



FLORISSANT FIRE RESCUE
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**Spring 2026
Edition**

Greetings FFPD neighbors and residents!

This is an abbreviated 2026 Spring Florissant Fire Rescue flyer with some important updates; more details will be included in the full Summer FFPD Newsletter in July.

2026 – A Big Year for FFPD: Florissant First!

With the unseasonably warm, very dry, windy winter in Colorado this year, FFPD has already set new mission operations records for January 1 – April 30, 2026:

FFPD Records set in first 4 months of 2026!

218 emergency response calls

9 FFPD wildfire deployments (CO, SD, WY, NE)

31 Red Flag days in Teller County so far

These are all record numbers outpacing 2025, indicating the extreme wildfire risk potential for the rest of 2026. Why are they so important to you and your property? We all need to be proactive with property mitigation and wildfire preparations to protect our families and community.

The ***Florissant First!*** initiative resets the FFPD by replacing old aging emergency response facilities, vehicles, and equipment with newer, more capable infrastructure and fleet to meet Florissant district demands for today and into the future.

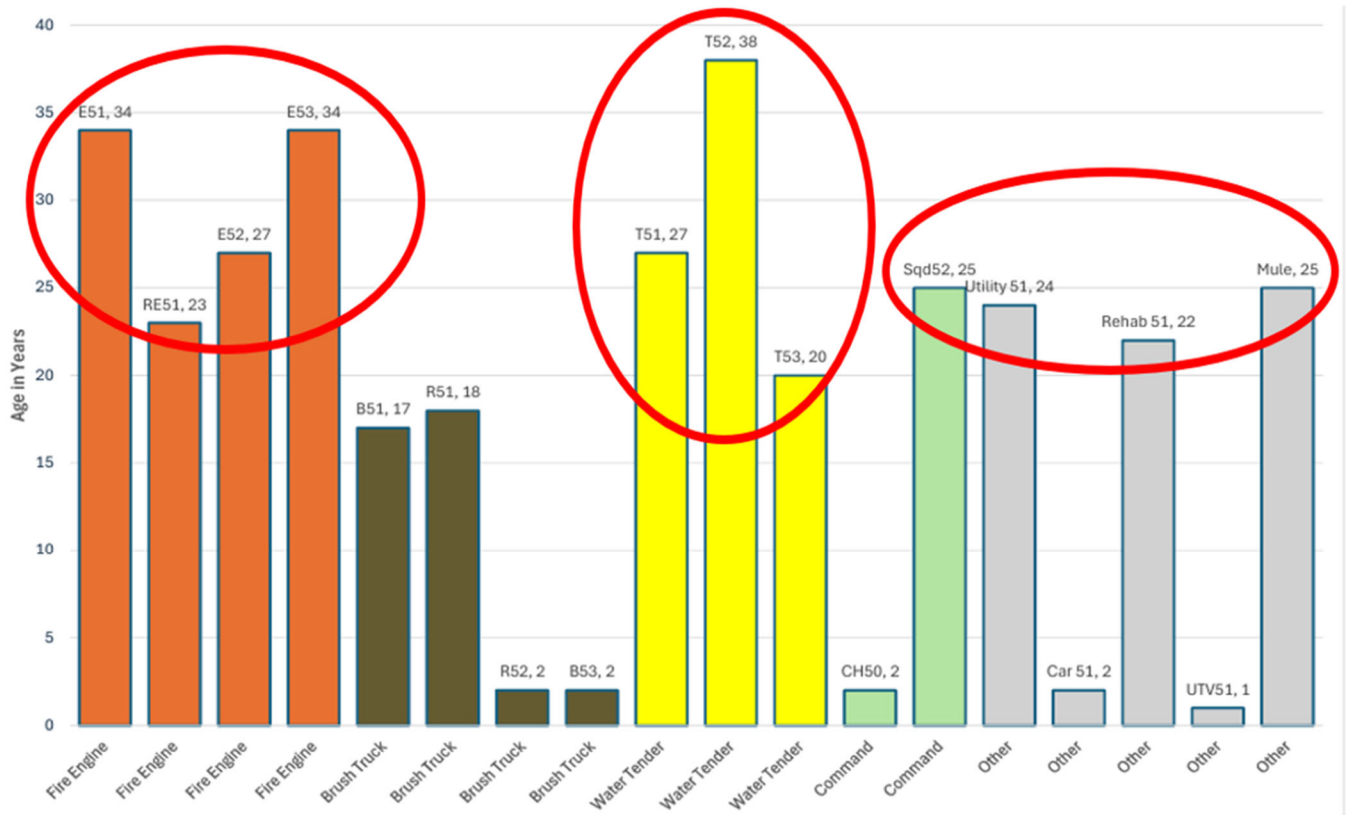
Florissant District Growth Is Stressing FFPD Resources

- Florissant has had major urban population growth, there are now 23 Subdivisions in the FFPD!
- FFPD had a record emergency response call volume of 518 calls in 2025; outpacing this rate in 2026
- Large STR community & congested Hwy 24 / Teller 1 crossroads add safety demands to FFPD
- FFPD needs to replace 3 Fire Engines, 2 Water Tenders, 3 Rescue/Brush Trucks, new Fire Station
- Infrastructure: FFPD facilities are over-crowded, FFPD stations can't fit modern fire trucks in bays
- Vehicles: FFPD has the ***oldest*** emergency response vehicle fleet in TC; high end of life & repair costs
- Water Supply: limited water availability for fire suppression in tough mountain terrain
- High Costs for training, equipment and supplies have risen 15-30% annually in last 5 years
- Initial Fire Station cost estimates vary based on architecture, type, site prep, construction, match grants

What Needs To Happen To Address This Growth?

Priority	FFPD Capital Item	Cost	Status
1	Station Phase 1 - New Bay Expansion *	\$ 400,000	need taller doors; deeper bays; exhaust control; floor drains
2	Tender - replace Tender 53	\$ 300,000	20 yrs old; 850,000 miles; turbo is near failure;
3	Engine - replace Engine 51	\$ 460,000	34 yrs old; pump is near failure
4	Engine - replace Engine 53	\$ 460,000	34 yrs old; limited water capacity; valves failing;
5	Station Phase 2 - New Living Area *	\$ 400,000	to allow 24/7/365 staffing
6	Brush/Rescue - replace Rescue 51	\$ 150,000	18 yrs old; \$26,000 in repairs last year
7	Tender - replace Tender 51	\$ 300,000	27 yrs old; frame failed DOT inspection
8	Engine - replace Engine 52	\$ 460,000	27 yrs old
9	Brush/Rescue - additional Type 6	\$ 150,000	for wildland fire attacks
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* Assumes matching grant



FFPD Average Engine age 29 yrs old; Avg Water Tender age 28.3 yrs old (Tender 53: 850,000+ miles)

Do you want 34-year old emergency response vehicles with 850,000+ miles responding to an emergency on YOUR property?

FFPD capital needs are significantly out-pacing current Revenue

- FFPD hasn't increased property tax millage rate for **22 years, lowest FPD rate in Teller County**
- Grant opportunities are significantly reduced due to Federal & State level changes
- The FFPD Board has been very busy exploring several funding & recapitalization options, with significant **public involvement and support** at open community forums & FFPD Board meetings.
- Increasing the **property tax millage rate** is the most straight-forward & common Fire Dept funding source. Cost Benefit Analysis shows this is the least expensive & most cost-effective approach for FFPD taxpayers with a 4-point millage increase to cover FFPD capitalization needs. This can be implemented all at once, **or** in a 2pt + 2pt increase over 2 years.

1 mill provides \$97K/year revenue to FFPD at taxpayer cost about \$30.60/yr for average property with a value of \$500,000

- Municipal Bonds are another option: bonds provide somewhat quicker FFPD equipment acquisition, but creates long term debt (20+ years) for FFPD taxpayers, requires property tax millage increase to cover the bond debt, and voter approval (Nov 2026).
- Hybrid Millage-Bond approach combines both options; but this also creates long-term taxpayer interest debt, and requires voter approval (Nov 2026).
- **All options requiring a tax increase must be approved by the voters (November 2026)**

Florissant First!

The solution to ensuring safety and emergency response in the Florissant District is implementing the **Florissant First!** initiative. **Florissant First!** provides:

- **Improved FFPD emergency response times with new, reliable equipment & vehicles**
- **Improves Insurance Services Office (ISO) ratings, which leads to better home insurability and potentially lowers property insurance premiums**
- **FFPD capitalization effort significantly reduces the current high maintenance expenses associated with old aging FFPD apparatus repairs**

Please join us for upcoming FFPD Board Meetings and Public Forums to continue developing this initiative and educate the community on needs and receive public ideas and input.

May 20, Wed	6-8pm	FFPD Board Meeting	FFPD Station 51, Florissant CO
-- TBD --		Public Work Session Forum	-- Location TBD --
June 17, Wed	6-8pm	FFPD Board Meeting	FFPD Station 51, Florissant CO
July 15, Wed	6-8pm	FFPD Board Meeting	FFPD Station 51, Florissant CO
Aug 19, Wed	6-8pm	FFPD Board Meeting	FFPD Station 51, Florissant CO
-- TBD --		Public Work Session Forum	-- Location TBD --
Sept 16, Wed	6-8pm	FFPD Board meeting	FFPD Station 51, Florissant CO



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Mark Your Calendar!

Florissant Fire Rescue
~ Pancake Breakfast ~
July 25th, 7 a.m.-11 a.m.

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Don't Forget FFPD Pancake Breakfast!

Kick off Florissant Heritage Days with the FFPD Pancake Breakfast on July 25, 2025 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Station 1, located at 2606 Hwy 24 in Florissant. Breakfast is open to the entire Teller County community and donations are appreciated.

FFPD Board Meetings are the third Wednesday of every month at 6pm at Station 51. The FFPD Board of Directors serve 2 or 4 year terms.

- Jim McGovern, President
- Paul del Toro, Vice President
- LeAnne Spicer, Treasurer
- Mark Harter, Secretary
- Rich Krochta, Member at Large

We gladly accept donations!

- All Donations are tax deductible
- Old vehicles for training
- Houses or structures to be destroyed for training
- Items (new please) or gift certificates for the Pancake Breakfast silent auction
- Building materials (lumber, etc.) to build props for use in training
- And cash, of course