

AGENDA

Board of Commissioners Meeting

Sanibel Fire & Rescue District
1456 Periwinkle Way, Suite A, Sanibel, FL 33957
Wednesday, August 12, 2026
09:00 AM



I. Opening Items

- **Meeting Called to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Approval of Minutes from the July BOFC Meeting**

II. Staff Reports

- **Division Chief of Prevention Williams Report**
 - Fire Inspections & Plans Review Reports
- **Assistant Chief Jackson Report**
 - Equipment / Maintenance Update
 - Station 172 Reconstruction Update
 - Station 171 Reconstruction Update
- **Deputy Chief DiMaria Report**
 - Personnel Training & Public Education
 - Review Call Volumes & Community Involvement
- **Chief Barbot Report**
 - **District Financial Report**
 - **District Update**
 - **Staffing Recognitions – Lt. Brian Howell 25 Years of Service, Firefighter / Paramedic Stephen Bledsoe 4 Years of Service**

III. Business Agenda Items

A. Authorization for the Fire Chief to Approve Change Orders for Fire Station 171

The Board will consider authorizing the Fire Chief to approve change orders related to the reconstruction of Fire Station 171, provided that the cumulative total of all change orders approved under this authority does not exceed \$250,000. Each change order will remain contingent upon prior approval from Lee County, as required by the project's CDBG-DR/HUD funding requirements.

Proposed Motion: Motion to authorize the Fire Chief to approve change orders related to the reconstruction of Fire Station 171, subject to prior approval from Lee County, with the cumulative total of all change orders approved under this authority not to exceed \$250,000.

B. Waiver of Formal Competitive Bidding Requirements for Fire Apparatus Procurement

The Board will consider waiving the District's formal Invitation to Bid and sealed-bid requirements for the purchase of new fire apparatus. Administrative staff would obtain and negotiate proposals from at least three qualified apparatus manufacturers, authorized dealers, or vendors. The proposals, findings, and recommendation would then be presented to the Board, which would retain final purchasing authority.

Proposed Motion: Motion to waive the District's formal Invitation to Bid and sealed-bid requirements for the procurement of new fire apparatus; authorize administrative staff to obtain and negotiate proposals from at least three qualified manufacturers, authorized dealers, or vendors; and require the final proposals and recommendation to be presented to the Board for approval.

C. Discussion of Proposed Adopt-a-Hydrant Art Program

The Board will discuss the proposed Adopt-a-Hydrant Art Program, which would allow members of the public to paint approved artwork on fire hydrants. The proposed application, permit process, and program requirements will be presented for review and public discussion. No formal action will be taken at this meeting. The program will be brought back at the next Board meeting for consideration and a formal vote.

D. Approval of Change in Life and AD&D Insurance Coverage

The Board will consider cancelling the District's current MetLife life and AD&D insurance policy effective September 30, 2026, and obtaining replacement coverage through United Badges Insurance Services, with coverage provided by Renaissance Benefits Insurance Carrier, effective October 1, 2026. The annual premium would decrease from \$12,484.41 to \$9,609.60, resulting in annual savings of \$2,874.81. The new policy would also increase coverage to as much as \$225,000 to meet statutory requirements.

Proposed Motion: Motion to approve the cancellation of the District's MetLife life and AD&D insurance policy effective September 30, 2026, and approve replacement coverage through United Badges Insurance Services and Renaissance Benefits Insurance Carrier effective October 1, 2026, at an annual premium of \$9,609.60.

IV. Final Items

- **Commissioner / New Business Items**
- **Union Items**
- **Public Input**
- **Adjournment**