

May 2026 Chiefs Report

- Calls YTD 36- EMS-21 Fire-15 Non-Emergent Calls 34
- Jeff is preparing 3 quotes for bushhog attachment will have it for discussion at time of meeting.
- CERT training- Nicole who did previous CERT training no longer is teaching this. I am trying to find another person or persons trained to teach this so we can get the additional 6 people and the previous members refreshed.
- All units are operating as intended.
- Gusto is not capable of withdrawing our retirement through their system. I have contacted Ameritas who is the company who we are currently using for retirement. I had to fill out plan paperwork to remove Crystal and make myself the Plan Sponsor. I am waiting for them to activate it. It was sent on 5/6.
- DOH made a visit to the station last week. This is apparently the first time they ever visited. They were here to inspect our Bio Hazard Sharps Container storage and operating guidelines. It was not something I was aware of nor knew what was needed. It has since been rectified and we are set up properly now. Lee County Solid Waste also made a visit to the island they also check the same and they are aware we are in good standing now.
- Chief housing MJ and I to expand.
- PTO Pump update. It will ship from Italy on 5/22 arrive in PA in roughly 3 weeks. After arrival the PTO pump will be refitted with the upgrades and ready for delivery. Estimated last week in June. They are going to send an invoice for a percentage of down payment with wiring instructions. With all the upgrades the company would like assurance we will not bail.
- QBOL- in my opinion is running smoothly. Commissioner Fry's expectations have increased. I am unsure if I can meet his expectations. The bookkeeper and I have a system in place that is working for us. I have been told on several occasions Richard and Bob were able to pay invoices and run payroll. I believe that we had ¼ the staff and a much smaller budget. Many things were not addressed. Maintenance, HR, State and County regulations were not adhered to. When Jason was the chief, he may have done some of these things. My goal is and will always be to leave the district better than I found it. Pretty low bar if I am honest. I will always do my best to meet every commissioner's expectation if I fail, I will do my best to improve.

- FEMA Grant Writers update. We need to get a Civil Engineer to provide a report. I have all the questions to send to the potential Engineer. I have reached out to two. 1 is a personal friend and former firefighter. He has forwarded the information along to the Engineer and I am waiting back for an idea of cost. I ask the board to provide me some direction on funding the cost to answer the questions the grant writer has asked. This is not absorbed by BRC. I would like to make sure we have an answer today so we do not have to wait till next months meeting to decide on an acceptable amount. Or allow Commissioner Rosen to approve an amount without having a board vote. I know he is allowed to do this already but I know he is uncomfortable making that decision without the board involved. As am I.
- The district received a check from BoCC the stub states Q2 IMPACT FEE PAYMENT 769.62. It was deposited into our Impact Fund Account after I consulted with Commissioner Fry.
- GovDeals has been reactivated or recreated. Deputy Chief Tracy is in charge of it. We will look to sell district equipment. I need the board to approve the sell of several items. Bauer fill station, Generator that was removed from boat, 2 Suzuki engines (as is or repair if inexpensive after diagnosis) or hold onto one for a potential engine swap in the future.
- By end of month, I will have worked an extra 7 days to repay the Short-Term Payments made to me while I was out on disability. I will work an additional 3 shifts before the end of FY26 as Commissioner Fry proposed a few months back along with me forgoing my PTO pay. This should balance the payroll budget.
- July 4th fundraiser has stalled simply because I struggle asking the public/taxpayers for additional funds. I will launch the fundraiser by end of business Friday 15th. MJ has been helpful proofreading and providing direction on how to launch a fundraiser.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

