

TOWNSHIP OF BURLINGTON BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Work Session Meeting Minutes: February 12, 2026 - 7pm

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT: The New Jersey Open Public Meeting, N.J.S.A 10:46-6 seq., was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with provisions of the Act, the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Burlington has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, place and agenda to the extent known thereof posted as follows:

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Posted on the Bulletin Board at the Township Municipal Building January 2026
Fire District Website

Meeting Called to Order

Comm. Painter called February 12, 2026, Work Session meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 7pm.

Roll Call: Present: Comm. Painter, Comm. Field, Comm. Johnson, Comm. Ciasca and Comm. Scully

Moment of Silence

Comm. Painter called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the Camden Fire Department firefighter Howard Bennett who recently lost his life in the line of duty on February 5, 2026.

Public Comment

There was no comment from the public and this portion of the meeting was closed.

Appointments/Oath of Office

There were no appointments made and no oaths taken.

New Members

There were no new members received.

Old Business

Adm. Fazekas provided an update on the status of the 1999 Pierce Lance Aerial Tower Ladder (3035). He stated that it was put out for rebid on GoveDeals.com as agreed upon by the Board. The bid came in as \$21,200. A short discussion was held regarding our option to give it to the Burlington County Fire Academy for training. The discussion included questions regarding cost, title and liability. Adm. Fazekas stated that he has previously spoken with BC ESTC Dir. Black regarding same and will reach out to him again. Comm. Johnson motioned giving it to the fire academy and creating a suitable contract, seconded by Comm. Field. Comm. Painter called for roll call, roll call was held with all in agreement and the motion was carried.

New Business

Adm. Fazekas stated that he has submitted the 2025 BTFD Activity report to the Board for their review.

A review of the changes to SOP# 102: Incentive Program and SOP# 109: Duty Crew Program was held. Adm. Fazekas provided information related to both SOPs as to the purpose of the changes. The Duty Crew payment will increase from \$20 to \$40 per shift. Also, the maximum annual payment has changed from \$8,000 to \$10,000. He also informed the Board that SOP# 109: Duty Crew Program has been updated to include additional shifts to cover the remaining days of the week as well as the minimum number of certified firefighters to three. He also commented that the threshold for 1099's in 2026 will go from \$600 to \$2,000. Comm. Field questioned the positions of Chief Engineer and Assistant Engineer being left in the Incentive Program listing. Adm. Fazekas stated that it was left on the list if the department ever decided to reintroduce this position. A motion was made by Comm. Field and seconded by Comm. Scully to approve SOP# 102: Stipend Program and SOP# 109: Duty Crew Program as presented. Comm. Painter called for roll call, roll call was held with all in agreement and the motion was carried.

Good of the Board

Comm. Field commented that written on the mail in ballots it states that the ballot can be dropped off in a ballot box at the clerk's office. However, it has been brought to his attention that this "ballot box" is locked at this location. Adm. Fazekas stated that Comm. Field has brought this matter to his attention and he has spoken with the Board of Elections regarding same. The mail in ballots can only be dropped off at the Election Board in Moorestown. The matter of correcting the mail in ballot to reflect the proper information will be dealt with in time for the next fire district election.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Comm. Johnson and seconded by Comm. Field to move into Closed Session for the purpose of personnel. Comm. Painter called for roll call, roll call was held with all in agreement and the motion was carried.