



BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TOWNSHIP OF HADDON

FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

January 22, 2026

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, Township of Haddon, held their regular monthly meeting on the above date, in the meeting room of the Westmont Fire Company No. 1, 112 Haddon Avenue, Westmont, NJ. Vice Chairman Bonnie M. Richards called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Tessing called for a salute to the Flag of the United States.

Commissioner Joseph P. Piscopio read the confirmation of the Sunshine Law, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, which requires that adequate notice of this meeting be provided. This has been done through Public Notice in the Retrospect newspaper, on the Board of Fire Commissioners website and by posting on a bulletin board in the Haddon Township Municipal building.

Commissioners answering roll call were: Vice Chairman Bonnie M. Richards, Franklin P. Jackson 5th, and Joseph P. Piscopio.

Guests for the evening: Chief Dan Devitt, FF/EMT Nate Maronski, FF/EMT Sarah McCall, FF Dana Saxton, FF/EMT Dan Palmadessa, and Ken Drewes (PKF O'Connor Davies)

The minutes for the December 18, 2025, meeting were presented for approval. A motion by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Piscopio, was passed to accept the minutes as presented.

Committee Reports

Prior to the committee reports, Vice Chairman Richards requested a vote on the Adoption of the 2026 Annual Fire District Budget.

Resolution: Adoption of the 2026 Annual Fire District Budget. Introduced by commissioner Piscopio. Vice Chairman Richards, requested a roll call vote.

- Chairman Tessing - Absent
- Vice Chairman Richards - Aye
- Commissioner Jackson - Aye
- Commissioner Bresch - Absent
- Commissioner Piscopio - Aye

Commissioner Piscopio, advised all that the resolution for the 2026 Annual Fire District Budget had passed.

Pagers: Nothing to report.

Radios: Nothing to report.

Apparatus:

Lt. Graeber reported the following with his written report:

- 2025 Tower Ladder 15 is all caught up with the outstanding punch list we had.
- Squirt 15 has been outfitted with all the new Milwaukee cordless tools along with the new extrication tools.
- BLS 15 had all six (6) tires replaced.
- The 2008 Ford expedition has had some repairs. The starter and heating issues related to the cooling system. The truck is still ongoing repair.

Fire School: Chief Devitt reported the following:

- Probationary Firefighter Steve Colis is currently enrolled in the Firefighter I/II program at Camden County.
- Probationary Firefighter Zyion Rembert recently re-took the hazmat portion of Firefighter I and is awaiting results.
- Probationary Firefighter Kristian Hill was enrolled in the EMT program.
- Chief Devitt is registered for the Drill Ground Instructor Program at Camden County.
- The annual live burn drill was scheduled for March 3.
- Mandatory refreshers are ongoing. Any personnel who have not completed all required refreshers prior to the live burn drill as outlined in Operational Memorandum 2026-01 will have their turnout gear removed from their locker until completion.
- CPR Instructors attended an assisted with the Haddon Township School District CPR Rapid Response Drills.

Turnout Gear: Chief Devitt reported that 13 sets of turnout the year were ordered. Additional nameplate were also ordered for personnel currently without them.

Equipment:

Lt. Graeber reported the following with his written report:

- All MSA SCBA and face pieces were flow tested with no issues.
- 40 of the SCBA bottles were sent out for their 10 year Hydro test. In June another 35 will be sent out.
- All fire extinguishers were inspected. A handful went out for Hydro testing and have been returned.

Chief Devitt reported that the new Genesis rescue tools were received and placed in the service. A Genesis representative, retrieved the trade-in equipment.

Insurance: Commissioner Jackson reported the renewal has been sent in.

Liaison to Township: Nothing to report.

Communications: Nothing to report.

Benefit of Fire District:

Chief Devitt reported the following:

- Members assisted with the Westmont Fire Company lunch with Santa event.
- Members attended the Westmont Fire Company officers breakfast.
- Members assisted with Christmas tree sales.
- Members attended Christmas parades throughout Camden County
- A brief post incident analysis was conducted regarding the Melrose Avenue working Fire.
- As part of Camden County is ongoing compliance with the state department act and it's mandated two year update cycle, our mutual aid/response box plans had reached their two-year Mark and were reviewed by the fire and EMS line officers and updated. These updates response plans are currently under review by the Camden County Fire Coordinator's office.

Below are the meetings attended in the month of January:

- January 2 - Hiring interview panel for the Haddon Heights/Barrington Fire Company.
- January 6 - Westmont Fire Company No. 1 Fire and EMS line Officer meeting

- January 7 - Camden County Fire Chiefs and Fire Officers Association Executive Board meeting
- January 7 - Camden County Fire Coordinators monthly meeting
- January 16 - Haddon Township School District CPR Rapid Response meeting
- January 16 - Westmont Fire Company No. 1 Monthly & Annual meeting

Deferred Business:

Chief Devitt discussed a proposal from JB MAC, Inc for the electrical issues in the engine room.

Commissioner Piscopio asked about the status of the 1998 KME Tower Ladder. Chief Devitt informed the board that Lt. Graeber had taken photos of the truck and was preparing to list it on Gov Deals.

New Business:

- Resolution 2026-02: A motion by Commissioner Piscopio seconded by Commissioner Jackson was passed to terminate the state healthcare program effective April 1, 2026.
 - Chairman Tessing - Absent
 - Commissioner Jackson - Aye
 - Commissioner Richards - Aye
 - Commissioner Bresch - Absent
 - Commissioner Piscopio - Aye

Treasurers Report: Commissioner Jackson reported the following as of January 22, 2026:

- Money Market Account (*1033): \$1,687,426.21
- Payroll Account (*2638): \$45,286.15
- Operating Account (*2886): \$120,071.65

A motion by Commissioner Piscopio seconded by Vice Chairman Richards was passed to accept the report as presented.

Bills: A motion was made by Commissioner Piscopio seconded by Vice Chairman Richards was passed to pay the bills at the end of the month as they were received.

Public: Nothing to report.

Vice Chairman Richards announced that the next caucus meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Vice Chairman Richards announced that the Annual Election will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Vice Chairman Richards announced that the next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Being there no further business, a motion by Commissioner Richards seconded by Chairman Tessing was passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM.

Attested,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joseph P. Piscopio, Secretary