



PUBLIC NOTICE

AGENDA

FLORISSANT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 17, 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

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Approval of Meeting Minutes: Monthly Board 5/20/2026 Minutes, motion by Mark Harter, second by Paul del Toro, Vote 5-0 approved.

3. Public Comment

- Kimberly Brier and Mark Chase (Indian Creek). Question on who declares Teller County burn ban? FFPD stated that the TC BOCC is the authority for all burn bans, with decisions based partly on the weekly fuel moisture sampling data from FFPD, NETCO, and 4 Mile FPD. FFPD displayed the latest weekly fuel moisture test data which continues to show dry conditions of undergrowth and very high-risk wildfire conditions. FFPD pointed out that the fire chiefs can only provide recommendations to the BOCC and Fire Warden, which they have done.
- Don Moore (Indian Creek). Suggested that FFPD Board go speak with TCSO and BOCC about frustrations with burn ban issues. Mr. Moore attended the monthly Mountain Pine Beetle task force at TCSO 6/16; 15 action groups including Science & Research group, and Fire Risk & Management; July 26 is next meeting, suggested to ask Dan Williams for possible participation.
- Mark Harter (CME). For public information - CORE will remove trees that are potential risk and obstruction to power lines at CORE expense. CORE will cut the tree down, stack the wood, at their expense.

4. Chief's Report (May 2026)

- Chief Buchan introduced Dex Luedecke, the new FFPD wildland fire coordinator.
- 62 FFPD calls in May (27 EMS, 12 Fire, 23 Other), logged 350 volunteer hours, 215 training hours. FFPD averaged 5.4 responders per call in May 2026 (above the national average).
- Facilities: preparing FFPD facilities for the July Pancake Breakfast; roll-off dumpster coming in.

- FFPD Risk Reduction & Mitigation (Jan Franke): Teller County Pine Needle & Pine Cone collection completed at FFPD May 20-23, filled 4 dumpsters, 62 drops participated. 2 HIZ assessments completed in May by FFPD. Slash chipping completed in FFPD district June 2-7; 431 slash piles chipped. Additional slash chipping dates scheduled with some open spots for August & September.
- FFPD had 3 wildfire deployments in May (Nebraska, South Dakota, Florida).
- Engine 53 and Tender 53 are both back in service.
- Chief Moon went to Salt Lake City to check out the new tactical tender, which is on track to be completed by J&J Custom Fire at FFPD for the Heritage Day on July 25.
- FFPD has 35 volunteers, 29 Fire Corps, 12 Wildland Fire Crew, total staffing is 76 people.
- Fire Corps Report (Terri Churchill): FFPD Fire Corps is on FLO-GEO (Heritage Days) planning committee with Pancake Breakfast on July 25, booth for *Florissant First!* at Donkey Derby Days parade on June 27.

5. Old Business

- FFPD Audit Update and Draft Report: Treasurer LeAnne Spicer provided an update on the FFPD audit effort, which is effort required by the State of Colorado since our FFPD is over \$1M. The audit firm (Biggs Kofford) provided a draft report in May with positive information, observations, and recommendations. FFPD is expecting the final Audit in July 2026.
- FFPD Fire Station – UTAP Architecture Concept progress & questions. Mark Harter briefed the status and progress of the UTAP fire station architecture concept, with 3 items of interest. First, the Board is open to consideration, as an option, to build the new station to the west of the FFPD Fire Hall (instead of to the north). This is due to the 60' waterline easement that runs through the center of FFPD which has potential obstruction issues. The helipad would need to be moved to the north part of the FFPD property. This is a benefit to Ute Pass Regional Ambulance District (UPRAD) for better ambulance access to helicopters. Also, helicopter pilots have previously indicated this is actually a preferred location due to better clearance, less obstructions, and more runway availability for take offs with a larger patient on board. 2) This west-side fire station location concept also has potential for 2 possible drive-through bays (closest to Hwy 24), which is advantageous for high response vehicles. UPRAD CFO (Tim Dients) has offered use of their parking area for drive-through emergency response fire station use. 3) Paved parking spaces can continue around the current Fire Hall, and grass parking on the north property parallel to Hwy 24. Mark Harter is going to set up a meeting with FFPD, Chief Buchan, and UTAP-Denver to cover this discussion.

6. New Business

- Accept donation for Fire Engine purchase. Prospect Foundation (Mary Barrowman) is giving FFPD another donation, this time for \$30,000 for a fire engine. Motion by Mark Harter to accept the donation for \$30,000 to be used for purchase of a fire engine; second by LeAnne Spicer, Board approved vote 5-0.

- Purchase a Type 3 Fire Engine. Amador County (CA) has offered an opportunity for FFPD to purchase their Type 3 Fire Engine, 2001 model (decade newer than current Type 3 at Station 53, Indian Creek), for \$22,500. This fire engine would be used for FFPD deployments without stripping FFPD of current apparatus and assets for local response. It will require some new equipment, goal is to have it operational by Heritage Days, July 25. Rich Krochta made a motion for FFPD to purchase and equip the engine for up to \$30,000; second by LeAnne Spicer; Board approved vote 5-0.
- Approve applying for 3 FEMA grants (Fire Act FY 2026-2027). 1) Tender (\$240K, 90%-10% grant, FY27); 2) Fire Safety (\$35K, 100% grant); 3) Recruitment & Retention (1 full-time employee training officer, tiered \$350K grant for 3-4 years, deployable position). Chief Buchan requested letters of endorsement for these 3 grant applications (eg, BOCC?). Motion to move forward with all 3 grant applications by LeAnne Spicer, second by Rich Krochta, approved 5-0). As a side note, Paul del Toro is setting up a meeting for Chief Buchan with Todd Leopold from Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) to discuss available DOLA grants for FFPD.
- Wildland Incident Reimbursement Compensation & Deployment Policy. FFPD has learned significant information from the last 2 years of Wildland Fire Crew planning and operations. This proposed FFPD policy establishes compensation rates, deployment expectations, and reimbursement procedures for FFPD volunteer personnel assigned to cooperative wildland fire incidents and other reimbursable emergency incidents. It allows FFPD to back-fill seasonal paid positions while paid employees are out on deployment, at a paid rate per the stated policy. Motion by Mark Harter to approve the Wildland Incident Reimbursement Compensation & Deployment Policy, second by Rich Krochta, Board approved vote 5-0.
- Accidental Death & Dismemberment Policy. This is a budgeted annual renewal (1-year term) effective June 30, 2026. Motion by Paul del Toro to renew the Accidental Death & Dismemberment Policy, second by Rich Krochta, Board vote 5-0.

7. Board Reports

- **Florissant First! Report:** FFPD had community engagement with a Public Work Session on June 10 at FFPD, with main discussion on overall property tax disparity between north and south sections of the FFPD district. During the June 17 Board meeting, the Board discussed the Teller County schedule to get a ballot on the 2026 General Election (Nov 3). FFPD needs to notify the TC Clerk & Recorder with an Election Resolution and appointed Designated Election Official (DEO, Vicky Collings) by July 24, 2026 (this can be adopted at the FFPD Board Meeting on July 15). An Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) must be signed by Aug 25. The preliminary Ballot Issue wording is due to Teller County Clerk & Recorder by Sept 2 (or ASAP). Paul del Toro will be the Assistant DEO with Vicky Collings as the primary DEO.

- Secretary's Report: Completed the May 2026 Board minutes, drafted and posted June 2026 Board agenda. There were no CORA requests in May, and no currently open CORA requests in progress.
- Treasurer's Report: Treasurer LeAnne Spicer summarized the FFPD Balance Sheet, Bank Accounts, Accounts Receivable, Assets, Liabilities, Budget vs Actuals, Property Tax Receipts. July will be our last large property tax deposit of the year. Monthly deposit amounts will drop off quickly after July.
- Committee Reports
 - **Budget**: No activity this reporting period. Will be meeting in July for initial CY27 budget.
 - **Technology**: SIPA IT Grant board meets in July; announced in August.
 - **Water Resources**: coordination with FWSD continues on the FY27 CDS Grant for proposed 10 fire hydrants. Chief Buchan sent out a request to FFPD subdivisions and POAs on 4/14/2026 for assistance in identifying rural water source information (water access, availability, cisterns, pond reservoirs), awaiting subdivision and POA responses. FFPD needs MOUs for subdivision access to water for 24 hours. (Magnuson, Forest Glen, B-Lazy M, Wilson Lakes,) DFPC needs these ASAP.
 - **Policy**: No activity this reporting period.
 - **Capital Campaign**: Paul del Toro summarized the start-up of the capital campaign committee, which will explore a strategic long-term capital campaign for continued FFPD investment and modernization. Important aspects are organization, timing, community engagement. Looking at possible donation levels for Pancake Breakfast (posters, flash-drive scrolling screens).

Agenda Items Next Board Mtg 7/15: TC Ballot intent vote; Fire Station Architecture – UTAP; Capital Reserve Draft Plan (LeAnne Spicer).

8. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm. Motion by LeAnne Spicer, second by Paul del Toro. Vote approved 5-0.