

**Toms River Fire Commissioners
Joint Board Meeting Minutes
Toms River Fire Academy
July 8, 2026**

Commissioner Roman called the regular meeting of the Toms River Fire Commissioners Districts No. 1 & No. 2 to order at 6:00 p.m. meeting with a salute to the flag. The Commissioner made the following statement:

Let the official minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and the adoption of a schedule of regular meetings and notices thereof being posted in the Municipal Building, 33 Washington Street, Toms River, New Jersey; being transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and Star Ledger and to all persons who have requested copies in accordance with the statute.

ROLL CALL

Tutela- present	Britton — present
Krohn —present	Duff — present
Goresh — present	Heroy -present
Roman-present	Seiders-present
Cirz-present	Willson- present

Administrator Carson and Monica Bisceglie present. Elick present to take minutes.

Motion Heroy second Criz to approve minutes of the June 10, 2026, meeting providing a copy is made available for inspection by the public during this meeting.

**AYES-9 NAYS-0 ABSTAIN-1
(Roman)**

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS - Defer to Director

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR WEINBERGER (See report inserted) Additionally Weinberger states the generator at the McPhearson Tower is experiencing wiring issues. The town is working with a contractor to fix the issue. Weinberger notes, if there is a power outage there is no backup generator for that at this time.

FIRE ACADEMY- Defer to Director

FIRE ACADEMY MIKE COCCO (See report inserted from Director Gorman) Cocco stated that the Deputy Director Seaman should be arriving shortly.

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION- Defer to Chief.

BUREAU CHIEF JANORA- (See inserted report) Additionally Janora stated:

1. Assistant Chief Goresh reached out with questions regarding ISO. The ISO Manager notified Chief Janora that Fire District 1 is due to be reevaluated and that First District 1 is currently on the list for same. The hope is that within the next two months the district will be able to complete the reevaluation.
2. Janora spoke with a representative from the Division of Fire Safety in relation to the Bureau's Ordinance Review. The representative advised the report should be released back to Bureau by the end of the week with minor requests for revisions. Once Janora receives said report, he will forward the report to Rich Braslow, Esq. and will then pursue township approval.

LEGISLATION- No report

FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION- Goresh stated they met on June 22nd and reviewed several policies that were sent out and made great progress with them.

INSURANCE- No report

DISTRICT NO. 2 ADMINISTRATOR CARSON – No Report

DISTRICT NO.1- MONICA BISCEGLIE- No Report

BILLS

Motion Duff second Heroy for District No. 2 to pay \$48,873.54 for their share of the bills.

AYES-5 NAYS-0 ABSTAIN-0 CARRIED

Motion Tutela second Krohn for District No.1 to pay the bills.

AYES-5 NAYS-0 ABSTAIN-0 CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tutela stated several months ago the Academy met with Van Cleef Engineering Associates about the work going on in the town. Toms River's current Engineer John Mele will be leaving his position with the town in three (3) weeks. A new Township Engineer will be brought in. It is noted that the process will need to start over again as everything that Van Cleef does still needs to be reviewed and approved by Toms River Township's new Engineer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Heroy requested a Motion for Weinberger to attend the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference. Janora requested approval to attend the conference as well.
2. Krohn stated he is in the process of getting two (2) full size schools busses donated to the Academy for education and training purposes. He notes he is still looking to get a mini-bus as well. In the event we have any forest fire assignments or events relating to changing out crews, the mini-bus will prove useful to hold more crew members at a time when making trips back and forth.

Motion Heroy second Krohn the Directors and Chiefs to attend the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference.

AYES-5 NAY-0 ABSTAIN-0

Participation by the public- None

Motion Tutela second Heroy to go into private executive session at 6:20 p.m.

AYES-10 NAYS-0 ABSTAIN-0 CARRIED

Private Executive Session- Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations, Attorney-Client Privilege and Legal advice: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

1. Personnel

Motion Cirz second Willson to go into open session at 7:30 p.m.

AYES-10 NAYS-0 ABSTAIN-0 CARRIED

Motion Heroy second Cirz to review Instructor Matthew Yezzi's personnel file to determine whether any formal action had been taken as an instructor. If no formal action is found, authorize a letter to Director Gorman requesting that Instructor Matthew Yezzi be placed back on the instructor roster and that his instructor gear be given to him if ordered, if not to order.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Tutela -Yes	Krohn-Yes
Goresh-Yes	Cirz -Yes
	Roman- Yes
Duff -Yes	Seiders-Yes
Heroy-Yes	Willson -Yes
	Britton-Yes

CARRIED

Motion Krohn second Heroy that any disciplinary action involving an employee shall require approval by a simple majority vote, consisting of more than half of the quorum present on each side of the Board.

AYES-10 NAYS-0 ABSTAIN-0

CARRIED

There being no further business, Motion Duff second Britton to close the meeting at 7:38p.m.

AYES-10 NAYS-0 ABSTAIN-0

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Robert Krohn

Clerk Toms River District No.1

"J-1"



Toms River Fire Department

Communications Division

Director of Communications Charles J. Weinberger III
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July 08, 2026 (Report submitted July 06, 2026)

- Phone System
 - Motorola Vesta Phone upgrade is schedule for the 1st weekend after Labor Day 2026
- Radio System
 - The Manchester System has been added to portables and is currently being added to mobile radios this week.
 - McPhearson Tower Generator is currently OOSRV, in case of a power outage; SmartConnect will most likely be in use in that area.
- A Personal Accountability System:
 - System is up and working
 - A couple of fire chiefs have had training, and the rest of the training will be done in the beginning of August. Over the next week, I will be setting up the Chiefs Laptops with their log ins.
- Training
 - Dispatchers Hafner & Conaty are booked for the APCO National Training Conference in San Antonio, TX, in August. Thank you
 - Requesting permission to attend the 2026 NJ League of Municipals in Atlantic City.
- Spillman / I Am Responding
 - Any issues, please advise.
- FirstNet
 - FirstNet will be on location at Station 26-1 on July 11 at 10am if anyone is interested.

Month	YTD 2026
Fire – 238	Fire – 1500
EMS – 1170	EMS – 6978
EMS All Calls – 29	EMS All Calls – 199

The fire dispatchers fielded 1199 phone calls in June.

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Date: July 8, 2026

To: Toms River District 1 and 2, Joint Board of Commissioners

From: Toms River Fire Training Center

Re: Training Center Report for June 11, 2026 thru July 8, 2026

1. The summer recruit program schedule is complete. The program will began on June 26 and will run until August 21. Enrollment has 8 Toms River recruits, 16 students total.
2. Budget and Control Meeting, Monica Bisceglie, Erica Lonieski, Tim Carson and I held a meeting outlining the next steps of modernization of finance, budget, control and purchasing.
3. The emergency generator transfer station CPU failed. Genserve is working on replacing the module. The generator can be transferred manually in the event of power failure.
4. The Rapid Intervention Crew Challenge testing is complete.
5. NJDFS KEAN Spring delivery of CEU Classe has begun. Toms River is hosting 9.
6. The NJ.gov registration must be completed by all firefighters in NJ. The forms and class registrations access is through the NJDFS portal ONLY. You may still enroll to Toms River programs locally though our website and forms menu. Kean-Fire University classes also have a specific enrollment process on line with a Kean portal account.
7. ASIM initiative with the TR PD. Invitational Program. No TRFD officers attended.
8. Classroom Computer Upgrade is complete and working.
9. FTC Website replacement is ongoing. Class registration forms are being replaced with new versions and are proving to be efficient. The "TomsRiverFire.org" web site is owned by the administrators. The FTC will provide updates on the website transition as it is developing quickly.
10. NJNG has donated 9 vehicles for extrication programs.

11. Toms River CSO/EMS have been posting at the FTC.
12. Ocean County and Monmouth County Fire Academies continue to cooperate well.
13. The NJDFS initiative to standardize continues The NJ CSC Physical Performance Test as outlined in the NJFF Physical Fitness Manual.
14. All burn rooms are operating well.
15. Fire Academy Engine 1 is operating well.
16. The Dakota Pick Up, had brakes and PM completed.
17. The propane vapor delivery system is operating normally.
18. Video and Surveillance System is installed and fully functional to enhance safety and security on the FA and surrounding grounds.
19. Lock Down systems are operational.
20. Doug Foley continues to liaison and assist the NJ DFS and KEAN University in the review and development of code updates in the NJ UFC. It should be noted that all correspondence, which include course delivery and completion forms, all training requests, all certificate research, final examination security and delivery functions, and the KEAN /DFS site test monitor responsibilities are assigned to Doug Foley.
21. Vendors continue to contract with the FTC to deliver their programs, such as JA Montgomery, and Fire Officer Training Academy.
22. The Toms River Police continue to use the facility.
23. Toms River Public Works, Ocean County Fire Working Groups, and NJ State Forest Fire Service, Ocean Co Chiefs Association continue to use the facility.
24. Several NJ DFS special operations groups routinely meet at the FTC for regional coordination.
25. The FTC Log Book, which is a ledger of daily activities, has been introduced. The inception was on January 1, 2024, it is for review, upon request, by the commissioners and BA's.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard D Gorman

Richard D Gorman, Director, Toms River Fire Academy

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Fire Bureau Report Joint Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting 07/08/2026

1. First Due Software
 - a. Ongoing discussions have focused on contract language, implementation planning, system modules, and pricing. To streamline the procurement process, the Bureau intends to utilize the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract, of which First Due is an awarded vendor. Using the Sourcewell cooperative contract will facilitate the purchase while ensuring compliance with public procurement requirements. We continue to work closely with First Due representatives to finalize the agreement, with implementation expected to take approximately six months and a target go live date of January 1st. As implementation progresses, the Bureau will focus on ensuring a smooth transition of inspection operations, enforcement, permitting, and billing functions.
2. Youth Fire Setter Intervention Training
 - a. Inspector Kappock and I recently completed the National Fire Academy Youth Fire Setter Intervention Specialist course. With this completion, all Bureau inspectors are now certified Youth Fire setter Intervention Specialists, ensuring the office has the training necessary to effectively evaluate and manage youth fire setting cases. While the overall program is coordinated through Ocean County, the Toms River Bureau of Fire Prevention is responsible for conducting local screenings, completing the required documentation, and coordinating referrals as appropriate. Assistant Chief Foster continues to serve as the Bureau's lead for the Youth Fire Setter Intervention Program, providing oversight and ensuring consistency with county and state program requirements. This training further strengthens our ability to provide early intervention, education, and prevention services to youth and their families while supporting community fire safety.
3. Fleet and Equipment Update
 - a. The Bureau continues to make progress with its fleet replacement plan. The new Ford F-150 has been assigned to Inspector Carlin and is equipped with upgraded inverter capable of charging and maintaining the Bureau's drone equipment while in the field. As part of a trial program, the larger drone is being carried in the vehicle on a more consistent basis to improve deployment times and availability for emergency incidents and investigations. In addition, several vehicle assignments have been adjusted to better meet operational needs and improve inspector comfort. Inspectors LaVigne and Kappock have been reassigned to an Ford Explorer and a Chevrolet Colorado, respectively. As additional replacement F-150s are placed into service, further vehicle and personnel reassignments will be made to optimize the Bureau's fleet and ensure resources are aligned with operational requirements.
4. FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification
 - a. The Toms River Fire Academy will host an FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certification course presented by Terrestrial Imaging on July 9th and 10th. This two day program prepares attendees for the FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Knowledge Exam, which can be required to legally operate unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) for certain governmental and public safety missions. Course topics include FAA regulations, airspace classifications, weather, airport operations, emergency



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procedures, and aeronautical decision-making. Through an agreement with Terrestrial Imaging, the Fire Bureau received discounted training opportunities based on course enrollment, providing an excellent opportunity to increase the number of FAA certified remote pilots within the agency while expanding the Bureau's capabilities for fire investigations, emergency response, damage assessment, and other public safety operations.

5. Daytime Firefighter Level 1/2

- a. The Fire Bureau will be assisting with the daytime Firefighter 1 / 2 program currently being conducted at the Toms River Fire Academy. Bureau personnel will be presenting several modules directly related to the Bureau's expertise, including Building Construction, Fire Extinguishers, Public Education, Fire Alarm Systems, and Fire Protection Systems, among others. Several inspectors have volunteered to instruct these portions of the curriculum, allowing students to receive training from personnel who work with these systems daily in the field. This collaboration continues to strengthen the relationship between the Bureau and the Fire Academy while ensuring firefighter recruits receive practical, code based instruction that will benefit them throughout their careers.

6. July 4th Holiday

- a. The Fourth of July holiday period was busy, as anticipated, with an increase in fire-related incidents across the Township. Lead Inspector Roselli responded to six emergency call outs over the holiday, five of which involved fires caused by fireworks. Despite the increased activity, all incidents were handled efficiently and in coordination with the responding fire companies. The holiday serves as an annual reminder of the fire hazards associated with consumer fireworks and reinforces the importance of the Bureau's ongoing public education efforts regarding the safe and legal use of fireworks.

7. Toms river Summer Concerts and Fireworks

- a. The Toms River Township summer concert and fireworks series has begun once again, bringing large crowds together for community events throughout the season. I would like to recognize and thank the East Dover Fire Company for its continued support of these events. Chief Veth has consistently ensured that appropriate fire protection resources are on site, particularly during the fireworks displays, providing an added level of safety for both attendees and event staff. These events continue to be very well received by the community and provide an excellent opportunity for the Fire Department to maintain a visible presence while reinforcing a positive public image through professionalism and community engagement.



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June Inspection Numbers:

Activity	DeBlasio	Carroll	Hendrick	Kappock	LaVigne	Deskoos	Roselle	Stabrowski	Lozier	Janora	Totals	YTD
Inspection	45	72	108	31	70	0	67	103	19	0	515	2614
Re-Inspection	7	23	18	58	71	0	28	21	37	0	263	1640
Complaint	8	5	5	9	7	0	3	4	4		45	289
Referral	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	4	9
Permit	1	4	13	10	6	0	4	2	0	0	40	144
Smoke	4	40	33	37	20	0	4	41	0	0	179	813
Fire Safety Check	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
Kiosk	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	32
Public Ed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
	65	145	177	145	182	0	108	172	61	0	1055	5553

NFIRS and Origin & Cause Investigations

- 236 incidents were reported for June 2026 in NERIS and submitted to USFA.
- Fire Inspectors conducted 7 Origin and Cause investigations since the last joint board meeting.
- Fire Inspectors conducted 58 follow up / complaint investigations

Plan review:

- 5 Major and Minor Site Plans were reviewed and completed for the month of June.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Janora, Fire Official

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FIRE DIST NO 1 OF THE TWP OF TOMS RIVER
Received P.O. Batch Listing By Vendor Id

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Rcvd Batch Id Range: First		to Last		Rcvd Date Start: 0		End: 07/08/26		Report Format: Condensed	
Rcvd Date	Batch Id	PO #	Description	Vendor		Amount	Contract		
07/07/26	EL	26-00400	Reimburse for plaque	02855	LIGHTBODY, JOHN H.	291.41			
07/07/26	EL	26-00215	BUREAU OESKOVIC UNIFORM	A0023	ACTION UNIFORM COMPANY	500.00			
07/07/26	EL	26-00409	2026 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	B0214	BRASLOW, RICHARD M. ESQ	3,450.00			
07/07/26	EL	26-00251	BUREAU/DISPATCH ADOBE RENEWAL	C0049	CDW-GOVERNMENT	632.70			
07/07/26	EL	26-00255	FIRE ACADEMY ADOBE PRO	C0049	CDW-GOVERNMENT	114.27			
07/07/26	EL	26-00392	Spike Baran Award	E0022	EAST COAST TROPHIES	169.99			
07/07/26	EL	26-00378	Rae QRAE repair	E0069	ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENT LAB INC	169.89			
07/07/26	EL	26-00088	2026 FIRE PREVENT POSTAL FEES	F0175	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	185.70			
07/07/26	EL	26-00357	DISPATCH KENWOOD KEY LOADER	GOOSE005	Goosetown Enterprises, Inc.	280.65			
07/07/26	EL	26-00127	2026 JOINT ELECTRIC CHGS	J0048	JCP&L	2,662.12			
07/07/26	EL	26-00390	Bureau renewal	L0125	LEXIS-NEXIS	245.00			
07/07/26	EL	26-00053	1/26 MAINT. INV#12861	M0143	M & M CLEANING SERVICE, INC.	1,535.00			
07/07/26	EL	26-00398	F.A. 2 Technicians	O0025	OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE	296.00			
07/07/26	EL	26-00383	Monthly monitoring	PYEBAA005	Pye-Barker Fire & Safety	127.59			
07/07/26	EL	26-00176	2026 JOINT INSUR #120-867-437	S0088	SELECTIVE INSURANCE CO.	27,258.00			
07/07/26	EL	26-00381	Flowers for Dakota	S0165	SKIP'S FLORIST	86.95			
07/07/26	EL	26-00385	Convery Flowers	S0165	SKIP'S FLORIST	111.95			
07/07/26	EL	26-00310	5 Bunker Gear Fire Academy	S0170	SKYLANDS AREA FIRE EQUIPMENT	18,223.48			
07/07/26	EL	26-00412	Co. 1 phone repair	T0073	THE PHONE GUY, LLC	548.77			
07/07/26	EL	26-00399	NOAA YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION	T0095	THUNDER EAGLE, INC.	1,225.00			
07/07/26	EL	26-00388	Fuel for Fire Prevention	T0175	TOWNSHIP OF TOMS RIVER	1,561.61			
07/07/26	EL	26-00419	Light checks and oil changes	T0187	TRANZ CONNECTION	479.00			
07/07/26	EL	26-00317	Procurement card	U0080	U.S. BANK	565.35			
07/07/26	EL	26-00083	2026 FIRE ACADEMY	V0006	VEOLIA WATER TOMS RIVER	626.25			
07/07/26	EL	26-00286	PHONE JOINT	V0009	VERIZON	144.99			
07/07/26	EL	26-00391	Fire Academy PHONE SERVICE	V0011	VERIZON	429.44			
07/07/26	EL	26-00407	DISPATCH PHONE SERVICE	V0011	VERIZON	676.39			
07/07/26	EL	26-00380	Fire Academy supplies	W0004	W.B. MASON CO., INC.	1,173.15			
07/07/26	EL	26-00084	2026 COPY MACHINE FEES	X0030	XEROX CORPORATION	201.59			
Total for Batch: EL						63,972.24			
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TOMS RIVER TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT No. 1

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OCEAN BEACH FIRE CO. No. 3
EAST DOVER FIRE CO. No. 4

8-Jul-26

Approved July Bill List

	64/36	63 5/36 5	50/50	Dist #2 Share
Capital				
2022				\$
2025				
2026	61,782.24			\$22,241.61
Tech Rescue				0
			TOTAL BILLS	22,241.61
Reimbursements			Q2 Adm Fee	\$11,971.00
Health Bens	40,724.81		TOTAL HEALTH	14,660.93
			GRAND TOTAL	\$48,873.54

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