

Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No1.

Township of Gloucester, County of Camden

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General Info

- **Date & Time:** November 11, 2025, 20:00
- **Meeting Location:** Glendora Fire Company
- **Attendees:**
 - Chairperson: Chairman Glass (absent)
 - Board Members: Commissioners Minner, Murphy, Miner, Eric, and others present

Agenda Items:

- **Item 1:** Opening and Compliance
 - Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence for Patrick Brady of FDNY.
 - Meeting notice compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act confirmed.
 - Roll call: All commissioners present except Chairman Glass.
- **Item 2:** Minutes and Communications
 - Minutes from the last meeting reviewed.
 - Outgoing communications included notice of the public hearing.
 - Incoming communications included budget-related documents and updates.
- **Item 3:** Fire Chief's Report
 - Incident reports for October and November 2025: 217 and 233 incidents year-to-date respectively.
 - New members passed requirements and started duty crew process.
 - Equipment updates: new SCBA masks, firefighting gloves, safety glasses, helmet frontises, and boots ordered and arriving.
 - Vehicle maintenance: PMs completed; repairs on squad 81 done; squirt 81 involved in a training accident causing significant boom damage, with insurance claim filed.
 - Duty crew numbers stable at 23 members.
 - Introduction of a new Standard Operating Guideline (SOG) for front seat ride-along passengers to clarify roles and safety procedures.
- **Item 4:** Fire Official Report
 - October: 6 inspections, 9 reinspection's, 9 violations issued, 3 permits issued, 46 hours worked.
 - November: Lighter activity with 2 inspections, 1 reinspection, 6 smoke detector checks, 2 violations, 24 hours worked.
- **Item 5:** Insurance Report
 - Year-end caucus pending to determine insurance rate, expected around 4.5%.
- **Item 6:** Treasurer's Report
 - Total bills for the evening: \$95,950.45 approved for payment.
 - Rent payments for fire company building caught up through end of year.
 - Contract renewal for rent to be signed next month.
- **Item 7:** Deferred Business
 - Discussion on service call numbers and budgeting for 2026 calls; consensus that funding cannot be taken from duty crew budget.
 - Consideration of quarterly payments until referendum results are known.
 - Communication issues addressed regarding recall and response protocols for firefighters; plans to improve tracking and accountability via spreadsheets and enforcing cell phone usage.
 - Discussion on vehicle maintenance providers: preference to continue with ESS due to certification and convenience over Gloucester Township, which has limited capabilities.
 - Discussion on salvaging old FM vehicle due to safety concerns; motion to donate vehicle to fire company for dismantling approved.

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- **Item 8:** New Business
 - Adoption of the new Standard Operating Guideline for front seat ride-along passengers approved by roll call vote.
 - Approval for purchase of SCBA masks, gloves, and safety glasses totaling approximately \$3,360.
 - Motion approved to salvage the FM-1 vehicle.
 - Acceptance of nine new members into the department approved.
- **Item 9:** Closed Session
 - Entered closed session to discuss personnel matters.