



**Fire Rescue Advisory Committee  
City of Fort Lauderdale  
March 20, 2023, 6pm  
City Hall  
100 N Andrews Ave  
Fort Lauderdale Fla. 33311**

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Cumulative Attendance 3/2023-2/2024</b>	
		<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
William Brown, Chair	P	1	0
George Farrell	P	1	0
Carlos Lang	P	1	0
Jacquelyn Scott	P	1	0

**City Staff**

Garrett Pingol, Acting Fire Chief  
Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Chief, Liaison  
Carla Blair, Prototype, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Roll was called and a quorum was determined to be present.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Ms. Scott nominated Mr. Brown for Chair, seconded by Mr. Lang. In a voice vote, Mr. Brown was elected Chair unanimously.

Chair Brown nominated Ms. Scott for Vice Chair and Mr. Lang nominated himself. Ms. Scott and Mr. Lang discussed their qualifications.

Committee members agreed to postpone voting on a Vice Chair until their fifth member was appointed or until something changed.

### **NEW BUSINESS – Meetings and Agendas**

Chief Bacic reviewed the Power Point presentation given to the City Commission regarding the function this Committee would serve. It would include members from different backgrounds to bring different viewpoints to the Committee. Chief Pingol agreed that having a variety of people on the Committee would allow their messages to carry weight. Chair Brown reminded everyone that they were not policymakers and would not be involved in operations or contract negotiations. Ms. Scott said their role was advocacy and communication.

Chair Brown wished to discuss their goals and agenda for the next meeting, including: a presentation on the progress of the Five-Year Strategic Plan; a presentation on pre- and post-COVID Response Times; reports on 911 issues.

Chair Brown said there would be a City Commission conference meeting next month involving all City agencies regarding special events and the traffic issues they created. He noted this affected response times. Chief Pingol agreed special events had cascading good and bad impacts and required proper funding and staffing.

Mr. Farrell wanted to hear staff's input about what the City Commission needed to hear. He believed that delayed response times were not coming from the Fire Department but from external factors. Chair Brown said this would tie into the Strategic Plan, regarding where additional stations were or should be planned. Chief Pingol agreed to provide a presentation on response times or any other information they needed.

Chair Brown asked if a member of the strategic communications team could attend every meeting. Chief Pingol agreed that either someone from that office or his Public Information office would be available. Ms. Scott stated the Communications to the City Commission they sent with their recommendations would have a huge impact.

Chief Bacic recommended Committee members read the Standard of Cover accreditation documents, describing response. He said these documents would be updated soon for their re-accreditation process.

Committee members discussed their meeting schedule and Chief Bacic reported the only day available to them was the third Monday of the month, but they could select a different time. He agreed to find out if the conference room was available at 3:00 PM or 4:00 PM. Committee members agreed their meetings should be televised and Chief Bacic agreed to find out.

Discussion returned to response times and Chief Bacic said the accreditation process included self-assessment, which allowed them to ask questions related to industry best practices, identify challenge areas, and find a path forward.

Chair Brown requested a future presentation on the Mobile Integrated Health program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE: Monday April 17, 2023 at 3:00 P.M.**

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

Minutes prepared by J. Opperlee, Prototype, Inc.