

Secretary of the **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**
FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

September 14, 2026

The Meeting was called to order by James Lauro, Vice President, at 7:00 PM.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence for all the deceased fire fighters.

ROLL CALL

Vincent Vinci	Present
James Lauro	Present
E. Paul Percussi	Present
Nick Panetta	Present
Russell Bucco	Present
Robert DeBold	Present
Cathy Morello	Present

This meeting is being held in conformance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Notice has been given to the newspaper and notice of the meeting has been posted in public places. Next open public meeting of the Commissioners will be held on October 5, 2026.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Vincent Vinci)

As September 11th passes, we are reminded of a defining day in our history—one that touched countless lives. This year marks the 25th anniversary.

Let us pause to reflect and honor the memory of those who were lost, as well as the families and loved ones forever affected

MINUTES from the August 10, 2026 MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED

A Motion was made by James Lauro to accept August 10, 2026, minutes, second by Nick Panetta. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Nick Panetta)

<u>Total Receipts for the Month of August 31, 2026</u>	<u>\$10,227.76</u>
<u>Total Disbursements for the Month of August 31, 2026</u>	<u>\$137,096.22</u>
<u>Total in Money Market for the Month of August 31, 2026</u>	<u>\$359,203.70</u>
<u>CD Investment as of August 31, 2026</u>	<u>\$284,350.73</u>
<u>Total in Checking Account for the Month of August 31, 2026</u>	<u>\$126,293.48</u>
<u>Total in Payroll Account for the Month of August 31, 2026</u>	<u>\$122,472.00</u>
<u>Total Cash on Hand as of August 31, 2026</u>	<u>\$892,319.91</u>

A Motion was made by Paul Percussi to accept the Treasurer's Report, second by James Lauro. All in favor.

FIRE PREVENTION (Russell Bucco) for the month of August 2026

• <u>Business Inspections</u>	<u>27</u>
• <u>Certificate of Occupancy</u>	<u>42</u>
• <u>Violations/Penalty</u>	<u>9</u>
• <u>Permits</u>	<u>2</u>
• <u>Knox Box</u>	<u>1</u>
• <u>Order to Pay/Penalty</u>	<u>0</u>

A Motion was made by Paul Percussi to accept the Fire Prevention Report, second by Russell Bucco. All in favor.

INSURANCE (Russell Bucco)

The Workers' Compensation insurance policy renewal administered by Acrisure, LLC will provide coverage for the period beginning September 1, 2026, and ending September 1, 2027. The renewal reflects a premium increase of \$594.00.

The Group Insurance renewal administered by Acrisure, LLC includes Property & Casualty and Accident & Sickness coverage for the period beginning September 1, 2026, and ending September 1, 2027. The renewal reflects a premium increase of \$897.00.

The combined premium increase for the referenced insurance renewals is \$1,491.00.

A Motion was made by Nick Panetta to accept the Insurance Report, second by Paul Percussi. All in favor.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: (James Lauro)

1. Two of our members are scheduled to use the hall. All paperwork is complete and approved.
2. Viking Pest Control completed routine pest-control maintenance for the building.
3. New Jersey American Water is scheduled to replace the building's water meter.

A Motion was made by Nick Panetta to accept the Building and Grounds Report, second by Paul Percussi. All in favor.

JOINT DISTRICT TRAINING GROUNDS (James Lauro)

1. The balance in the checking account as of August 31, 2026, is \$5,173.97.
2. The padgenite panels are installed, and the burn room is ready for training.

A Motion was made by Nick Panetta to accept the Training Grounds and Joint Districts Reports, second by Russell Bucco. All in favor.

DISTRICT CHIEF (Robert DeBold)

1. Fire & Safety repaired the (DEF) Deisel Exhaust Fluid system on truck #497. We are still waiting for the annual service.
2. Car #504: Changed the engine oil and filter, then completed a full vehicle inspection.
3. Fire Prevention Week scheduling is underway for local schools and daycares.
4. The 2025 Right to Know submission was completed and submitted to the State of New Jersey.

A Motion was made by James Lauro to accept the District Fire Chief's Report, second by Russell Bucco. All in favor.

FIRE COMPANY's CHIEF'S REPORT AND ENGINEERS' REPORTS (Will Smith)

Chief Smith reported there were a total of 27 Fire Calls, 1 Drills, and 4 Extra Drills and 270 man Hours spent for the month of August 2026. All engineer's reports were done and handed in.

A Motion was made by Paul Percussi to accept the Fire Company Chief's Report, second by Russell Bucco. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE (Cathy Morello)

The new bookkeeping software, QuickBooks, has been installed and is fully operational. New checks compatible with the updated software have also been received.

The October meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026.

The Fire Bureau will be closed on Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Old Business

Nothing to Report

New Business

Nothing to Report

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Any questions or concerns? A motion was made to close meeting.

A Motion was made by James Lauro at 7:06 pm to close the Meeting, seconded by Nick Panetta. All were in favor.



E. Paul Percussi
Secretary of the Board