



PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA

FLORISSANT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

6:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting

2606 US Highway 24, Florissant, CO 80816

1. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by: Jim McGovern at 6:00pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance – completed.
- Roll Call of Board Members present: Jim McGovern, Paul del Toro, LeAnne Spicer, Mark Harter (Rich Krochta excused absence)

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Approval of Meeting Minutes: Monthly Board 4/15/2026 Minutes, motion by Mark Harter, second by Paul del Toro, Vote 4-0 approved.

3. Public Comment

- Terry Scott: does FFPD have a key to the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument west gate lot? (Chief Moon will address). Asked about FFPD generator status (completed purchase), and his March 17 email regarding *Florissant First!* The FFPD Board did receive Mr. Scott's email, appreciates the information, and is responding by email back to him (Jim McGovern action).

4. Chief's Report (April 2026)

- 47 FFPD calls in April (18 EMS, 11 Fire, 18 Other), logged 400 volunteer hours, 206 staffing hours
- 302 training hours: numerous FFPD volunteers are progressing in Wildfire Academy, 5 FFPD officers completed Leadership Training.
- FFPD provided fire extinguisher course at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument.
- Facilities: preparing FFPD facilities for the July Pancake Breakfast.
- Teller County Pine Needle & Pine Cone collection is in progress at FFPD May 20-23.
- Slash chipping dates scheduled in early June (full), some open spots for August & September.
- Engine 53 is still out of service (damaged valve from SD deployment); waiting for parts, all repairs are being paid for by South Dakota fire authority from deployment.
- FFPD gained 8 new volunteers in April, total 79 FFPD team members now.
- Averaged 6.4 FFPD members per call. FFPD has responded to all calls since 2023.
- Fire Corps Report (Terri Churchill): 2 new members in Fire Corps, FFPD Spring Open House a big success (100+ attended, \$2,899 net proceeds). FFPD Fire Corps is on FLO-GEO (Heritage Day) planning committee with Pancake Breakfast on July 25, booth for Florissant First! at Donkey Derby Days parade on June 27.

5. Old Business

- FFPD Spring Flyer – status provided by Mark Harter and Paul del Toro. The 2-page Spring flyer was completed in 11”x17” format, double sided, color. Focused entirely on the *Florissant First!* project to inform the FFPD community on first responder needs, revenue shortfall, priorities, and current options for consideration. Printed and mailed out on 5/19/2026 to all FFPD residents.
- Grant Updates: FFPD is fortunate to have received 3 successful grant awards so far in 2026, out of 6 applied for (3 are still TBD).
 - EMTS Grant: Vicky Collings & LeAnne Spicer summarized, \$35K grant awarded with \$35K FFPD match (total \$70K) for EMS vehicle.
 - FY27 CDS Fire Hydrants: Mark Harter announced that FFPD was awarded the \$200,000 FY27 Congressional Directed Spending (CDS) grant by U.S. Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet. This grant is for design, purchase, installation of 10 new fire hydrants in Florissant’s expanding urban growth area on the Hwy 24 and Teller 1 corridors. Partnership with Florissant Water & Sanitation District (FWSD), collaboration with Colorado School of Mines for Capstone Design support. Kickoff meeting on 5/21 at FFPD with PPACG and FWSD participation. FFPD will receive grant money in early-mid FY27 (January 2027) pending appropriations approval by Congress which begins in June 2026.
 - Mitigation Grant: FFPD received a \$15K grant for FFPD mitigation (purchased 4 new chainsaws, wildland crew tree cutting on USFS selected and marked trees). This is a 95% grant with 5% match achieved with in kind services. Jan Franke is leading this FFPD grant project.
 - Information Technology (IT) SIPA Grant: FFPD applied for \$10K computer network enhancements, improved cyber security, no match required, waiting for award announcement. Paul del Toro is the grant lead for this project.
 - FFPD (Chief Moon lead) has applied for several PPE grants, slip-on tanker grant.
 - FEMA just released 2 major grant programs with application period from May 19 - June 22, 2026. These include the FEMA \$291M Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG), and \$324M for Staffing Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants. Chief Moon and Mark Harter are reviewing and evaluating if FFPD is eligible for these grants.
 - Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG): annual forum chaired by Karen Rowe on 4/19 covering Colorado state & federal grants, guidance, application opportunities. Good information for next round of grants. Mark Harter & LeAnne Spicer attended virtually and provided a summary to the FFPD Board and Fire Chief. Unfortunately, Karen Rowe’s position as PPACG Regional Director is being eliminated in October 2026.
- Update on FFPD Seasonal Wildfire Position Staffing (new Engine Boss). Chief Buchan announced this week that Dex Luedecke has been selected to serve as the new FFPD wildland fire coordinator. He has strong experience as a firefighter, Engine Boss, retired from USFS, and is currently working with the US Army on wildfire protection training and programs. He will be working as a volunteer wildland fire coordinator initially, with the possibility of taking the open Engine Boss position when his current work contract is completed. With this progress, Chief Buchan has paused the search for a new Engine Boss.

- FFPD Audit Update: Treasurer LeAnne Spicer provided an update on the FFPD audit effort required by State of Colorado since our FFPD is over \$1M. The audit firm (Biggs Kofford) has provided a draft report with good information, observations, and recommendations. FFPD is reviewing the draft and providing comments and additional information in preparation for the final Audit (expecting July 2026).
- Capital Reserve Account(s): At the April 2026 FFPD Board meeting, the FFPD Board approved a separate capital reserve bank account to facilitate FFPD capital reserve investments. This is to practice long-term savings and investment options for FFPD capital needs not implemented by previous FFPD Boards. Tonight's Board discussion focused on the capital reserve funding & use procedures with a high yield account that produces guaranteed interest. More discussion will follow future FFPD Board meetings when the FFPD 2026 Audit is completed. FFPD Board will draft an initial Capital Reserve plan for consideration (LeAnne Spicer).

6. New Business

- Implementing a Capital Campaign. The FFPD Board has observed the need to establish, develop, and implement a strategic long-term capital campaign for continued FFPD investment and modernization. This could be in conjunction with the *Florissant First!* initiative, timing is important for community involvement. Motion by Jim McGovern to stand-up a Capital Campaign Exploratory Committee to evaluate FFPD capital campaign options. Second by Paul del Toro, Vote 4-0 approved.
- Donation Giving Levels: Discussion on how to best implement donations with motivational tools and levels such as name recognition, wall Board, bricks. Possible levels are metals (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Platinum, etc); precious stones (Diamond, Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald, etc); or fire-related levels (Dalmatian \$500, Rookie \$1000, Firefighter \$2,500, Driver \$5,000, Lt \$7,500, Captain \$10,000, Chief \$25,000, Lifetime \$50,000). This will be considered by the Capital Campaign Exploratory Committee.

7. Board Reports

- **Florissant First! Report**: FFPD had considerable engagement with the community during the Spring Open House (April 11) with an information table, flyers, and 4 new posters with *Florissant First!* information, graphics, tables, priorities. FFPD Spring 2026 Flyer has been sent out to 4,000+ FFPD residents this week with FFPD needs, priorities, revenue options. Board needs to identify dates for FFPD Public Work Sessions in June 10, 6pm @ FFPD.
- Secretary's Report: Completed April 2026 Board minutes, drafted and posted May 2026 Board agenda. Drafted, coordinated, and completed the FFPD Spring 2026 Flyer. One CORA request completed in April (Toni Moore).
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer LeAnne Spicer summarized the FFPD Balance Sheet, Bank Accounts, Accounts Receivable, Assets, Liabilities, Budget vs Actuals, Property Tax

Receipts. Treasurer Spicer accomplished significant reformatting of these reports to make them clearer and understandable for Board use and public transparency.

- Committee Reports

- Budget: No activity this reporting period.
- Technology: Exploring possibility of FFPD Intranet, but cost prohibitive (\$375/month).
- Water Resources: coordination with FWSD on 10 proposed fire hydrant locations. Chief Buchan sent out a request to FFPD subdivisions on 4/14/2026 for assistance in identifying rural water source information (water access, availability, cisterns, pond reservoirs).
- Policy: No activity this reporting period.

Agenda Items Next Board Mtg 6/17: Fire Station Architecture – UTAP; Capital Reserve Draft Plan (LeAnne Spicer), Capital Campaign (& Donation Levels).

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm. Motion by Jim McGovern, second by LeAnne Spicer, Vote approved 4-0.