



Foresthill Fire Protection District

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Foresthill Fire Protection District
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 11, 2025
District Administration Office
24320 Main St., Foresthill, CA 95631

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

- a. Public Hearing called to order by President Hercules at 6:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE-

- a. Public Hearing- Discussion and explanation of the budget in detail by Vice President Michelini. A few questions were asked and answered. Director Perry made motion to approve the final budget, second by Director Drone, roll call vote, motion passes (5/0).

3. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER:

- a. Regular meeting called to order at 6:15pm.
- b. Moment of Silence in honor of September 11

4. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:

- a. All directors were present.
- b. Chief Martin was present.

5. AGENDA APPROVAL:

- a. VP Michelini made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, second by Director Reams, motion passes (5/0).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Foresthill Forum member gave a heads up on the past Forum meeting regarding the new stop sign on Foresthill Rd and Gold St. Asked how it affected the Fire District.

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. VP Michelini moved to approve all consent items as presented; July 10, 2025 Regular Board minutes and FM 2, second by Director Perry, motion passes (5/0).

8. FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

District Information

Staffing

- We currently have three Firefighter Paramedic vacancies as of Sept. 8th.
- Firefighter/Paramedic application process is continually open, and we are actively recruiting and holding interviews.

Incident Responses

- Total calls for service for the month of July in 2025 were 89 and 68 for the month of August
- Last year at this time – July was 94 and August was 86
- 46 of the 68 calls were EMS

- Ambulance Transports for August of 2025 – 27

Training

- 239.50 hours for the month of August.
- Monthly Training with the JOA is on-going.
- Received and set up our new Ventilation Prop in the yard of Porter Garage.
- Asst. Chief Martin, 8801, is on board and has been initiating training with the crews.

Community Risk Reduction

- August Inspections - 11 (1 LPG Rough, 1 Sprinkler Rough, 7 Defensible Space, 1 Plan Check, 1 Plan Review and 1 Annual Assembly). Approximately 95% completed with our State Mandated Inspections.

Community Interactions

- Heritage Festival was well attended

Fleet

- Type 3 Remount – Is back in quarters and in service.
- Brush 88 is in need of a Pump Throttle.
- Extra Comments- For month of September due to vacation staffing there will be no strike tams. Thanked all the crews for staffing and back fills.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Approval and adoption of the Final Budget done at the end of the Public Hearing
- b. Approval of purchase of Starlink and equipment for use with our apparatus. Chief Martin explained the fields testing they did for service in our area. This would help with our ALS system with the hospitals. Will need 5 of the units and service. Suggestion by Board to start at the basic plan not unlimited and other suggestions. VP Michelini moved to approve up to \$5,500.00 for the purchase of the Starlink hardware and up to 6 accounts of 50GB service with direction to staff to come back with report of usage with equipment to be funded from the current Capitol Improvement, second by Director Perry, roll call, passes 5/0.
- c. Approve Resolution 2025-08 to Establish the Foresthill fire Protection District's Appropriation (GANN) limit for FY 2025-2026. This is done each year and we did not go over our limit last fiscal year. Director Reams made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08, second by Director Drone, roll call, passes 5/0.

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. President Hercules was able to obtain a sophisticated structural listing for the Porter Garage. Will have some ideas of what needs to be done at the next board meeting.
- b. Update on CalPERS. They currently have all the information they need and are working on it.
- c. Met with the contractor to start the footings on the retaining wall soon, saved money by not doing concrete to asphalt. Should be done end of next week.

11. REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee- Final Budget adopted
- b. Strategic and Long-Range Planning- Touched base with Supervisor Gustafson regarding the assessment we sent to the County regarding our ambulance services. Collected information on Glen County and how theirs is done and sent it to Placer County. Also met with the County Sheriff, undersheriff, CEO, Supervisor, and Facilities manager

about the property swap. Toured the DCC in Grass Valley regarding the future of communications in the County for our responses. There is now a Cal Fire county fire station in Foresthill year-round for 5 years. Discussion of dispatch delays for this fire station and how it may affect our service. 2x2 meetings are ongoing. Question asked if we have applied for any other grants.

- c. Assets and Facilities- Nothing to report
- d. Directors Report- President Hercules met with the IT people to keep us up to date. Working with Sebastian for our alarm system and phone system.

12. NON-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION REPORTS:

- a. Foresthill Volunteer Firefighters Association- No total yet from the Sale, approx. \$20,000 deposited prior to costs taken out.
- b. Foresthill & Iowa Hill Fire Safe Council Report- No report

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. None

14. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

15. CLOSED SESSION

- a. None

16. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting adjourned by President Hercules at 7:21p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Administrative Assistant