



Fire Rescue Advisory Committee
City of Fort Lauderdale
June 9, 2025, 1:00 P.M.
Fire Station #2
528 NW 2 Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

Committee Members	Attendance	Cumulative Attendance 1/2025-12/2026*	
		Present	Absent
William Brown, Chair	A	4	1
Dr. Amanda Chalfant	P	4	1
Frederick Nesbitt	P	5	0
Dennis Ulmer, Vice Chair	P	5	0

** Cumulative Attendance reflects meeting participation as of January 2025, as confirmed by the Office of the City Attorney.*

City Staff

Stephen Gollan, Fire Chief
 Garrett Pingol, Deputy Fire Chief
 Robert Bacic, Deputy Fire Chief, Liaison
 Jason Miller, Fire Marshal
 Keith Costa, Union President

Others

Jamie Prototype Inc.

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ulmer at 1:03 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was determined to be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 14, 2025

Motion made by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Ms. Chalfant, to approve the April 14, 2025 minutes as corrected. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- o **Strategic Plan for the FRAC in 2025-2026**

Deputy Chief Bacic confirmed that the Plan had been submitted to the City Commission for their review; Chair Brown was present to answer any questions they may have had.

Mr. Nesbitt inquired whether there would be tracking mechanisms to gauge progress on a periodic basis. Chief Bacic stated that the Department would provide reports on a regular basis. Chief Pingol clarified that information could take different forms based on the objectives; data-driven reports would be provided where possible; updates on achieved benchmarks, as well as subjective feedback will also be provided as appropriate.

Discussion ensued on allocating assets to address the future needs on the North and East ends of the downtown area; they would be strategically located in those areas to facilitate the best response times for the anticipated increases in density. Chief Miller highlighted that for the first time, three projects hit the concurrency trigger point of 1% of units or square feet.

Chief Pingol fielded questions from Mr. Nesbitt regarding the recent hour-long outage of the Oakland Park bridge; he outlined the inter-departmental communication flow between the managing entities involved with the regional communication system.

Mr. Nesbitt shared that over 500 residents had been trained in CPR/AED on the Galt with the assistance of Chief Oatmeyer. In an effort to keep the momentum going, they are developing a plan to maintain that awareness on an ongoing basis for the 10,000 people in that condominium community.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on upcoming business was followed by planning for subsequent meetings. Chief Bacic requested that proposed agenda items be sent to him at least five business days prior to a meeting to allow sufficient time for posting. He will add the individual action plan objectives to the next agenda under Old Business.

Motion by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Ms. Chalfant, to suspend July and August FRAC meetings, subject to call of the Chair. In a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Ulmer shared that he was able to attend the recent medals and promotions ceremony for the second time. He commended Mr. Guzman for securing very good press coverage, and Staff for producing a meaningful event. Chief Gollan expressed his appreciation for the time taken to attend, and highlighted how important interaction with the community is for the firefighters.

Chief Gollan reported that DCPs for the fire stations are almost done; bids will be going out over the Summer. The architects were challenged to provide what was needed in the most cost-efficient way. Changes that were highlighted include:

- Station 13. The new plan includes a better layout in a one-story format, instead of two, and a more cost effective seawall.
- Station 88 has changed from a one-story to a two-story configuration; it will include secure parking for firefighters.
- Station 117 is moving forward; they are meeting with Permitting.

Other updates highlighted by Chief Gollan and Chief Pingol included the following:

- The two P3s that were recently presented to the Office of the Mayor for a parking garage at Holiday Park which would include a fire station. He will track the appetite for those proposals as Flagler Village continues to become more densely populated.
- The newly promoted Lieutenants had been on the trucks for almost a month. All cadets hired in March are serving as firefighters; their onboarding allowed for the promotion of those Lieutenants. This resulted in improved call response times.
- Chief Pingol highlighted key training initiatives that were implemented, as well as two instances from the past week that showed almost immediate results from the training programs. There was a positive outcome from the administration of whole blood to a shooting victim, and a successful cardiac arrest recovery utilizing the principles of the new thought process applied on the ground. He is confident that the new lieutenants will change the face of the department with more three-person trucks being deployed throughout the Summer.
- Seven Lieutenants will attend the EMS Conference at the Hard Rock this year.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

