



Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue

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PUBLIC FACILITIES ANNUAL NOTICE OF CHANGE
AS REQUIRED BY
CHAPTER 189.08 F.S.

Background: The Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District (District) provides this information to assist in the development of comprehensive plans and to foster coordination between the District and the County of Pinellas, Town of Belleair Shore, City of Belleair Beach, City of Indian Rocks Beach, and Town of Indian Shores.

The District currently operates three fire stations:

Station 26 – 18395 Gulf Boulevard, Suite 101, Indian Shores, FL 33785

Legal Description: PARK BANK PROFESSIONAL OFFICE BUILDING CONDO UN
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Station #26 provides fire protection, fire prevention, and advanced life support emergency medical service to the District as well as emergency medical services to the Town of Redington Beach, the Town of North Redington Beach, and the Town of Redington Shores through automatic aid agreements and “closest unit response agreements.” The District is an active participant in the surrounding fire service delivery systems through the automatic aid system and operates a unit defined within the Pinellas County fire community as a squad. This unit is staffed with two full-time positions, one being a lieutenant and the other being a firefighter. One of the two positions is always a paramedic. This unit was replaced in 2022 and is a fully compliant engine with squad capabilities, which operates as an engine when staffing permits. This will be upgraded soon to operate as an engine with squad capabilities full-time.

The current facility used to operate Station #26 is not owned by the District and is leased to the District. The District is working diligently to locate property to build a permanent station in Indian Shores.

Station 27 - 304 First Street, Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785

Legal Description: Indian Rocks Beach Block 9, Lots 17, 18, and 19 (12/30/14/42858/009/0170).

Station #27 provides fire protection, fire prevention, and advanced life support emergency medical service to the Fire District, and the surrounding fire service delivery systems through the automatic aid system. Services are managed by administrative staff, support personnel, and response units to include a paid, full-time District Chief in a response vehicle, and a fire apparatus staffed with a paid, full-time crew of one Lieutenant and two to three Firefighter/EMTs or Firefighter/Paramedics. One of the staffed positions is always a paramedic. All administrative staff for the District operate out of this station. Fireboat 27 and Marine 27 are housed here and are the busiest Marine Units in the County.

Station #27 is owned by the District and is the original fire station from 1965. We are looking to remodel the fire station in the near future, to bring it up to current codes, and continue to house Fire Administration.

The District is also working on the addition of a fire station in the northern end of Indian Rocks Beach to better serve the Indian Rocks Beach itself, as well as Belleair Beach and Belleair Shore. There is currently a response time gap that exists due to the fire stations being 5.8 miles apart. This gap in response times was identified in a presentation by the County in 2009; however, the County has never worked to find a permanent solution to this ongoing problem.

Station 28 - 13501 – 94th Avenue North, Seminole, FL 33776

Legal Description: Country Gentlemen Acres S ½ of Lots 1 and 2. (20/30/15/18612/000/0011).

Station #28 provides fire protection, fire prevention, and advanced life support emergency medical services to the Fire District and the surrounding fire service delivery systems through the automatic aid system with a pumper/aerial apparatus, a reserve engine, and a paid full-time crew of one Lieutenant and two to three Firefighter/EMTs or Firefighter/Paramedics. One of those staffed positions is always a paramedic. This station also houses an apparatus maintenance facility with one full-time emergency vehicle technician and one full-time maintenance technician.

Station #28 is owned by the District. This fire station was built in 1973 and will be replaced in FY23/24. The District does not have an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and is reliant upon annual agreements and makeshift arrangements with two local churches as the District's EOC. Fire Station #28 will be a hurricane hardened structure to operate as an EOC for the District. The County has approved \$3M in funding toward this project.

As required by Chapter 189.08 F.S., the *Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue District* provides the following:

- 1) **Requirement:** Identify each public facility the special district is building, improving, or expanding:

Response: There are no current District facilities being built, improved, or expanded in FY 22/23.

- 2) **Requirement: Identify each public facility the special district is proposing to build, improve, or expand within the next seven years.**

Response:

Station #26 – There are preliminary efforts underway to relocate Station #26 in the vicinity of the Indian Shores Town Hall located at 19300 Gulf Boulevard. This effort will be completed in the next one to two years.

Station #27 - There are intentions, but no current plans, to rebuild Station #27 at an undetermined site within the next year. The proposed area for construction would be near the 2400 block of Gulf Boulevard in Indian Rocks Beach. The proposed facility would be a hurricane rated conventional fire station that would not include administrative offices. This relocation would yield improvements in response times as supported by Levrum. The present Station #27 is within the Indian Rocks Beach Business District Triangle and the future use of the site of building is undetermined.

Station #28 - There are preliminary plans to replace Fire Station #28 in the next one to two years. The construction will include the District's Emergency Operations Center and a publicly accessible meeting space or community spaces. The location of the newly proposed Station #28 has been evaluated. The District owns the current property, and there are no other properties available within the coverage areas. The project could also include an apparatus maintenance facility.

- 3) **Requirement: Identify any public facilities the special district is helping another entity (except a county or municipality) build, improve, or expand through a lease agreement.**

Response: This situation does not exist for the District.

- 4) **Requirement: Identify how the special district proposes to finance each public facility:**

Response:

Station #26: The changes listed above will require land acquisition and construction. The financing would be funded through District funds.

Station #27: The new Station #27 facility would require land acquisition and construction, which would also be funded through District funds. The remodeling of current Station #27 would be addressed in a future facilities report.

Station #28: The District proposes to use Penny for Pinellas funds and ARPA funds, budgeted at \$3M in the County Budget for FY 22/23. The District will be pursuing additional funding from the County on this project, as the project has a projected cost of \$8M.

- 5) **Requirement: Identify the anticipated completion time of any projects above:**

Response: The anticipated timeframe for Station #26 is uncertain currently. Land acquisition is extremely hard to accomplish given the buildout in Indian Shores. Fire Station #27

timeframes are also uncertain at this time. We anticipate moving forward on that project in FY23/24 and will be putting out RFPs for all projects in the upcoming months. The estimated completion time for Fire Station #28 could possibly be mid-year 2024.

- 6) **Requirement: Identify the anticipated capacity of and demands on each public facility when completed, if a public facility will be improved or expanded, include existing and anticipated capacity.**


Response:

PSFRD has identified the lack of appropriate facilities for the District. All three current fire stations will be constructed to meet all of the requirements for public safety fire stations, as well as an additional fire/EMS station to meet the demands of the community. The fire stations will be built with a 50-year lifespan and will be built to meet the future demands of the District.

- 7) **Requirement: If applicable, within the next ten years, the date the special district currently proposes to replace any of the public facilities identified above or in the Initial Public Facilities Report.**

Response: All three fire stations and the completion of a fourth fire station will be completed within the next 10 years.

Report complete.


Louis Snelling, Chair
PSFRD Board of Commissioners


Date Approved

ATTEST:


Kimberly Hampton, District Administrator

cc: Clerk - City of Belleair Beach
Clerk - Town of Belleair Shore
Clerk - City of Indian Rocks Beach
Clerk - Town of Indian Shores
Clerk - Pinellas County Board of County Commission