

**FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE & RESCUE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
November 20, 2025
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Commissioner Detzel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance: Commissioners Detzel, Shewmaker and Ragen; Chief Rewis, Deputy Chief Lamb, Fire Marshal Simmons, Attorney Pringle, Chaplain Cords, and Administrative Assistant Howard. Commissioners Schneider and Kressel were not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Cords

Amendments to the Agenda: Old Business – M.O.U. clarifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement’s Longevity article

New Business – Declare old Hurst Tool surplus and authorize disposal

Presentations/Awards: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for October 2025 were presented with one clarification of the expenditure for equipment on the chief’s new staff vehicle. The minutes specify Lightning Wireless, but the approval was for the total not a specific vendor. Lightning is only one of the vendors we are using. Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to accept the minutes with the clarification. Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report

Account balances at October 31, 2025 :

Operating Account: \$5,466,289.08 Impact Fee Account: \$722,730.70 C.D.A.R.S. Accounts: \$4,500,000

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

Chief’s Report:

- We have started our annual financial audit.
- The concrete has been poured under the pole barn, and everything looks great. They are going to come back and create a ramp on the front with asphalt material. This will prevent damage to

the pad when equipment is pulled in or out. We will also have the electrical work completed soon and expect everything to be completed within the approved limits.

- Tractor Supply submitted our district for a Hometown Heroes grant and we received a donation of \$500 from the local store. Deputy Chief Lamb, Station 82 Captain Poulton, Engineer C. Gee, Firefighter Beauchamp and I received the check and the crew remained on site for a few hours handing out public relations items and letting the residents and kids see the apparatus.
- Ready Rebound services are live and all employees have been advised of the services provided and how to request assistance if needed.
- We are going to upgrade 4 of our Sierra Wireless units to newer 5g capable units through a discount program with Verizon. We will pay for the units and then receive a credit on our wireless bill for part of the cost.
- I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving!
- Meetings Attended: Rotary, Lee County Fire Chiefs, Lee County Fire Marshals & Inspectors, Lee County BIA, Lee County Delegation meeting, River Hall CDD

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

Prevention Division Report:

- New Construction: Single family homes on Barcelona; Storage King
- Current Construction: Buckingham 365 Phase I (Valencia Pointe); Hemmingway Pointe; Palm Beach RV and Boat Storage; River Hall multi-family homes; Culvers
- Projects Completed: BluWave Car Wash; Sherwin Williams
- Revenues: The division billed \$187 for October
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association
- Education: Started working on my associate's degree; Fire Combustion and Behavior; Fire Sprinkler class
- Public Education: Prevention Day at Publix; River Hall Elementary Prevention Day for over 300 kids; Sonshine Christian School; Little Dreamers day care
- Inspections: The division conducted 39 inspections for the month including annuals and re-inspections

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

Attorney's Report

- Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Operations / Training Report

Operations:

- Items of Interest: Audit, asset management/inventory; Strike Team Leader; IMT Division Supervisor; multiple public education events – Crossroads, Franklin Locks, Tractor Supply
- Call Data: October 1st-31st = 222 incidents generating 268 vehicle responses; January 1st – October 31st = 2,118 incidents generating 2,311 vehicle responses
- Meetings Attended: Lee County Fire Chiefs Association Training Group; Regional Medical Care Council with Dr. Atiyeh; Golisano STARS program; LCEMS QA, training and protocol committees
- Training: EMS – OB lecture and skills review; Vector Solutions Learning Management System; rope rescue scenarios; Pediatric Champions

Training Report

- November/December – 1 pre-fire plan per captain and crew; Review and Refresher – forcible entry and ground ladders, water supply and delivery; Advanced Scenarios and Evaluations – complex EMS scenarios combining multiple skills, multi-discipline drills integrating EMS topics; Target Solutions; SOG review; Capt. Pledger, FF Dressel, FF Floyd, FF Robertson in paramedic school
- A-Shift: training at the new storage building; Eng. A. Gee began working as an Acting Captain; FF Busbee, Probationary Task Book and 6-month eval and practical test; Capt. Washburn, Swiftwater Tech; Capt. Washburn, Eng. Janey, Eng. A. Gee, Safety Officer class
- B-Shift: FFs Robertson and Coleman, Probationary Task Books and Rope Rescue class; FF Juarez, Incident Safety Officer and Acting Engineer Task Books; Capt. Swindle, Level A Instructor; Standpipe Training at storage units
- C-Shift: Capt. Clouse, FF Schumacher, FF Beauchamp, Health and Safety Officer class; Volunteer FF bimonthly training; FF search and rescue; medical and high-rise training with DC Lamb; FF Graham 6-month eval and testing

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

Public Input on Agenda Items - None

Old Business

1. Review and Approve Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) with Local 1826 clarifying Article 14.3 Longevity to mean years of service in FRS Special Risk, with prior service at other agencies counting at the rate of 1 year of service credited for every 2 full years completed.

Commissioner Detzel made a motion to approve the M.O.U. Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed.

New Business

1. Election of Officers: Mr. Pringle reviewed the requirements and the process.
Commissioner Detzel made a motion to re-elect the same officers as last year: Commissioner Detzel – Chair, Commissioner Schneider – Vice Chair, Commissioner Ragen – Secretary/Treasurer. Commissioner Ragen seconded, and the motion passed.
2. Approval to cancel the December meeting if there is no urgent business.
Commissioner Ragen made a motion to approve cancelling the December meeting if there is no urgent business. Commissioner Detzel seconded, and the motion passed.
3. Approval to purchase budgeted Airway Trainer mannequins: Pediatric and Adult for a total of \$13,000
Commissioner Ragen made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded, and the motion passed.
4. Declare Hurst Tools, which have been replaced, surplus and approve their disposal and removal from the asset list. This was the first set of eHydraulic tools we purchased in 2019 and the remaining value of each piece is less than \$5,000, and they will be used as a trade-in on the new tools. We will keep one tool with an original cost of \$6,690 which we can use with the new set. The total original cost of the items being removed is \$43,035, inventory #00016.

*****Clarification noted at January meeting** – *The original cost of the set of tools included several items that are not now considered capital because they cost less than \$5,000 and are not specific to the tool set, including chargers, mounting brackets and accessories which are replaced as needed and are interchangeable with other tool sets. It also includes items which were considered capital when purchased because they cost more than \$1,000, including 2 Junior Engine Combo at \$2,905 each, one 4 slot charger - \$1,450, and one air hammer master*

accessory kit for \$2,690. The other items included in the total being declared surplus are the following: Cutter - \$10,260; Spreader - \$10,410, Ram - \$7,320.

Commissioner Ragen made a motion to declare the items surplus and authorize disposal under FS 274.06. Commissioner Shewmaker seconded, and the motion passed.

Public Input on Non-Agenda Items: None

Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner Ragen: The guys are doing a great job. Happy Holidays!

Commissioner Detzel: Thank you everyone, Happy Holidays!

Commissioner Shewmaker: Happy Thanksgiving!

Adjourn

Commissioner Shewmaker made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Detzel seconded, and the motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.