

Board of Fire Commissioners

Gloucester Township Fire District No. 5

Lambs Terrace Fire Company

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2026

I. Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Engelbert delivered the Sunshine Notice and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- II. Roll Call:** Present: Commissioner Davidson, Commissioner Lloyd, Commissioner Rinaldi, Commissioner Sprinitis, Chairman Engelbert, Solicitor Carlamere

Introduction of Resolution 2026-01 Adoption of the 2026 Temporary Budget

Chairman Engelbert asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01. The motion was made by Commissioner Rinaldi, seconded by Commissioner Lloyd
Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried.

Introduction of Resolution 2026-02 Compensation for Members of the Board of Fire Commissioners Chairman Engelbert asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02. The motion was made by Commissioner Lloyd, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried.

- III. Treasurer's Report** – Commissioner Rinaldi read the Treasurer's report and the submission of bills for the month of January in the amount of **\$193,107.95**. A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Rinaldi, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried.

- IV. Minutes** – A motion to approve the December 30, 2025 Special End of the Year Meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Rinaldi, seconded by Commissioner Davidson. Roll Call: 5-0 Motion carried.

- V. Clerks Report** – None at this time

- VI. Fire Marshall Report** – Fire Marshall Steve Schwegel stated that all annual fire inspections for Life Hazards have been completed for 2025. The LEA 2026 year-end report has been started and is due on January 31, 2026 to the division. Smoke inspections are not being entered into First Due properly because time is needed to train Colleen and Ed. A meeting with the GT Fire Officials is to be held on January 6, 2026 at Station 84. Approval is needed for training and the IAAI conference for March 4 – 6 in Atlantic City.

VII. Chief's Report – Chief Spross reported that there were a total of 79 total calls for the month of December 2025 of which A Shift had 19 calls, B Shift had 24 calls, C Shift had 29 calls and D Shift had 7 calls. Dispatched to 16 Dwellings, Buildings, Apartments of which there were 5 All Hands fires. There were a total of 969 calls for the year 2025 of which A shift had 292 calls, B Shift had 271 calls, C Shift had 284 calls and D Shift had 122 calls. For 2025 we were dispatched to 130 Dwellings, Buildings, Apartments, Sheds/Outbuildings. For 2025, we were dispatched to 115 MVA, PED MVA, MVA Rescue, Highway Hazards (all of these calls could have been submitted to Recovery USA for cost recovery). Dispatched in 2025 to 421 Alarm Systems, Invest. Alarms, CO Calls, 24 Brush Fires, 16 Vehicle Fires, 122 Natural Gas, Fumes (Interior and Exterior), 45 EMS Assist. Squad 85 was placed back in service. The Plow and Support 85 were sent up to Laurel Lawn Mower Services for service to the plow. William Rowand was brought in as a Volunteer member last night. A Revised Response Plan was sent to the Coordinator for approval. The Santa Run was a big success and a big thank you to all of those that helped on that day. Attended two training sessions at Elmwood Hills on December 1, 2025 for Active Shooter Table Top and on December 8, 2025 for a Fire Drill at 10:00 a.m. at the request by the OEM. We are now operating on the NERIS (National Emergency Response Information system) in completing our fire reports. NERIS will offer several significant improvements over its predecessor, NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System), in terms of enhancing outcomes from these incidents. These include: **Streamlined and Enhanced Incident Data Model and Schemas:** NERIS will be developed based on a new, streamlined incident data schemas that prioritize and standardize data captured by local fire departments and aligns with data interoperability and exchange standards. **Integration:** NERIS is being developed to allow for relevant data to come from existing 3rd party systems such as computer-aided dispatch (CAD) records management systems (RMS) and GIS through data services via application programming interfaces (APIs) from the most authoritative source. This approach is intended to minimize duplicative data entry and reduce data entry burdens on first responders. Moreover, NERIS will integrate the best available, publicly available data to derive valuable insights. **Faster Analysis:** NERIS will offer more current information and actionable analytic products, enabling emergency services to better understand incident trends in their community, their department's capabilities, needs, and make data-informed decisions on resource allocation and planning. **Comprehensive Scope:** Instead of primarily focusing on detailed fire-related incidents like NFIRS, NERIS will encompass all hazards, offering a holistic view of future emergency needs and resource allocation. **Advanced Analytics:** NERIS's sophisticated data analysis tools will help emergency services identify trends, risk factors, and resource requirements in the future, facilitating more informed decision-making and improved outcomes. **Timely Insights:** NERIS will ensure up-to-date information on significant events, fostering quicker and more precise responses, and minimizing the potential impact of future incidents. **Efficient Resource Allocation:** Applying more accurate data, NERIS will enable leaders to optimize resource deployment, ensuring that the right assistance is available and reaches the right places promptly. **Mitigating Emerging Risks:** NERIS will also help identify rising threats from new technologies and highlight successful mitigation strategies, ensuring that emergency services stay ahead of evolving challenges. This system is very important to have, especially moving forward for grants. We are in the process of finishing up a 3

year service contract with OHD, to service and calibrate our fit testing equipment. Presented a price for Interstate Mobile Care for physicals for members that will need one.

VIII. President's Report – None at this time

IX. Career Report – Fire Fighter Fowler reported that the Assistant Chiefs Tahoe's exhaust is bad. The previous owner used an after-market part for the exhaust and a quote is coming in to fix the issue. Chairman Engelbert approved the repairs to be made to the vehicle. After a ladder check on Saturday, it was discovered that a crack needs to be repaired.

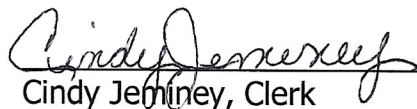
X. Commissioners Report – Commissioner Rinaldi stated that a good job was done with the Santa run this year and for everyone to stay warm and safe in the New Year. Commissioners Sprinitis, Davidson and Lloyd wished everyone a Happy New Year as well as Chairman Engelbert

XI. Public Portion – None at this time

XII. Adjournment – Chairman Engelbert asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by Commissioner Rinaldi and seconded by Commissioner Lloyd. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Cindy Jeminey, Clerk