

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

Regular Meeting

September 9, 2025

Chairman AJ Story called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 6:05pm and led the flag salute. Roll call was taken, and the Commissioners present at the meeting were AJ Story, Michael Fogarty, Phil Engel and Jonathan Dunberg.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to go into executive session for personnel matters at 6:06pm.

Second: Mr. Engel

4-0 all in favor

(back from executive at 6:41pm)

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2025 regular meeting.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Fogarty read the September 9, 2025 Treasurer's Report into record.

Motion was made by Mr. Fogarty to transfer \$75,000 from Ocean First Money Market to Ocean First checking and to pay the bills in the amount of \$70,938.97.

Second: Mr. Dunberg

Roll call vote: 4-0 all in favor

Buildings: Commissioner Engel is in receipt of two quotes to repair the bay ceiling for approximately \$2,000. He is also in receipt of two quotes to replace the entire ceiling for \$16,500 or \$19,900. The Board discussed and decided to repair the ceiling this year.

Insurance: Commissioner Dunberg had nothing to report.

Chief's Report: Chief Craig Haas reported the following:

- Last rig for pm is 95;
- 87 out for repairs;

- 79 came back with another issue;
- Pump testing and ladder testing will be next.

Commissioner Story inquired as to why 79 is not being taken out of service. Chief Haas explained that 80 just came back, and they don't want to send 79 out before 80. Once he gets a definitive answer about taking 79 out of service, he will let the Board know.

President's Report: (no one present to report)

Old Business:

- Commissioner Fogarty updated the Board that there needs to be a Teams meeting to have a conversation about the SCBA's.
- Commissioner Story reported for Commissioner Toutouchi:
 - Thank you 68 for assisting with everything the past couple of days. Thank you 67 and 66 for putting time in their schedule to get their cars done. All cars should be done by today.
 - Truck installs will begin in 2 weeks (waiting for confirmation) so let Commissioner Toutouchi know who the point of contact will be from the officers. We are assuming 68, but let us know. It will all be done at district.
 - Policy that was approved by Board Attorney-Mr. Braslow needs to be signed by all members who will drive a district vehicle. The deadline is set for 9/20, at which time all the trucks should be done. If not signed, then they cannot drive apparatus. Commissioner Toutouchi will have a list by that deadline.
 - Cameras are forward-facing recording only. Waiting on admin login credentials for dashboards to start learning it. The motion sensor (interior) is missing the cap that goes with the camera, so East Coast is working on that. Everything else is configured/programmed as we talked about.
 - OPRA requests have always been available to the public for fire calls/reports. Nothing has changed. Officers do not need to OPRA if they need access to cameras for their own investigation or for training purposes.
 - CAD system synced with GPS on apparatus is not an option at this time. Let's figure out the system, and we can look into that at a later time. This is a learning tool for ALL of us. We are all still learning it and figuring it out. We caught the recording on the inside mistake, and we are fixing it.
- Gear update was reviewed—two sets of gear not needed.
- Captain Mike Celano gave a RedNMX update. He is uploading and sorting through the data. He will let the Board know if he needs help. The county will give it a week with East Freehold to see if it works and let us know.
- Commissioner Story noted that the Billings lawsuit will be dropped, because they waited three years to act.
- Chief Haas said the extrication class is locked at 30 people, and there is a waiting list. Commissioner Fogarty noted that Mr. Braslow did review the contract.

New Business:

- Board did not object to the Laura Donovan carwash for either 9/20 or 10/4.
- Commissioner Story will be attending the Wildwood event and will also attend the Commissioner meeting while he is there. Captain Celano asked about looking into lights that they have in order to back into the bay.
- Commissioner Fogarty reviewed the budget with the officers and suggested monthly budget discussions to the end of the year and being conscious of what is going to be purchased. Chief Haas suggested a bucket truck sensor to avoid any potential, expensive repairs.

Audience: (none)

There being no further business, Mr. Fogarty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

Second: Mr. Engel

4-0 all in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Dunberg, Secretary

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