



PUBLIC NOTICE
MINUTES
FLORISSANT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
6:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting
2606 US Highway 24, Florissant, CO 80816

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1. Call to Order at 6:05pm by LeAnne Spicer.
 - Pledge of Allegiance – Completed.
 - Roll Call of Board Members: Present were LeAnne Spicer, Mark Harter, Rich Krochta; virtual on-line Jim McGovern.
 - Honoring FFPD Board Director Paul del Toro. The FFPD Board honored Paul del Toro, FFPD Board Vice President, who passed away on July 17, 2026, with a special tribute. Board Director Mark Harter read a tribute for Paul's outstanding community service and unwavering support to FFPD over the last decade. The FFPD Board announced a Star Name registration with Paul's name; his star is located in the handle of the Big Dipper where it can be seen all year round in the Northern Hemisphere. Other Board Directors provided memorial comments for Paul including Jim McGovern, LeAnne Spicer, Rich Krochta, Chief Buchan, and other residents in attendance. Afterwards, Sue del Toro, Paul's wife, expressed great appreciation for the outpouring of community support during this difficult time. FFPD is currently seeking applications for Paul's Board vacancy position (due by September 9, 5pm), and intends to select his replacement at the September 16 FFPD Board meeting.
 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - A motion was made to approve the July Monthly Board Meeting Minutes (7/15/2026) by Mark Harter, second by Jim McGovern, Board vote approved 3-0 (Rich Krochta was absent for the 7/15/2026 Board meeting). A motion was made by Mark Harter to approve the FFPD Special Board Meeting Minutes (8/10/2026), second by Rich Krochta, Board vote approved 4-0.
 3. Public Comment
 - Robin North, member of FFPD Fire Corps. Appreciates FFPD community greatly and the tribute made to Paul del Tor with his Star Registry recognition.

4. Chief's Report (July 2026)

- 63 FFPD calls in July (15 EMS, 31 Fire, 17 Other), logged 519 volunteer hours, 109 training hours (4 training nights). 22% of the FFPD response calls in July were mutual aid to other FPDs in the area.
- FFPD emergency response call volume continues at record pace with 423 calls to date (total calls in 2025 were 518), on pace for 600-700 calls in 2026. 10 responders have 100+ calls year to date; LeAnne Spicer achieved 300 calls year to date.
- There was an RV fire loss in the District on July 30; FFPD responded and contained the fire to the structure, \$30,000 loss.
- Facilities: FFPD added another CONNEX trailer for Fire Corps logistics supplies.
- Apparatus: all vehicles were in service in July; awaiting delivery of the Tactical Tender. FFPD had a very busy month for deployments and vehicle mileage with 16,453 miles, every FFPD vehicle in inventory was used in July.
- Vicky Collings and Mike Bukowski are in the field portion of their training for their Paramedic internship.
- FFPD Risk Reduction & Mitigation (Jan Franke): The FFPD 2026 Mitigation grant was completed in August with a total reimbursement of \$12,977 for work completed in Twin Rocks. FFPD slash chipping was conducted in August (39 residents, 368 piles, 7 subdivisions, 160 chipping hours) and is scheduled again for October (some open spots still available). Sign up at mitigation.coordinator@florissantfire.com. September 14-21 is another Pince Needle/Pine Cone drop off at FFPD.
- Fire Corps Report (Terri Churchill): FFPD Fire Corps completed a highly successful FLO-GEO (fka Heritage Days) on July 25. The FFPD Pancake Breakfast had approximately 900 people, 83 volunteers, and volunteers from CC FPD, 2 Mile High Donkey Club. The auction had 197 items making \$5,987. The Pancake Breakfast donations totaled \$33,924 proceeds, expenses were approximately \$4,239, with net profit \$29,685. FFPD Burrito Sale on Labor Day Monday, Sept 7. Sept 11-12 is FFPD Flea Market (10-4pm). A huge Thank You to Fire Corps volunteers and Terri Churchill.
- FFPD had numerous wildfire deployments in July and has had 27 deployments so far in 2026. These deployments provide essential firefighting services to save communities, provides FFPD real-world training opportunities, and generates deployment revenue to FFPD, with 100% home district coverage as a priority.
- FFPD has 34 operations volunteers, 29 Fire Corps, 12 Wildland Fire Crew, total staffing is 75 people. Added another Engine Boss for the Wildland Firefighters.
- Donations: An extremely generous donation of \$400,000 was made to FFPD by Mary Barrowman of the Prospect Foundation, to be used towards new facilities at Station 51. The Board is extremely appreciative to Ms. Barrowman and the Prospect Foundation for their generous support to FFPD over the last 2 years.



5. Old Business

- FFPD current Deployment Status (Firefighters, Apparatus, Coverage); follow-up on public question from FFPD Special Board Meeting (8/10/2026). Both FFPD and 4 Mile FPD have very solid and successful wildfire deployment programs. The FFPD 2026 goal for deployment net revenue is \$100,000, which we've already surpassed. Current FFPD revenue for DFPC billing (receivables) year to date is \$514,000 from 27 deployments. DFPC is inundated with reimbursements state-wide, so like last year (2025) deployment revenue income will not be received until late 2026 and early 2027. In order to make deployment money, FFPD first pays for all deployment expenses (vehicles and labor), and is then reimbursed by DFPC. FFPD has a good deployment reputation nation-wide, and is frequently by-name requested for wildfire deployment support in bordering states.
- Discussion of draft General and Capital Fund Tracking Policy. Purpose is to separately monitor General & Capital Funds (required for all FPDs). This new policy covers how FFPD daily operating money (General Fund) is tracked separately in compliance with general appropriations, and to guarantee that money meant for equipment, trucks, for equipment, trucks, and buildings (Capital Fund) is legally protected and tracked correctly. This includes Restricted, Designated, and Impact Fee tables and categories; and it delineates the process for tracking, control, and movement of funds with Board visibility and approval. Note: FFPD has 5 accounts at 3 different banks. Jim McGovern made a motion to approve the General and Capital Fund Tracking Policy, second by Rich Krochta, Board vote approved 4-0.

With the General and Capital Fund Tracking Policy now approved, there is an FFPD need to cover \$200,000 for deployment expenses until DFPC reimburses FFPD. Proposed solution is to transfer \$200,000 from the designated Capital Fund to the General Fund, with understanding that the Capital fund will be eventually reimbursed once DFPC revenue is received. FFPD District Administrator Vicky Collings concurs with this approach. Motion by Jim McGovern, second by Rich Krochta, Board Vote approved 4-0.

6. New Business

- Request to surplus Tender 51 and sell to the public. Tender 51 is 27 years old and has major repair issues (needing \$55,000 immediate critical repairs to be road

worthy). Chief Buchan is requesting to surplus Tender 51 with offer for sale to the public, beginning bid \$3,500. Some equipment will be scrapped off Tender 51 before sale (radios, hoses, etc). This will leave FFPD with only 2 Tenders for operations, until the Tactical Tender is received. Jim McGovern motion to allow Chief Buchan to surplus, second by Mark Harter, Board vote approved 4-0.

- Discuss Special District Association (SDA) – Annual Conference, Sept 15-17. FFPD is a member of Colorado SDA, which covers over 3,000 special districts. This annual conference is a very informative event in which 1,000+ SDA members convene to collaborate during 40+ sessions. The conference fee is \$415 in-person, \$175 virtual. Networking success is important among FPDs for grants, programs, etc. This is already in 2026 budget for Board Training (\$1,000; \$880 left). Mark Harter will check with SDA on possible scholarship to cover the registration cost.
- Discuss and decide on FFPD Fall Newsletter. Purpose is to inform and educate the FFPD taxpayers on the *Florissant First!* ballot initiative in November. Jim McGovern discussed with legal counsel on limitations of Board input; FFPD can put out an informational newsletter as long as it includes pros and cons of the ballot initiative. Estimated newsletter cost is \$3,000, which is not budgeted. The newsletters are limited to those who live in the FFPD (need non-resident mailing list from Assessor site). District Administrator Vicky Collings will check on TC policy to use the district Property Owners list for a newsletter. Mark Harter will research the cost and draft a 1-page (double side) tri-fold pamphlet. Further discussion at September Board meeting.

7. Board Reports

- **Florissant First!** Report. The Board provided a summary of the ballot resolution decision (Aug 10 Special Meeting) for a proposed 3.2 property millage increase, voter approval is required in November 2026 election.
- Secretary's Report. Drafted, completed and posted two FFPD Board Meeting agendas (July 15, August 10). Drafted, completed, and posted two FFPD Board Meeting Minutes. There are no open CORA requests.
- Treasurer's Report. FFPD financials are on track and in good shape relative to the CY2026 budget. \$1,154,426.27 in total bank accounts. Accounts receivable is \$514,535.70 (deployment revenue from DFPC). Accounts payable is \$133,371.46. Full Treasurer's Report is available upon request.



- Committee Reports (Budget, Technology, Water Resources, Policy, Capital Campaign)
 - Budget: starting the draft CY27 budget on Monday Aug 24. There will be 2 draft budget proposals (one with mill levy increase, the other without mill levy increase) submitted to Board by Oct 15.
 - Technology: Corresponding with Phoenix Technology Group for possible IT service and support to FFPD.
 - Water Resources: FY27 CDS Grant (\$200K) for new fire hydrants is still on track, currently in Congressional appropriations discussions. FWSD is engaged with the Colorado School of Mines for the Capstone fire hydrant design project.
 - Policy: drafted the General and Capital Fund Tracking Policy; discussed, reviewed, and approved at 8/19 Board meeting.
 - Capital Campaign: the initial goals of the Capital Campaign have been met with the implementation of the Capital Fund and new policy.

Possible September topics: Newsletter, STR, Impact Fees, Tender bids.

8. Adjournment at 8:27pm. Motion to adjourn by Mark Harter, second by Rich Krochta, Board vote approved 4-0.