



## *Pinellas Suncoast Fire & Rescue*

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February 27, 2024

**PUBLIC FACILITIES ANNUAL NOTICE OF CHANGE**  
**AS REQUIRED BY**  
**CHAPTER 189.08**

**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 UNIT 1

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 an advanced life support (ALS) fire suppression unit, defined within the Pinellas County fire community as an engine with squad capabilities. This unit is staffed with three full time positions, one being a lieutenant and the other two positions staffed with firefighters. One of the three positions is always a paramedic. Fireboat 26 is also housed in Indian Shores and, in the near future, Light Marine 26, which has already been purchased by the District.

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, working in conjunction with County staff on possible locations.

**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, and support personnel, as well as 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. Marine 27 is housed here and is one of the busiest marine units in Pinellas 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 Indian Rocks Beach, Belleair Beach, and Belleair Shore. There is a response time gap due to the closest fire stations in this area being 5.8 miles apart. This information was confirmed with a recent study, utilizing Levrum, as a team effort between County staff and PSFRD. The District plans to purchase this property in the next few months.

**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.

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:** Station #28 is owned by the District. This fire station was built in 1973 and will be rebuilt beginning FY24. The District does not currently 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. Anticipated completion date is August 2025.

- (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 Blvd. This effort will continue, in collaboration with County staff to locate a permanent location.

**Station #27** - There are intentions, but no current plans, to rebuild Station #27 at its current location in the next one to two years. The fire station is 58 years old and is in need of major renovations or demolition and rebuilding.

**Station #28** - Station #28 is owned by the District. This fire station was built in 1973 and will be rebuilt in FY24. The District does not currently 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 an EOC for the District. The County has approved \$3M in funding toward this project. Anticipated completion date is August 2025.

**Additional fire station on the northern end of the District:** The District is also working on the addition of a fire station in the northern end of Indian Rocks Beach, to better serve Indian Rocks Beach, Belleair Beach and Belleair Shore. There is a response time gap, due to the closest fire stations in this area being 5.8 miles apart. This information was confirmed with a recent study, utilizing Levrum, as a team effort between County staff and PSFRD. The District plans to purchase this property in the next few months.

**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.

(3) **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:** Station #27's new facility will be funded by the State, as we are currently in in the process of appropriations requests through Legislature. Alternatively, District funds will have to be utilized to rebuild this property.

**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. The remainder of the project cost will be funded by the District.

**Additional fire station on the northern end of the District:** The District will utilize District funds for the purchase and build of this property. We will also continue to seek additional funding sources to offset the costs of this much needed facility.

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

**Response:** The anticipated time frame for Station #26 is uncertain currently. Land acquisition is extremely hard to accomplish, given the build out in Indian Shores. Fire Station #27 time frames are dependent upon State funding. Station #28 project will be under contract at the end of February, with an anticipated completion date of August 2025. The new fire station on the northern end is anticipated to be completed in the next 24 months.

- (5) **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.**

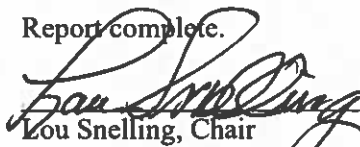
**Response:**

PSFRD has identified the lack of appropriate facilities for the District. All three current fire stations will be constructed to meet all 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 life span, and will be built to meet the future demands of the District.

- (6) **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.**

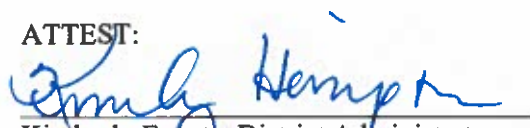
**Response:** All three fire stations and the completion of a fourth fire station will be completed within the next 10 years.

Report complete.

  
Lou Snelling, Chair  
PSFRD Board of Commissioners

  
Date Approved

ATTEST:

  
Kimberly Fugate, District Administrator

cc: Clerk - City of Belleair Beach  
Clerk - Town of Belleair Shore  
Clerk - City of Indian Rocks Beach  
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