

**Board of Fire Commissioners
Fire District No. 1
330 Stillwells Corner Road
Freehold, NJ 07728**

Regular Meeting

April 14, 2026

Chairman A.J. Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7:03pm, and led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were A.J. Story, Michael Fogarty, John Toutouchi, and Jonathan Dunberg. Phil Engel was absent. Board Secretary, Jaime Story, joined the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2026 meeting.

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Fogarty read the April 14, 2026 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$300,000.00 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$293,389.44

Second: Mr. Toutouchi

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Legal: N/A

Buildings: N/A

Insurance: N/A

Chief's Report: Frank Santore reported on the following:

- March fire statistics were not available at this time, but Chief Santore will email details.
- Six members will be attending co-op for field day.
- 80 is going out for repairs May 4th and 95 will come to District. Other truck maintenance is also being planned.
- Captain Celano is working on getting AEDs for firehouse. Chairman Story received the quote for the equipment. Brush truck is recommended to have an AED since it is in the middle of the woods alone sometimes. Fifteen apparatus would cost ~\$26,000.
- Mr. Fogarty confirmed paper vouchers are still being accepted, along with emails.
- Mr. Toutouchi inquired about paying for CPR classes. If a member fails mandatory training more than once, do we require reimbursement back to department? Will be discussed in executive session.

President's Report: President Matt Greco reported on the following:

- Three new applicants are waiting for member meeting; two were sent applications, so membership has been strong.
- Mr. Toutouchi asked if the website has a question about how new applicants heard about the department. President Greco will look into adding an option to website.

Old Business:

- Mr. Toutouchi is waiting for an email to sign up for co-op, then Sonitrol will send pricing options for cameras.
- Truck committee met before the meeting with Pierce. Looking at pumper with 750 gallons, no foam, same as 76 cab, and side mount pump. Will meet with additional companies for quotes. Reach out to Chairman Story for further specs.
- Physicals – Need to make a decision on Associate and Junior members completing physicals. Maybe they go their own doctor or we hold a night for everyone to complete them at the firehouse, especially the blow test. The department does have three juniors who did come in and not get physicals yet. Chairman Story will talk to Mr. Braslow to get information about other firehouses and their physical procedures.

New Business:

- I Am Responding – Chief Santore was questioned about why the commissioners were removed from the program by Captain Celano. Mr. Fogarty ended up being the only one affected, as Mr. Engel remained due to being a fire marshal. In the new SOGs, the officers wrote that only active members would remain. Mr. Fogarty is an Associate member.

When diving deeper, Mr. Santore said a memo was sent by the new fire marshal for Monmouth County, Craig Flannigan. This memo supposedly states that private information should not be shared outside of active members. No official word has been issued about what Sheriff Golden wants in regards for IAR and 360. Everything at this point is hearsay, and we can't be making decisions this way. Mr. Fogarty is very upset over this decision and feels it's a mark against Chief Santore for allowing his Captain to make such a decision. No changes should be made to IAR without commissioners' approval, as it's funded by the board. Mr. Fogarty will be added back to IAR per Chairman Story. The SOG needs updated and re-approved next meeting.

Audience: N/A

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 7:51pm.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 8:33pm)

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg
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