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

Operations / Training Report

Operations:

- Items of Interest: 2026 annual training plan, Strike Team Leader, IMT Division Supervisor, annual PPE cleaning and inspection, Radio updates (encryption)
- Call Data: November = 210 calls / 256 vehicle responses; December = 209 calls / 217 vehicle responses; January 1st – December 31st 2025 = 2,633 calls / 2,793 vehicle responses
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Chiefs Association Operations Group, Regional Medical Care Council with Dr. Atiyeh, Golisano's STARS program, Lee County EMS QA, Training and Procol subcommittees, NERIS rollout
- Training: EMS – Airway Emergencies and year-end stats with Dr. Atiyeh, Vector Solutions Learning Management System, rope rescue scenarios, ISO Rating for Fire Depts

Training Report

- All shifts continue to participate in various functional training and circuit style workouts. Daily and monthly training/tasks for all shifts - vehicle inspections and maintenance, SCBA/PPE checks, and Vector Solutions.
- A-Shift: Airway training, FF Dressel in paramedic school, in-service with Dr. Atiyeh, Probationary Task Book with FF Busbee, training for air consumption drill, various skills training with Probationary FF Busbee to finish up month 8
- B-Shift: Probationary Task Books with FF Robertson and FF Coleman, Capt. Swindle 215-330 class, pre-fire plans, SOG review, FF Robertson Paramedic National test, Capt. Pledger paramedic school, FF Juarez Acting Driver completed, confined space training at Station 82, air consumption drill
- C-Shift: FF Floyd paramedic school, training collaboration with Tice FD for Search Ops and Rope Ops, FF search and rescue, station maintenance, air consumption drill, SOG review

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 - None

New Business

1. Assign reserves to budgeted lines and automatically assign all unassigned reserves remaining at fiscal year end to the facilities line.

2025-2026 Approved Budget Reserves

Facilities	\$3,725,000
Engines	\$1,600,000
Heavy Rescue/Boat/Brush Truck/Rescue.....	\$625,000
Equipment	\$700,000
Staff/Utility Vehicle	\$100,000
Personal Protective Equipment	\$125,000
Disaster Fund	\$950,000
Sick and Vacation Payout	\$300,000
Cancer Presumption Legislation	\$100,000
Post Employment Insurance (OPEB)	\$500,000

Commissioner Detzel made a motion to assign the reserves to the lines as approved in the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget, and to automatically assign any remaining unassigned reserves to the facilities line at fiscal year-end. Commissioner Schneider seconded, and the motion passed.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items - None

Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Ragen – Everyone is doing a great job. Thanks to everyone.

Commissioner Detzel – Hopes everyone had a good holiday and that 2026 is a great year.

Commissioner Schneider and Commissioner Shewmaker – Thanks and Happy New Year.

Commissioner Kressel – Looking forward to 2026 and happy about where we are heading, especially having paramedics.

Adjourn

Commissioner Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.