



Arlington Fire District

11 Burnett Boulevard
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
www.afd.org

Business: (845) 486-6300
Fax: (845) 486-6322

For Emergencies
DIAL 911

“Safeguarding Our Community”

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS EMERGENCY MEETING AGENDA

January 29, 2026

ATTENDEES:

Comm. Richard Dore – Chairman
Comm. Ralph Chiumento, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Comm. Peter Valdez
Comm. Phil Van Itallie – (absent)
Comm. Sean Jackson

Chief: Adam Kangas
Assistant Chief: Eric Philipp
Director of EMS: David Violante
District Secretary: Renee O'Neill
Treasurer: James Passikoff

1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES**

4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – The Board insists on decorum and common courtesy**

The public may comment on any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Each speaker may speak for up to three (3) minutes and no time may be transferred to another party. Please do not expect the Board to answer any questions or make comments during this time. If the Board chooses to answer questions, they will do so during the “Comments from the Board” section of the meeting.

6. **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

7. **ABSTRACT APPROVAL**

A. Approval of Abstract 26-1B.

Motion to approve Abstract 26-1B. This consists of \$ _____ in paid bills with a total of _____ checks and \$ _____ in unpaid bills with a total of _____ checks for a grand total of \$ _____, totaling _____ checks.

8. **MINUTES TO BE APPROVED**

A. January 5, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Organizational Meeting. (*Comm. Dore was absent*)

B. January 5, 2026 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting. (*Comm. Dore was absent*)

9. **MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Service Awards –

1. Received the 2025 GASB 73 report from Firefly.
2. Received the “Investment Presentation” ending December 31, 2025 from Arrow Bank.
3. Received Engine Co. #1 and Rochdale Fire Company’s 2025 LOSAP Points Certification. (*Needs to be approved by the BOFC*)
4. Received the December 2025 LOSAP statement from Arrow Bank.

B. District Inspections –

C. District Officers / Chief Liaison –

D. EMS & Paramedic Liaison –

E. Public Relations –

F. Equipment Maintenance –

G. Buildings and Grounds –

H. Capital Equipment –

I. Union Negotiations & Contract –

J. Career Staff Liaison –

K. Volunteer Recruitment –

L. District Safety & Health –

M. Strategic Plan –

N. Finance Committee –

O. IT Operations Committee –

P. Croft Lease –

10. **CORRESPONDENCE – None unless otherwise noted**

A. Received the November 25, 2025 meeting minutes from the Association of Fire Districts of Dutchess County.

11. **ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD** – *None unless otherwise noted*

A. Request from Poughkeepsie Plaza for AFD participation in their Spring Event scheduled for March 29th from 12pm – 2pm. Requesting volunteers to hand out fire prevention material at the event.

12. **DONATIONS** – *None unless otherwise noted*

13. **COMMISSIONERS ITEMS**

A. From last meeting, the incorrect rent amounts for Croft Corners was reported for 2026 and 2027. The correct amounts are \$4,335 per month for 2026 and \$4,421.70 per month for 2027.

14. **DISTRICT STAFF ITEMS**

A. Chief Adam Kangas

1. Request for the following transfers out of the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund:
 - A. George Finn – up to \$37K (retirement)
 - B. Gene DelliPaoli – up to \$51K (retirement)
2. Hiring of Firefighter candidates

B. Assistant Chief Eric Philipp

1. Request for AFD to participate in the Dutchess County St Patrick's Day parade in the Village of Wappingers on March 7th line up at Noon, step off at 1:00 p.m., use of 32-45 and or 32-57.

C. Director of EMS David Violante

D. Treasurer James Passikoff

1. If received, Chairman to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Financial Report for the District.

15. **SCHOOL REQUESTS**

The Board of Fire Commissioners authorized the Chief to approve in advance, school requests that are located inside or outside of Dutchess County and is either contractually required or required to maintain a certification or does not exceed \$100.00.

For Commissioners notification purposes only:

A. “Battery Energy Storage Systems”, February 10, 2026 at DC DER. (No cost)

1. Christopher Mills – 3 hours District time
2. John Dunderdale – 3 hours District time

B. Eric Philipp: “Battery Energy Storage Systems”, February 19, 2026 at DC DER. (No cost)

The following school requests require consideration by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

- A. Cory Dubetsky: "Fire and Emergency Services Instructor", February 2 – 6, 2026 in Albany, NY. (No cost, not requesting use of District vehicle, 24 hours District time, 40 hours personal time)
- B. Ryan Van Ness: "Difficult Airway Course", April 14 – 15, 2026 at NY Medical College. (No cost, 12 hours District time, 8 hours own time, not requesting use of District vehicle)

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No items for Executive Session.

17. **ADJOURN MEETING**