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## INVOCATION

Josh Motsinger



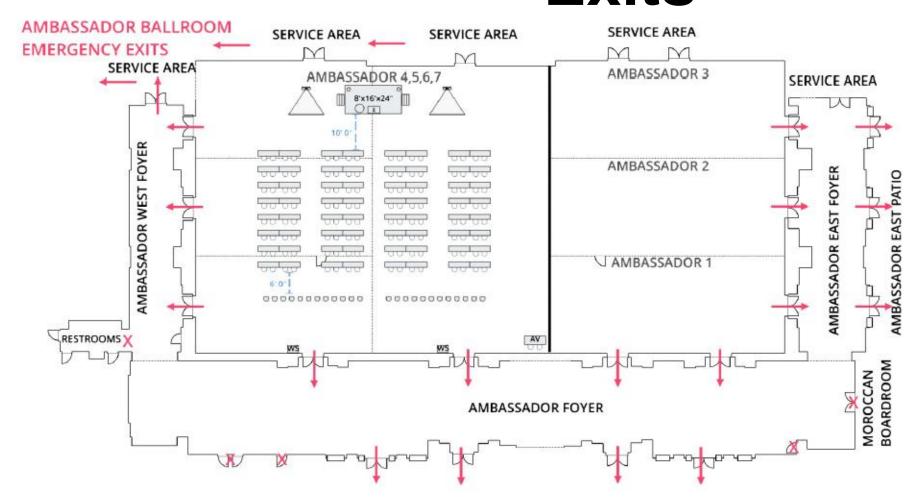
# Meeting Participation Requirements

- Robust Agenda
  - Q&A Encouraged
  - Please Silent Cell Phones
- WIFI Password: westin2025
- Spouse/Guest Event
- Afternoon Networking
- Evening Reception & Awards Banquet (please be sure to wear your badges)



## Safety – Emergency Exits

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## **WELCOME**

# Deputy Fire Chief Robert Fish

Riverside County Fire Department





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#### **CLARION SPONSORSHIP UPDATE - 92.4%**

**\$2,665,300** 

\$2,465,074

Updated: November 12, 2024 Deadline: January 31, 2025

#### **FORECAST 95.8%**

**\$2,665,300** 

\$2,554,074





- The forecast falls short by \$111,000
- Of the 127 member companies, 38.5% advertise, equaling 49 companies
- Of the 49 companies that advertise, 15 increased their spending by 10% or more
- There were 4 new advertisers this year totaling \$33,550
- 12 companies who advertised last year but not this year, which totals \$148,140



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#### **SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 2025 SPRING MEETING SPONSORS**

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#### CALL TO ORDER

**Bruce Whitehouse** 



# ANTI-TRUST / NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Jim Juneau



### **ROLL CALL**

#### Melissa Dobbs



## NOTICE OF MEETING November 4, 2024

Melissa Dobbs



## **REVIEW & ENTER MINUTES**

#### Melissa Dobbs



# SELF-INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS



## 8 New Member Companies Since the 2024 Spring Meeting

- Iturri America, Inc (March) \*
- Advantage Fleet LLC (April)
- RevolveAir Systems by MES (June) \*
- K-D Lamp Company (June)
- THL Fire Equipment (July)
- Grover Products LLC (October) \*
- Fire Manufacturing Innovations LLC (January) \*
- Helie Fire Trucks Inc (February)

\* Denotes Attending



#### 22 FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES

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Amity Fire & Safety, Inc.

C.E. Niehoff & Co.

E-ONE, Inc.

Fire Lion Global LLC

Fire Manufacturing Innovations LLC

Fort Garry Fire Trucks

Grover Products LLC

Grover Products LLC

H.O. Bostrom Company, Inc.

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Hale Products, Inc.

Daniel Eifert

Jason Jablonski

**Linas Polteraitis** 

Jared Holmgren

**Drew Baney** 

Andrew Zmiyiwsky

**Grant McComb** 

Vannela McComb

Jared Bostrom

Paige Bostrom

**Brent Warwick** 

Harrington, Inc.

Harrison Hydra-Gen

**IMMI** 

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Iturri America, Inc.

Lifeline Firehose

Lifeline Firehose

SoundOff Signal

SoundOff Signal

The Will-Burt Company

United Safety & Survivability Corp.

Jason Anderson

Richard Otwell

Gabe MacFarlane

Melissa Robinette-Kelley

Antonio Rubio Malpesa

**Scot Morrison** 

John Stafford

Bryan Nyeholt

Brandon Whittaker

Trapper Meadors

Mike Cesarz



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### 2025 Board of Directors



Past President – Gary Pacilio Fouts Bros., Inc.



President – Bruce Whitehouse AMDOR Inc.



Vice President – Jason Witmier Fire Research Corporation



Secretary – Melissa Dobbs IMMI



Treasurer – Jeff Hicks Task Force Tips, Inc.



Director-at-Large – Kevin Ignacio Marion Body Works, Inc.



Director-at-Large – Gregg Geske Waterous Company



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### **Bruce Whitehouse**



#### Mission and Vision

#### **Mission:**

**FAMA** advances the knowledge, safety, growth, and profitability of the emergency vehicle market.

#### **Vision:**

**FAMA** is recognized as the most comprehensive resource to the North American emergency vehicle industry



#### Mission and Vision – Focus Points

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#### FAMA focuses on the following objectives to advance the emergency vehicle industry:

- Training/Education
  - FAMA Fire Apparatus Design Symposium
  - Technical committees produce Safety Guides, Buyers/Selling guides and White papers
  - Education for the industry on new and existing technologies
- Advocacy and standards
  - Technical resource to NFPA and associated industry organizations
  - Advocacy for funding and industry resources at the federal, state and municipal governments
- . Industry data
  - Statistics
  - Market/economic trends
- Enhance industry knowledge and relationships
  - Semi-Annual Conferences featuring educational themes



#### **2025 Board Focus**

The 2025 focus of your FAMA Board will be a continuation of those articulated by Gary Pacilio last year plus ensuring success of the Fire Apparatus Design Symposium as follows:

- Symposium Development for 2025 Launch and Full Implementation in 2026
- Continue to Build FAMA Organizational Bench Strength
- Continue to Build / Enhance Member Value



#### **INITIATIVES** with Metrics and Targets

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#### 1. Symposium Development for 2025 Launch and Full Implementation in 2026

- Major initiative that will need significant resources of time, talents and funding to get off the ground
- Technical and Marketing Committees will ensure alignment of our organizational and industry goals plus keep members informed throughout the year,

#### Metrics / Targets:

Number of FAMA members paying to participate

30 for 2025

10% annual increase in each of following 5 years (2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 & 2030)

Number of Fire Service personnel registered as paying participants

100 for 2025

20% annual increase in each of following 5 years (2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 & 2030)



#### **INITIATIVES** with Metrics and Targets

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#### 2. Continue to Build / Enhance Member Value

- Quarterly statistics with refinement to streamline categories of reporting
- Technical and Marketing committees to be supporting the FAMA Fire Apparatus Design Symposium, NFPA and digital industry trends that help drive growth of member companies by educating and advocating for the industry and the fire service
- Continued collaboration and refinement of GAC activities with member companies to support AFG
- Building brand awareness through integration with the fire service (GAC / Hill Day / Home Days)

#### Metrics / Targets:

- Number of standards/regulations sponsored by FAMA monitor only no target metrics
- Number of legal questions asked by FAMA members quantity of contacts only 4 per year
- Number of legal questions asked by FAMA Board examples include Bylaw, membership qualification, interpretation of new legislations 12 per year



#### **INITIATIVES** with Metrics and Targets

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#### 3. Continue to Build FAMA Organizational Bench Strength

- Member participation at meeting and on committees
- Evaluate membership qualifications
- Get more company reps involved in committees to build bench strength for leadership, including future Board positions

#### Metrics / Targets:

- Membership retention 98%
- Spring/Fall meeting attendance Grow 5% per year



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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

**Jeff Hicks** 



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# Analysis of Annual Organization Finances



#### Overview of Income and Expenses Yearly 2018 through 2024

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Balance Sheet Assets						
2018	(12/31/2018)	\$600,442.86				
2019	(12/31/2019)	\$680,467.65				
2020	(12/31/2020)	\$748,467.65				
2021	(12/31/2021)	\$773,650.11				
2022	(12/31/2022)	\$762,107.94				
2023	(12/31/2023)	\$819,973.48				
2024	(12/31/2024)	\$929,794.00				

Balance sheet has remained steady annually



#### Overview of Income and Expenses Yearly 2017 through 2024

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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Income:	\$481,486	\$491,269	\$503,549	\$274,059	\$266,051	\$536,797	\$471,557	\$477,964
Total Expenses:	\$428,464	\$430,123	\$399,459	\$245,321	\$282,222	\$480,179	\$446,512	\$403,502
Net Operating Income:	\$53,022	\$61,145	\$104,090	\$28,738	(\$16,171)	\$56,618	\$25,046	\$74,462

- Expenses have continued to rise annually
- Cost reduction efforts were a focus in 2023
  - 2024 Expenses were lower than previous years
    - Fall Meeting Sponsorships moved into 2025
    - Fall Meeting Expenses lower due to cancelled meeting



## Review of Fiscal Year 2024

#### **2024 Financial Summary**

	Total
Income	
130 INCOME	
230 Revenue	
Advocacy Sponsorship (Clarion)	60,000.00
Dues	247,750.00
Meeting Fees (Fall)	0
Meeting Fees (Spring)	69,580.00
Meeting Sponsors (Fall)	32,184.10
Meeting Sponsors (Spring)	40,000.00
Scholarship Sponsor	5,000.00
Services	0
Technical Cmte (Sponsors)	2,500.00
Technical Safety Guide	18,724.36
Total 230 Revenue	475,738.46
Total 130 INCOME	475,738.46
BofA Merchant Svcs Reward	349.05
Interest - BofA - Reserve	6.49
Interest - BofA - Surplus	20.77
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0
Uncategorized Income	1,850.00
Total Income	\$477,964.77
GROSS PROFIT	\$477,964.77

Total
6,585.00
9,000.00
4,000.00
2,500.00
15,500.00
310.75
343.04
9,774.48
11,874.43
6,551.50
40,000.00
40,000.00

	Total
Expenses	
Insurance Premiums	2,341.82
Legal	13,227.08
Management Fees	75,000.00
Marketing/PR	49,527.91
Maven Events Contract	6,000.00
Member Meetings (Fall)	9,994.70
Member Meetings (Spring)	134,603.34
Membership (Plaques)	627.78
Office	6,450.23
Statistics Program	5,593.12
Technical	3,070.01
Travel - Administrative	6,127.19
Total 131 EXPENSE	403,502.38
Total Expenses	\$403,502.38
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$74,462.39
NET INCOME	\$74,462.39



# Summary of Fiscal Year 2025



#### 2025 Financial Plan/Budget

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#### **Policies and Procedures**

Reserves 50% of prior year's expenditures.

2024 expenses = \$403,502

**Reserve min. = \$201,751** 

	As o	f Feb 26, 2025	As c	of Feb 26, 2024
ASSETS				
Bank Accounts				
<b>BOA Bill Pay</b>		130.99		4,465.32
<b>BOA Operating</b>		489,268.36		553,120.69
BOA Reserve		0.00		135.95
BOA Surplus		0.00		95,392.45
BofA CD 26 Aug 2024 (revested)		0.00		250,000.00
<b>BofA CD 27 Sept 2025</b>		250,000.00		
BofA CD 26 Mar 2025		257,000.00		
Total Bank Accounts	\$	996,399.35	\$	903,114.41
Other Current Assets				
<b>PrePaid Meeting Deposits</b>		10,000.00		23,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,006,399.35	\$	926,114.41

**Total** 



#### 2025 Financial Plan/Budget

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**Apparatus Design Symposium** 

#### **Association Dues**

2024 Total = \$235,500

**2025 Total = \$245,100** 

#### **Meeting Attendance**

2024 Total = \$60,425

**2025 Total = \$58,200** 

#### **Meeting Sponsors**

2024 Total = \$40,000

**2025 Total = \$51,000** 

Meeting = \$45,000

Golf = \$6,000

	Income	Actual	Budget
	Advocacy Sponsorship (Clarion)		70,000.00
1	Apparatus Design Symposium		
	ADS - Attendees		44,550.00
	ADS - Sponsors		35,000.00
	ADS - Vendor Displays		26,250.00
	Total Apparatus Design Symposium	\$ 0.00	\$105,800.00
7	Dues	245,100.00	250,000.00
	Meeting Fees (Fall)	43,640.00	40,000.00
>	Meeting Fees (Spring)	58,200.00	52,500.00
	Meeting Sponsors (Fall)		18,500.00
7	Meeting Sponsors (Spring)	51,000.00	30,000.00
	Scholarship Sponsor		5,000.00
	Technical Cmte (Sponsors)	2,500.00	2,500.00
	Technical Safety Guide		20,000.00
	Total Income	\$400,440.00	\$594,300.00

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APPARATUS		Accountant Fees	142.50	7,000.00
		CFSI (Annual)	4,000.00	9,000.00
MANUFACTUR		Newsletter		4,000.00
A SSOCIATION		NFFF (Annual)		2,500.00
MARIAN EAMA org		Annual Fees (Corp)	296.75	350.00
www.FAMA.org		Apparatus Design Symposium	1,669.12	140,000.00
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Apparatus Design Sympos		Bank Fees	4,729.59	10,000.00
		Board Meetings/Retreats	1,371.01	12,500.00
GAC		Education-Scholarship		7,500.00
2024 Total = \$42,000	<b>—</b>	Governmental Affairs - US	10,000.00	43,000.00
		Insurance Premiums	2,310.14	3,100.00
2025 Total = \$43,000		Legal	2,450.00	15,000.00
		Management - Bus. Mgr. Recruit / Hire		60,000.00
D		Management Fees	18,750.00	78,000.00
Business Mgr. Recruitme	ent	Marketing/PR	13,280.00	39,500.00
		Maven Events Contract	4,500.00	18,000.00
Marketing /DD		Member Meetings (Fall)	22,891.35	70,000.00
Marketing/PR		Member Meetings (Spring)	68,284.71	180,000.00
Website revamp project		Membership (Plaques)	106.84	750.00
		Office	3,736.61	8,750.00
Meeting Fees		Statistics Program		5,500.00
2024 Total = \$165,000		Technical		5,000.00
2025 Budget = \$180,000		Technical Safety Guide		500.00
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		Travel - Administrative	1,091.27	9,000.00
	•	Total Expenses	\$ 159,609.89	\$ 729,700.00



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2025	(02/26/2025)	\$1,006,399.35	

	2025 Budget	2024 Actual	2023 Actual
Total Income	\$594,300	\$477,964	\$471,102
Total Expenses	\$729,700	\$403,502	\$446,511
Net Operations	(\$135,400)	\$74,462	\$25,045

#### **Upcoming and ongoing projects (Expenses):**

- FAMA Apparatus Design Symposium
- Website Redesign
- Business Manager Recruitment and Transition



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Questions/Comments



# POLL EVERYWHERE How it Works

**Jason Witmier** 





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#### This is how it works

Ask the audience a question. Then watch their answers come to life on the screen.



#### Step 1

Ask your audience a question with the Poll Everywhere app



#### Step 2

Audience answers in real time using mobile phones, Twitter, or web browsers



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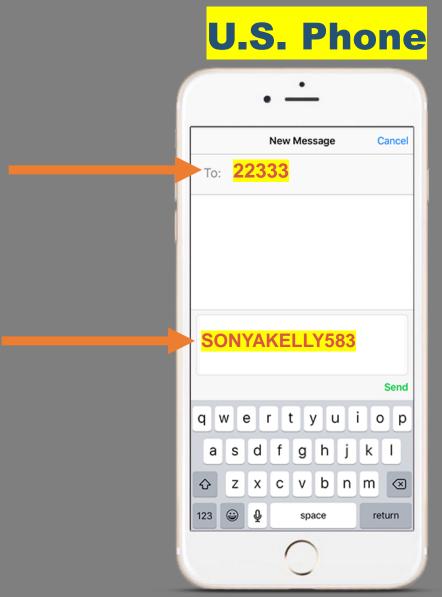
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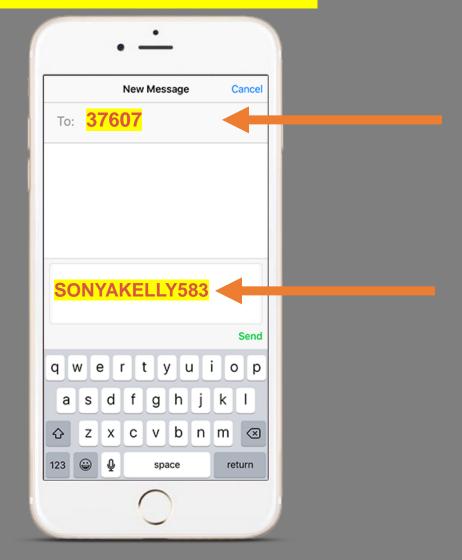
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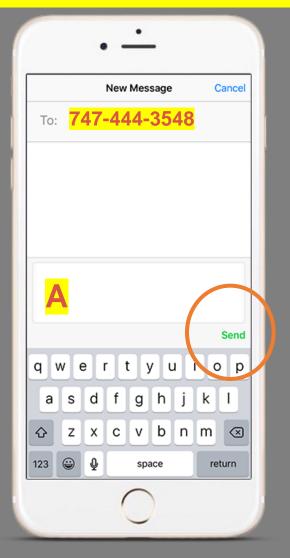


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#### **U.S.** Answer



### **Canadian Answer**





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## DATA & RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

# Paul Bostrom John Schultz

**Board Liaison: Jeff Hicks** 



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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- Paul Bostrom / Chair H.O. Bostrom & Company
- John Schultz / Vice-Chair Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.
- Philip Gerace E-ONE, Inc.
- Andrew Lingel United Plastic Fabricating
- Jason Nawrocki Waterous Company

**Board Liaison: Jeff Hicks** 



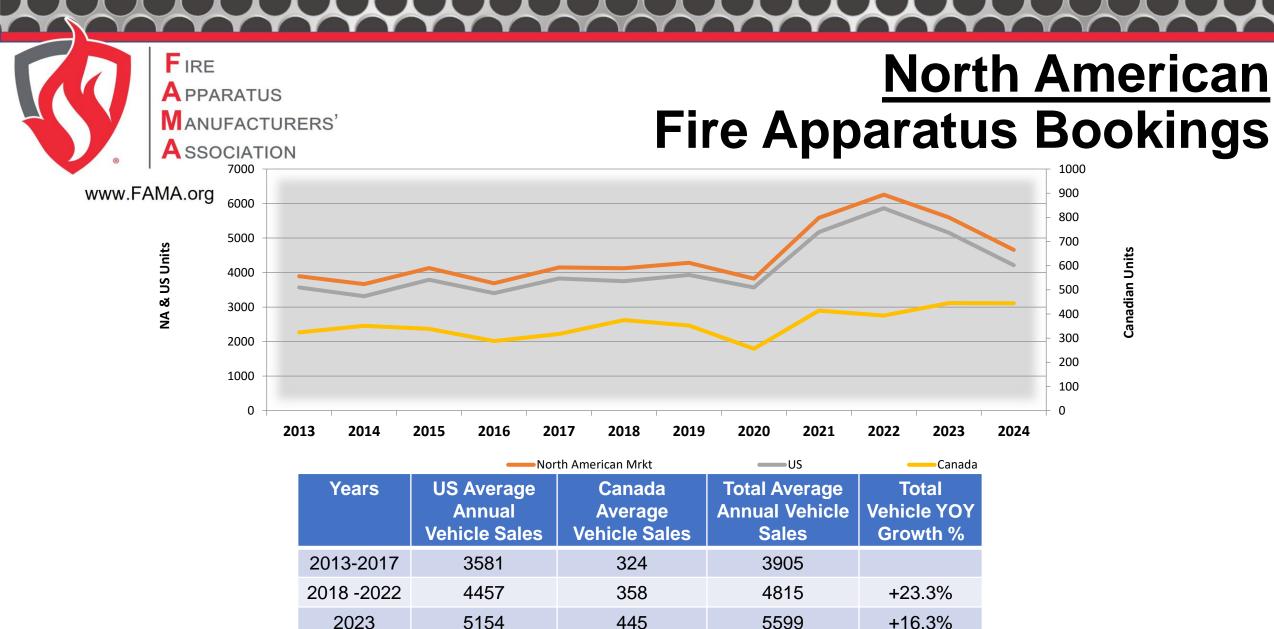
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#### **FAMA Board Initiatives**

- Complete a 5-year industry forecast & analysis report
- Increase participation of members reporting
- Increase member engagement in the use and value of the data
- Update statistics website to enhance analysis capabilities

#### **Committee Projects**

- Increase participation of members reporting
- Develop truck data entry tutorials
- Incorporate validation programing / checks into data entry



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-16.8%

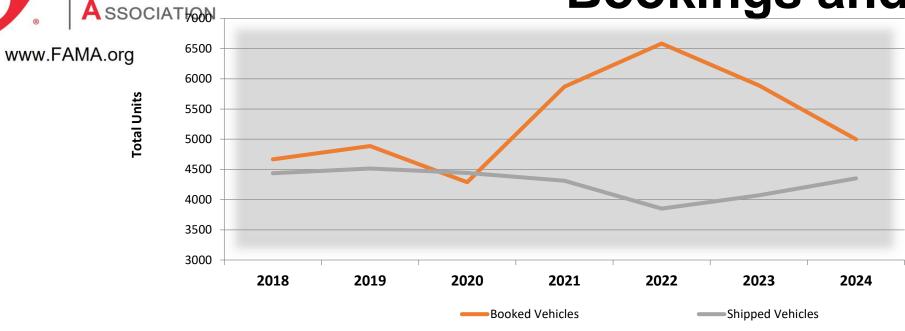
#### 12 Month Rolling 4,658 units

2024

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## Total Industry Bookings and Shipments



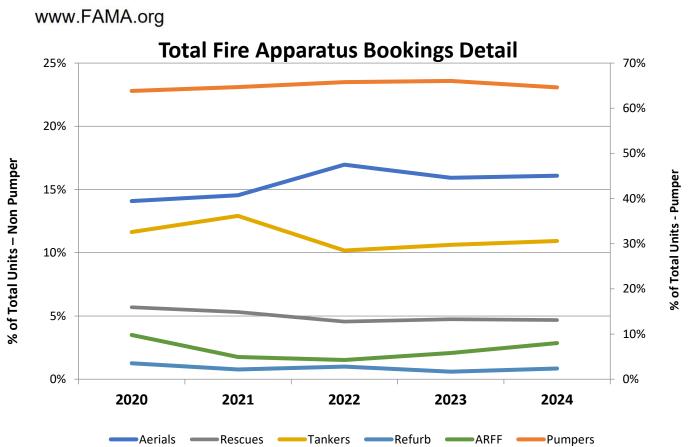
Years	Booked Vehicles	Booked Vehicles YOY Growth %	Shipped Vehicles	Shipped Vehicle YOY Growth %
2013 -2017	4627		4314	
2018 -2022	5259	+13.7%	4311	-0.1%
2023	5890	+12.0%	4070	-5.6%
2024	4998	-15.1%	4353	+7.0%

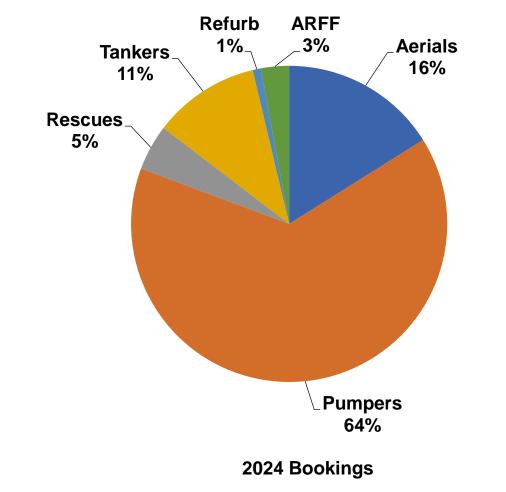
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<sup>\*</sup>All regions



## Total Fire Apparatus Sales 12 Month Rolling

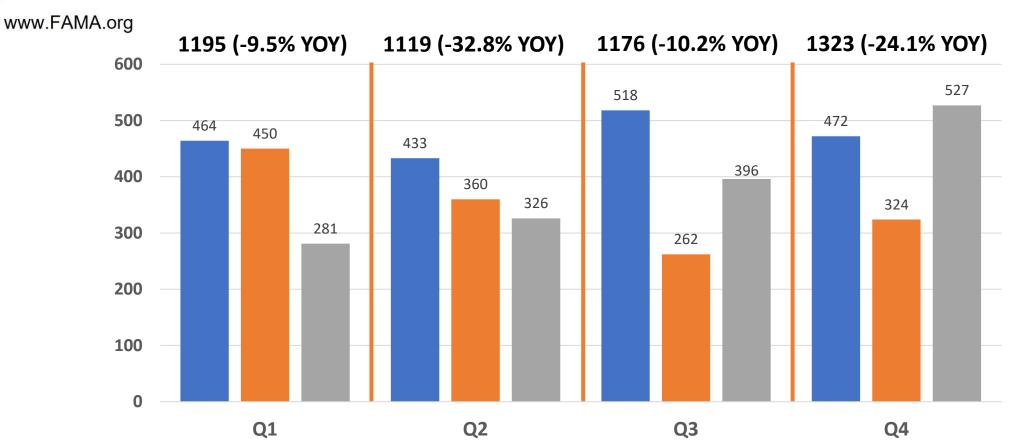




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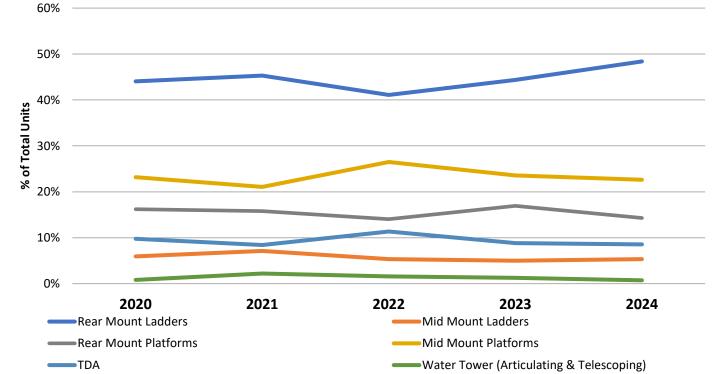
## Fire Apparatus Sales by Month 12 Month Rolling



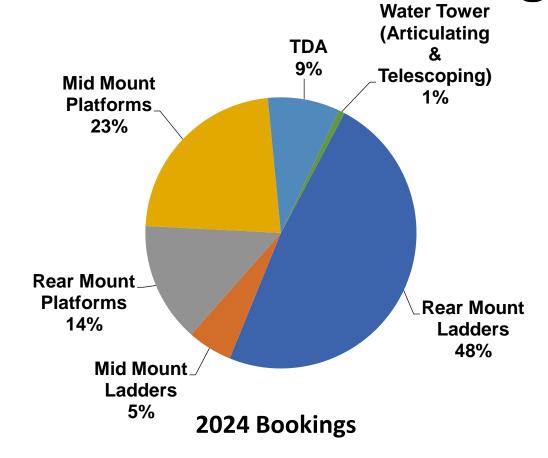


Aerial Bookings	Quantity	YOY Growth %
Rear Mount Ladders	389	-6.5%
Mid Mount Ladders	43	-8.5%
Rear Mount Platforms	115	-27.7%
Mid Mount Platforms	182	-17.6%
Tillers	69	-16.9%
Water Tower (telescoping & articulating)	6	-50.0%

#### **Aerial Apparatus Bookings Detail**



## Aerial Apparatus Sales 12 Month Rolling



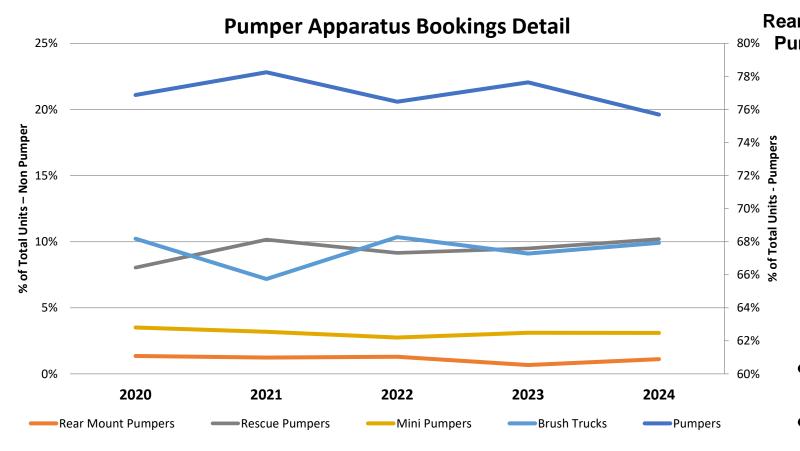
- 804 Booked (-14.3% YOY)
- 597 Shipped (+3.6% YOY)

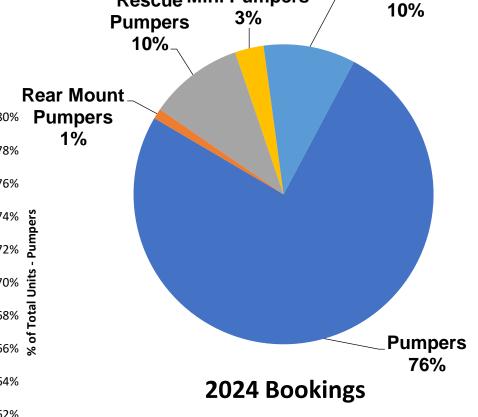


Pumper Bookings	Quantity	YOY Growth %
Pumpers	2444	-19.1%
Rear Mount Pumpers	36	38.5%
Rescue Pumpers	329	-10.8%
Mini Pumpers	100	-17.4%
Brush Trucks	320	-9.6%

## Pumper Apparatus Sales 12 Month Rolling

**Rescue Mini Pumpers** 





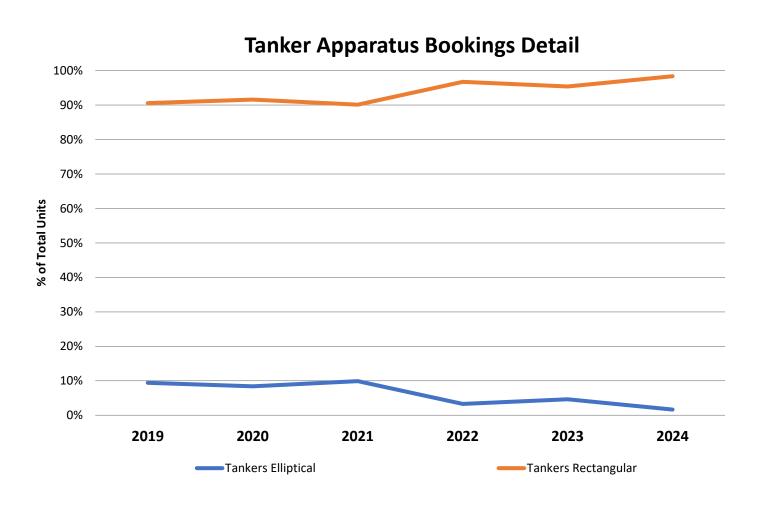
**Brush Trucks** 

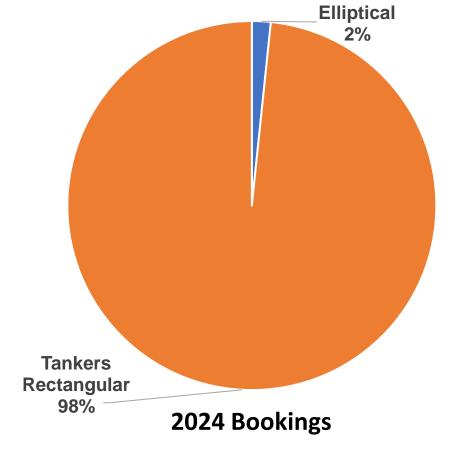
- 3,229 Booked (-17.0% YOY)
- 2,864 Shipped (+14.8% YOY)



Tanker Bookings	Quantity	YOY Growth %
Elliptical	9	-69.0%
Rectangular	537	-10.1%

# Tanker Apparatus Sales 12 Month Rolling





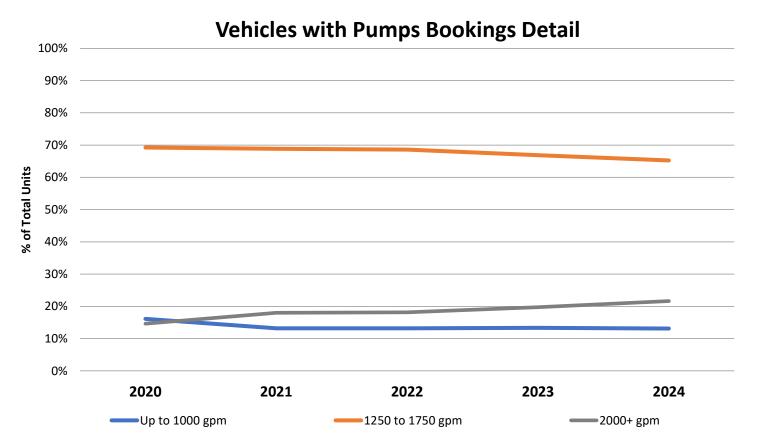
- 546 Booked (-12.8% YOY)
- 555 Shipped (-11.6% YOY)

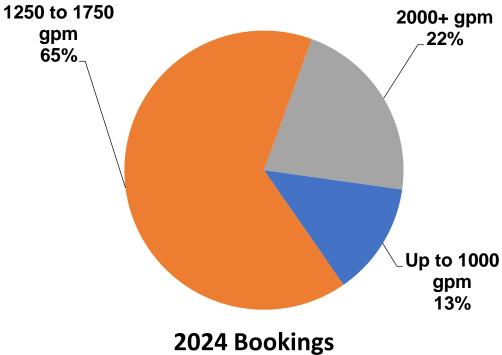


## Vehicles with Pumps Sales

## 12 Month Rolling

Pumper Bookings	Quantity	YOY Growth %
Up to 1000 GPM	576	-16.5%
1250 – 1750 GPM	2864	-17.1%
2000+ GPM	950	-7.0%





- 4,390 Booked (-15.0% YOY)
- 3,850 Shipped (+9.8% YOY)

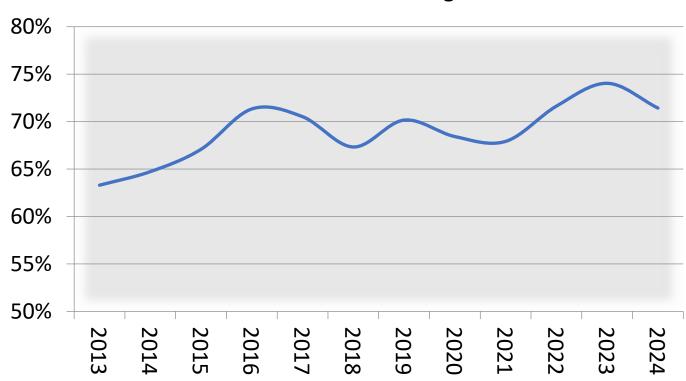
**Does Not Include ARFF & Refurbs** 



## Total Industry Bookings Custom vs Commercial Chassis

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#### **Custom Chassis Annual Percent Usage – All Products**



Year	Commercial	Custom	Custom YOY Growth %
2013-2017	32.7%	67.3%	
2018-2022	30.8%	69.2%	+1.9%
2023	26.1%	73.9%	+4.7%
2024	28.6%	71.4%	-2.5%

Rolling 12 Month: 28.6% Commercial / 71.4% Custom

All products, all regions



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Questions/Comments



# Thank You for Submitting Quarterly Reports in a Timely Manner



## **Presentation To Come March 2nd**

# TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT



Roger Lackore Melissa Dobbs



Board Liaison: Gregg Geske



# GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

David Durstine Scott Beecher

**Board Liaison: Melissa Dobbs** 



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## **GAC Members**

- David Durstine, FAMA Co-Chair
- Scott Beecher, FAMA Co-Chair
- John Granby, FEMSA Co-Chair \*
- David Russell, FEMSA Co-Chair \*
- Mark Brenneman
- Gabe Casucci
- Henry Costo \*

- Tim Dean
- Burke Genthner \*
- Philip Gerace
- Cory Hohs
- Kevin Ignacio
- Marc Mazza
- Cindy Morgan \*
- Mike Natchipolsky \*

### **GAC Support**

Dave Gatton and Development Initiatives Inc. (DII)

**GAC Consultant** 

\* FEMSA Representatives



## **Committee Goals**

1

Drive discussions for the continued support and increased funding of the AFG programs.

2

Navigate the current legislative environment – finding ways to keep member companies informed and engaged with their representatives 3

Plan & execute 2025 Hill Day to encourage adequate funding of the AFG Programs 4

Update the Home Day Tool Kit in current status on the GAC website, and encourage member companies to host Home Days and educate Congress! 5

Meet with Key Leaders to discuss future gov't programs and initiatives in support of the FAMA membership and our organizations goals.



## **Annual & Ongoing GAC Activities**

- Continue to advocate for full funding for the AFG grant programs.
- Participate in the National Advisory Committee of CFSI
- Annual Alliance Luncheon
- Sponsor the annual CFSI Holiday Party



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## **AFG and SAFER Funding**

Preserve funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

• AFG is key to equipping adequately the nation's first responders and ensuring a high level of protection against fires, natural disasters, terrorism, and other emergencies across the United States.





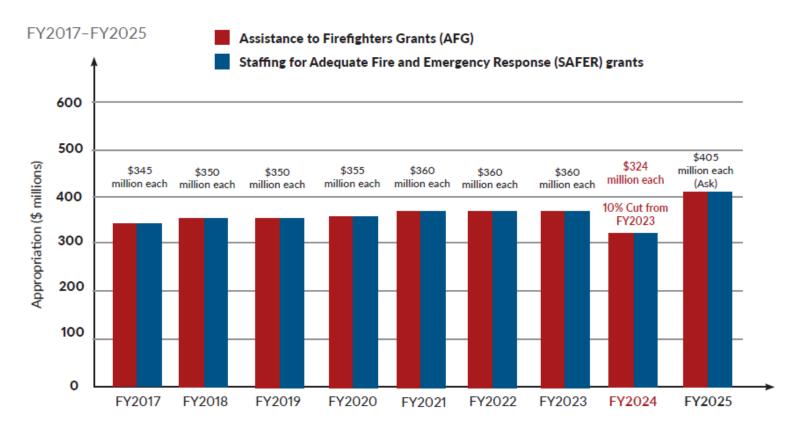
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## **Cost Increases of Firefighting Equipment**

- From 2023 to 2025, the average cost for turnout gear has increased an ~22%, and a fire apparatus (pumpers) by an ~11%. However, over the last decade, AFG funding has remained largely flat, as costs to the American fire service continue to rise. In FY2024, Congress cut AFG and SAFER funding by 10% each. Congress must increase AFG funding to \$405 million in FY2025 to commensurately meet the climbing cost of life-saving firefighting equipment.
- Annually the request for AFG and Safer Exceed \$3 Billion each. The needs from the US Fire Service is present

#### **AFG & SAFER Appropriations Funding**

\*2020 Figures do not include the \$100 million in AFG funding provided through the CARES Act to combat COVID-19. The 2021 figures do not include the \$100 million in AFG and \$200 million for SAFER in the American Rescue Plan to combat COVID-19.



FAMA & FEMSA Support FY2025 Funding at \$405 Million Each for AFG & SAFER



## Hill Day and Home Days

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#### Hill Day

Greater member participation is needed for Hill Day

Dates: March 17-19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Registration Link will be available on the FAMA and GAC Sites https://famafemsagac.org//



#### **Home Days**

Home Days are Critically Important We will need everyone's help to emphasize the importance of the AFG programs



**Reminder:** Please post your Home Day events with photos on the GAC website.





### **Activities for the Members!**

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Rep. Adam Kinzinger stopped by the Darley offices in Itasca, IL

#### It hasn't changed, it's a Relationship Business!!

Call your Congressional Offices to Promote AFG, SAFER, USFA and USAR funding initiatives & Reauthorization

Invite your congressional office to visit your facility

Host a Home day (even if it is just a cup of coffee)

Mark your calendar: GAC Hill Day March 17-19th, 2026

Report back to the GAC about your activity and success



## The GAC thanks you for your support!

If there are any questions please contact David Durstine or Scott Beecher

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2026 Hill Day March 17-19<sup>th</sup> 2026!



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Questions/Comments



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## **BYLAW COMMITTEE REPORT**

Philip Gerace

Board Liaison: Bruce Whitehouse



## **Committee Members**

- Philip Gerace Chair
- Scott Edens Vice-Chair
- Jerry Halpin
- Sam Massa

Board Liaison – Bruce Whitehouse



## **Board Vacancies & Company Affiliation Change**

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#### The Board, Bylaws Committee, and Compass Committee believe that:

- Board vacancies have become more of an issue over the past few years.
- Board needs more flexibility with respect to addressing mid-term vacancies.
- Current Bylaws limits the Board flexibility to address mid-term vacancies and company affiliation changes.
- Revisions are needed to the Bylaws to provide flexibility when mid-term board vacancies arise, with particular emphasis on the executive committee.



### **Current Bylaw Section 6.1**

6.1 Composition and Terms of Office. The authority to direct the property, affairs, activities and concerns of FAMA shall be vested in a Board of Directors which shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, a Past-President, and two (2) Directors-at-Large. At any time, not more than one individual may serve on the Board from any single member company, or from any grouping of companies that are related or affiliated with one another through any common management or ownership. All members of the Board shall commence their term of office on the first day of January in the year following election, and shall continue in office thereafter until their term of office expires, or their office is otherwise vacated. Except for a Past-President appointed under section 6.7 of these Bylaws to fill the remaining unexpired term of a vacant office, no person shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors in any capacity for more than seven (7) consecutive years.



#### **Proposed Revised Section 6.1**

#### Revised Highlighted Sentence:

Except for appointments made to fill vacancies under section 6.7.1 of these Bylaws, at any time, not more than one individual may serve on the Board from any single member company, or from any grouping of companies that are related or affiliated with one another through any common management or ownership.



#### **Current Bylaw Section 6.7**

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6.7 <u>Vacancies</u>. Whenever any vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, a replacement member shall be selected without undue delay by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board present and voting at its regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose, a quorum being present. The replacement Board member shall serve only as long as necessary to complete the balance of the unexpired term of the vacant office. Should the vacancy be created due to ineligibility caused by termination of the affected Board Member's full-time employment with a member company, the affected Board Member shall have a grace period of up to ninety (90) days within which to regain eligibility by obtaining employment with a **FAMA** member company in good standing. If the vacancy to be filled is for a Director-at-Large, Secretary, or Treasurer, the replacement member appointed may be any member company representative who would be otherwise eligible for election to the vacated office. If the vacancy to be filled is for Vice-President, a Past President of FAMA who is not currently serving on the Board of Directors, and who is otherwise eligible under Section 6.2 of these Bylaws, shall be appointed for the balance of the vacated term, however an appointed Vice-President shall not become part of the automatic succession of Executive Committee members referenced in section 6.1.1 of these Bylaws. If the vacancy to be filled is for the position of Past President, the replacement member shall be the most recent Past President not currently on the Board who is available and willing to serve, and who is otherwise eligible under section 6.2 of these Bylaws. If the vacancy to be filled is for the position of President, the current Vice-President shall become President, serving thereafter for the remainder of the unexpired term and then remaining as President for the following full-term, with the Vice-President's vacant office then being filled for the unexpired portion thereof by appointment as provided above.



### **Proposed Revised Section 6.7**

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6.7.1 If the vacancy to be filled is for a Director-at-Large, Secretary, or Treasurer, the appointee may be any member company representative who would be otherwise eligible for election to the vacated office, provided that, at any time, not more than one individual may serve on the Board from any member company, and not more than two individuals may serve on the Board from any group of related or affiliated companies (e.g. having any common management or ownership).

6.7.2 If the vacancy to be filled is for Vice-President, a Past President of **FAMA** who is not currently serving on the Board of Directors, and who is otherwise eligible under Section 6.2 of these Bylaws, shall be appointed for the balance of the vacated term, however an appointed Vice-President shall not become part of the automatic succession of Executive Committee members referenced in section 6.1.1 of these Bylaws.



### **Proposed Revised Section 6.7**

6.7.3 If the vacancy to be filled is for the position of President, the current Vice-President shall become President, serving thereafter for the remainder of the unexpired term and then remaining as President for the following full-term, with the Vice-President's vacant office then being filled for the unexpired portion thereof by appointment as provided above.

6.7.4 If the vacancy to be filled is for the position of Past President, the replacement member shall be the most recent Past President not currently on the Board who is available and willing to serve, and who is otherwise eligible under section 6.2 of these Bylaws.



### **2025 Spring Meeting**

At this point, any questions?

Following the questions (if any):

The Bylaws Committee respectfully asks that a motion be made, from the floor, to the President to call for a vote to approve the Board recommended amendments to

Section 6.1 and 6.7



#### **2025 Spring Meeting**

# FIRE APPARATUS DESIGN SYMPOSIUM

Jason Witmier/Bert McCutcheon



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#### Rosen Centre Hotel



Octobe	October 2025 Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday						
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	



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#### Rosen Centre Hotel

9840 International Drive Orlando FL, 32819

**Not** Rosen Plaza Hotel located at 9700 International Drive





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#### Rosen Centre Hotel

Modern rooms recently renovated

\$175 per night







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#### Rosen Centre Hotel

- Modern rooms recently renovated
- Large conference space

\$175 per night





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#### Rosen Centre Hotel

- Modern rooms recently renovated
- Large conference space
- Dedicated hospitality room located off pool area

\$175 per night

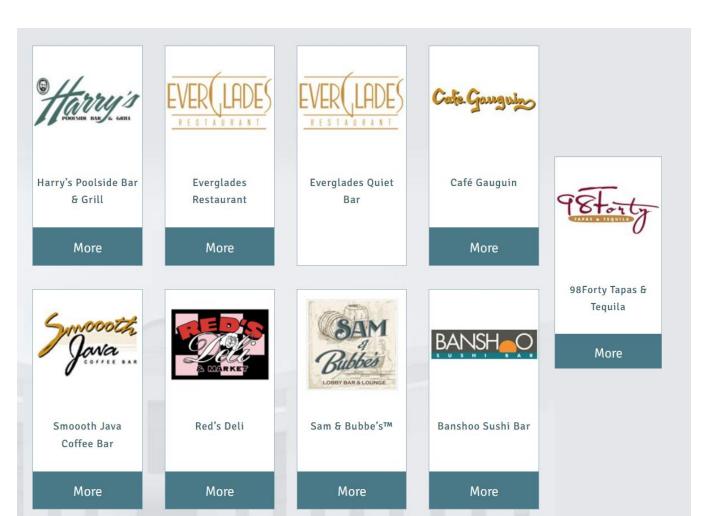




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#### Rosen Centre Hotel

- Multiple restaurants
- Coffee bar
- Sushi bar
- 24-hour Deli
- Multiple bars including main bar which stays open to 2 am





#### **Table Registration**

- Currently open \$750 until April 30<sup>th</sup>
- After April 30<sup>th</sup> \$1,500
- (20) tables booked
   Limited to (43) total (23) open
- (5) sponsorships booked
  - (0) Gold remaining
  - (2) Silver remaining
  - (8) Bronze remaining

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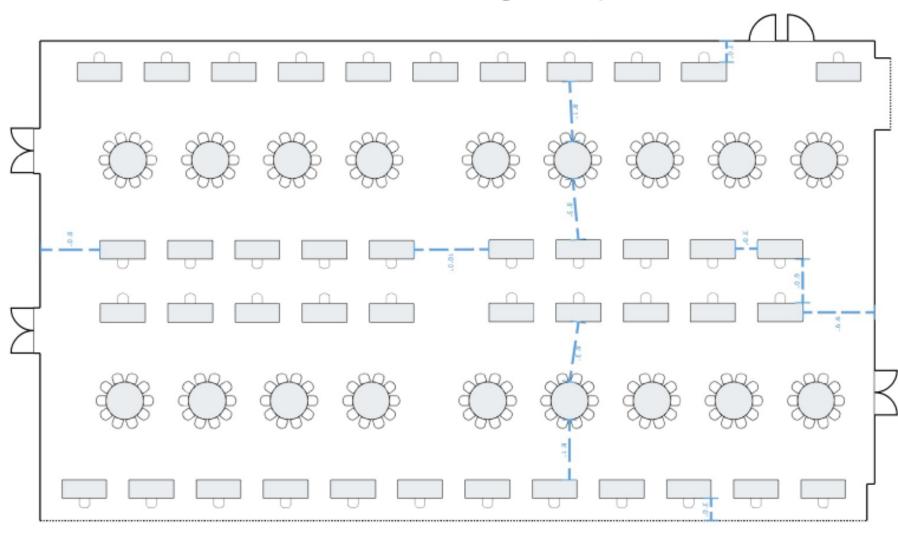




#### **Room Layout**

- (18) 5' Rounds [Networking 10 per]
- (43) 6' x 30" Tables
- Lunches, happy hour, and supplier showcase in this room
- Buffet in hallway

Fire Apparatus Design Symposium



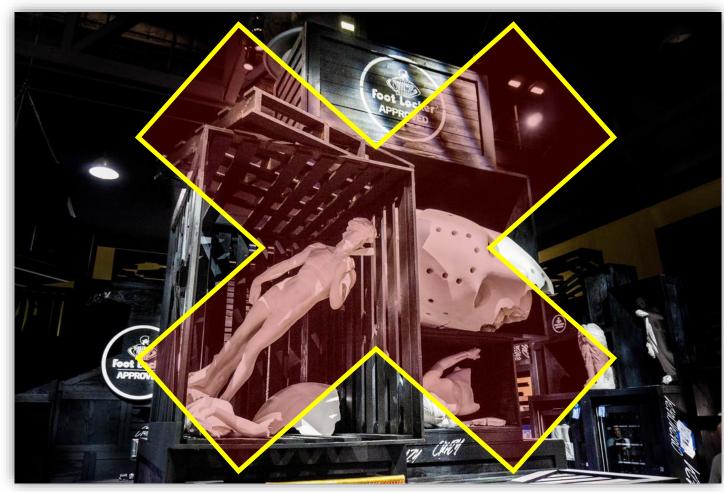


#### **Vendor Table Layout**





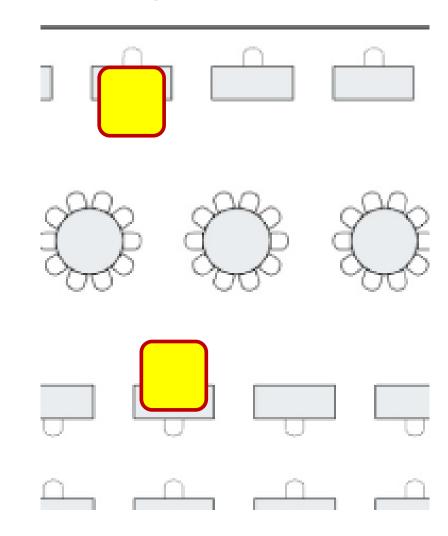
### **Vendor Table Layout**





#### **Vendor Table Layout**

- Vendor registration includes (2) attendees
- Includes access to all events/classes as well as all social gatherings
- Additional attendees should register as a student (\$495) early bird
- Display is a 6' table, product is permitted but we ask that you "Use common sense!"
- Concept is a simple booth with maybe literature, handouts, small displays
- Have a question…ask





## Schedule/Speakers

WEDNESDAY OCT 22			
8:30 AM	Welcome   Dave Durstine, Jason Witmier		
9-10:15 AM	AS0502 - Apparatus Purchasing 101   Dave Durstine		
10:30 AM -12 PM	AS0201 - Modern Electrical Systems   IDEX, FRC		
12-1:15 PM	Lunch in Sponsor Showcase		
1:15-2:15 PM	AS0106 - Compartment Management   Bruce Whitehouse		
2:15-3:15 PM	AS0120 - Foam Systems   Gregg Geske, Jason Narowcki, Kyle Darley, James Morgan		
3:30-4:30 PM	AS0217 - Lighting Control Technology   Doug Baker, Paul Demming		
4:30-5:30 PM	Sponsor Showcase Happy Hour		
	Dinner at Leisure		



## Schedule/Speakers

THURSDAY OCT 23			
8:30 AM	Briefing & Continental Breakfast   Dave Durstine, Jason Witmier		
9-10:15 AM	AS0103 - Scene Light Technology   HiViz, FRC, Whelen		
10:30 AM -12 PM	AS0503 - Engines for 2027   Chris Crowel, Roger Lackore		
12-1:15 PM	Lunch in Sponsor Showcase		
1:15-2:15 PM	AS0211 - Occupant Protection   Melissa Dobbs, Adam Graves		
2:15-3:15 PM	AS0504 - Aerial Controls   Chip Goodson		
3:30-4:30 PM	AS0104 - Idle Reduction Technology   Danny Graham, John Doprolski		
4:30-5 PM	Evaluation & Comments from Participants   Dave Durstine, Jason Witmier		
5-6 PM	Sponsor Showcase Happy Hour		
6-8 PM	Reception & Door Prizes   Dave Durstine, Jason Witmier		



## **2025 Spring Meeting**

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Questions/Comments



#### **2025 Spring Meeting**

# MARKETING & TRADE SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

## Larry Daniels Adam Graves

Board Liaison: Kevin Ignacio



#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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- Larry Daniels / Chair E-ONE, Inc.
- Adam Graves / Vice-Chair United Safety & Survivability Corp.
- Jennifer Greer Fouts Bros., Inc.
- Marcello (March) Iacovella WATERAX
- Allison Niendiek Rosenbauer America, LLC

Board Liaison: Kevin Ignacio



# ABOUT THE MARKETING COMMITTEE

The mission of the Marketing Committee is to strengthen FAMA's image throughout the Association's constituencies and to promote growth of the organization by supporting the Membership Committee. The Marketing Committee will also provide assistance to the FAMA Board of Directors and members in their efforts in communicating FAMA's mission, programs, policies, events, and successes throughout the fire service industry.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- •To help promote FAMA at industry-wide meetings, conventions, exhibitions, and other appropriate places.
- •To provide suitable collateral materials for all FAMA promotions, marketing, and membership drives.
- •To provide assistance and coordination for FAMA speakers and presentations.
- •To provide press releases for all significant FAMA activities, meetings, or other events.
- •Provide critical information necessary in helping FAMA constituents make informed decisions.
- Maintain an accurate and user-friendly website.
- •Ensure the statistics portion of the website is easily accessible and provides members with the most up to date information in a timely manner.



#### MARKETING ACTIVITIES

- Updated FAMA Website
- Clarion FAMA Buyer's Guides E-Blasts
- FDIC Sponsorship
- Enhancing Value to FAMA customers
- Assisting Membership Committee with call to action to increase FAMA membership



## SERVICE **PROGRESS** RESEARCH SAFETY A PPARATUS MANUFACTURERS' FAMA.ORG

### 2025 FDIC Sponsorship





- Same message, duplicated twice
- Large call to action, includes supporting statements
- QR code leads to FAMA.org







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FUEL INNOVATION. BUILD CONNECTIONS.
SHAPE THE INDUSTRY.
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#### FAMA WEBSITE UPDATE

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## RFP awarded to SPECTARGET and JINX Agency

Proposals received and evaluated from three design companies, including presentations.

Objective is to provide a more user-friendly website experience, especially as it relates to accessing and using statistics and market data.

Redesign and development will be done in Wordpress with plug-ins for improved statistics reports and user experience.







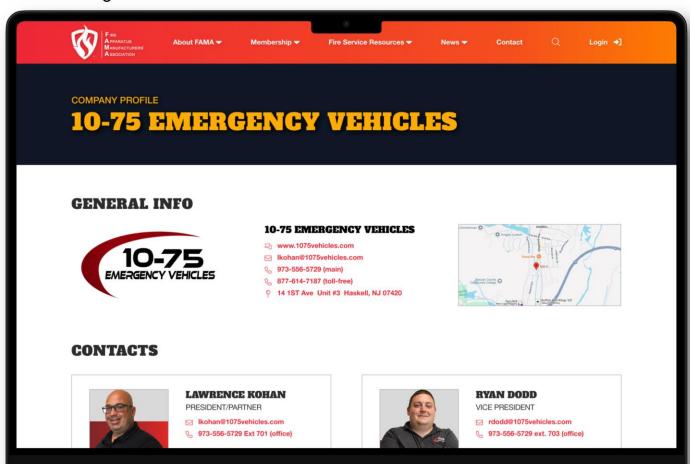
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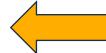




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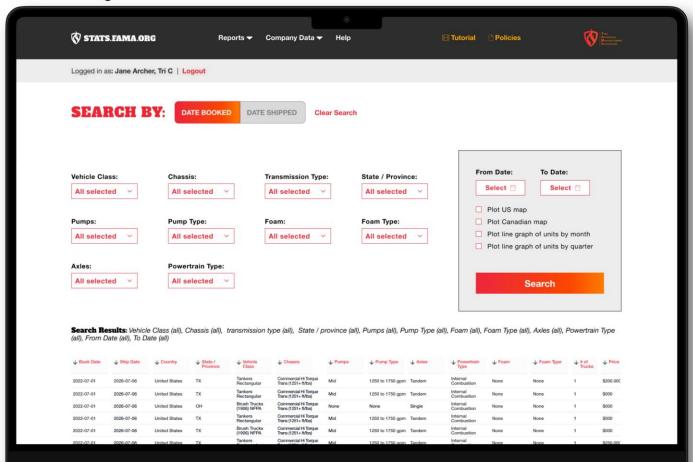






Easier to navigate thanks to "sticky" header navigation and clear navigational cues





Enhanced and optimized Stats database will be 200% faster with advanced filtering functionalities



## **2025 Spring Meeting**

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Questions/Comments



#### **2025 Spring Meeting**

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

## Oran McNabb Bert McCutcheon

Board Liaison: Gary Pacilio



#### **Committee Members**

- Oran McNabb

   Chair
- Bert McCutcheon

   Vice-Chair
- Gary Pacilio Member / Board Liaison



# Committee Annual Objectives

**Publish Nomination Call** 

Identify and contact candidates for 2026 board positions

Prepare template for Slate of Nominees

Finalize slate of 2026 candidates

Publish slate of 2026 candidates

Presentation of Process and Slate

Call for Nominations from the Floor

Election of 2026 Officers

April 30, 2025

May 15, 2025

June 30, 2025

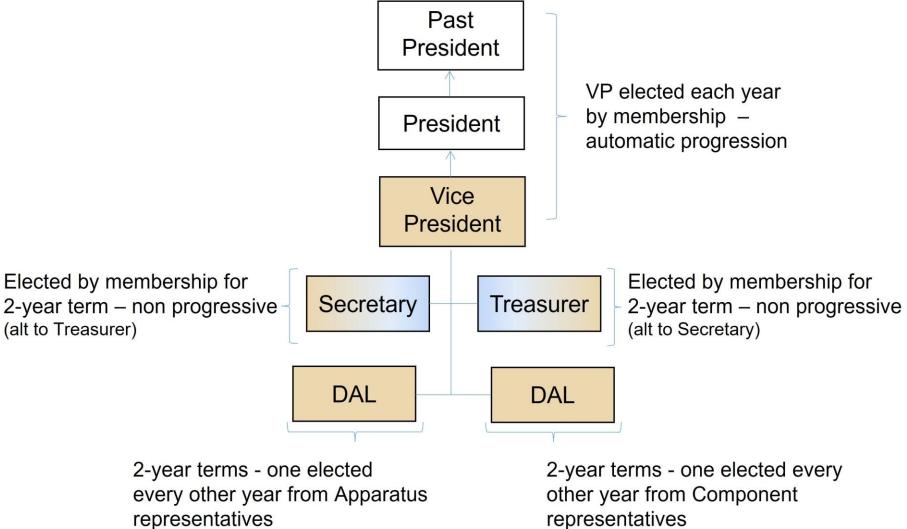
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August 1, 2025

2025 Fall Meeting



## **Board Structure**



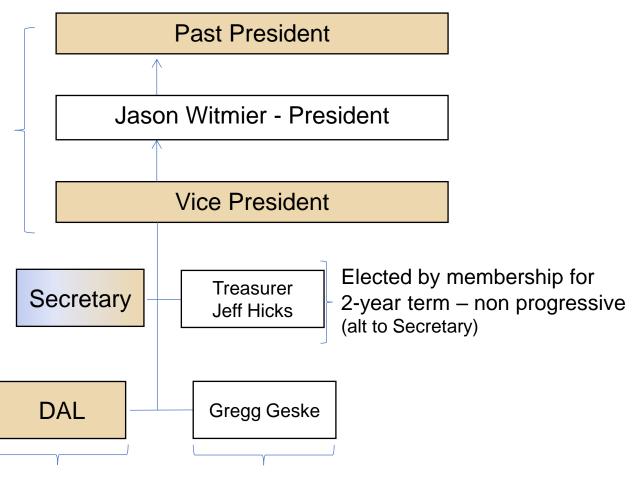


## **2026 Board Positions**

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VP elected each year by membership – automatic progression

Elected by membership for 2-year term – non progressive (alt to Treasurer)



2-year terms - one elected every other year from Apparatus representatives

2-year terms - one elected every other year from Component representatives



## 2026 Board Positions To Be Elected

Vice President

Secretary

DAL – Apparatus

3-year Auto-Progression

2-year Position

2-year Position



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**Questions/Comments** 



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

## Paul Deming

Board Liaison: Melissa Dobbs



## **Committee Members**

- Paul Deming / Chair Whelen Engineering Mfg. Co.
- Jennifer Hollis / Vice-Chair Hansen International
- Bob Albano Hendrickson
- Gregg Geske Waterous Company
- Bruce Ireland Darley
- Chris McClung KME Fire Apparatus
- Rick Suche Fort Garry Fire Trucks

Board Liaison: Melissa Dobbs



# Committee Annual Objectives

- Grow Membership 5%
- Develop Membership Retention Plan
- Engage Member Company Participation
- Encourage and Assign Mentors for First-Time Meeting Attendees



# Target New Member Companies

- Please explain the benefits of membership to any company that is not a member.
- Contact anyone on the Membership Committee for help.
- Use the Ten Reasons to Join FAMA pamphlet



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#### JOIN FAMA TODAY AND SEE WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU!





## **WHY JOIN FAMA?**



#### **INDUSTRY STATISTICS**

FAMA is the ONLY source for accurate fire service statistics provided quarterly and summarized at year end. Only FAMA members are privy to these reports since they are not released to the public. Members find this research invaluable for their internal business purposes regarding apparatus purchases by state, product category, pump type and more.



### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Through subcommittees, members work with numerous industry experts in recommending safe, practical solutions that assist the NFPA in the formation of standards. In addition, members receive the latest information about new products, technologies and standards.



### GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The GAC helps FAMA establish and maintain their reputations as leaders and strategic partners with governmental entities as it relates to Emergency Services, Fire Apparatus and Homeland Security. Through the GAC, member companies receive regular communications about important legislation that relates to them.



#### **NETWORKING**

FAMA's spring and fall meetings provide a great opportunity to network with industry professionals. The meetings also keep members up-to-date with new information, allow for group formulations of organizational goals and provide a forum to share information.



#### INDUSTRY RELATIONSHIPS

As well as serving U.S. and Canadian fire service communities through involvement in NFPA, FAMA members also integrate with and support the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI), the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), the Fire Department Safety Officers Association (FDSOA), the Fire and Emergency Manufacturers and Services Association (FEMSA), and other fire service-related organizations.



#### WHITE PAPER REPORT

As a member of FAMA you will get a chance to contribute to our White Paper Report. The White Paper Report is intended to serve as a resource for fire service administrators who are considering replacement of outdated or obsolete fire protection equipment, or who are in the process of purchasing new equipment.



#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

FAMA gives back to individuals in the fire industry in the form of scholarships and grants advocacy. FAMA advocates for grant funding to support underfunded fire departments to ensure proper protection to their communities. In addition, FAMA is proud to help cultivate the next generation of fire service professionals. Each year one scholarship is awarded to a deserving individual enrolled in a four-year or graduate level fire science or EMS program.



### COMPREHENSIVE WEBSITE

The FAMA website has become a central hub for members, providing a full member listing with contact information, a resource library, the FAMA calendar, and a members-only section.



### STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

FAMA member companies total over 120 strong. On issues that are important to the fire service and its suppliers, the organization is able to provide a strong voice within the industry that a single supplier might not be able to accomplish independently.



#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

FAMA communicates with its members on a regular basis via emails, its website and an extensive FAMA newsletter

For more information on how you can become a member of FAMA, visit www.FAMA.org today!



## 8 New Member Companies Since the 2024 Spring Meeting

- Iturri America, Inc (March)
- Advantage Fleet LLC (April)
- RevolveAir Systems by MES (June)
- K-D Lamp Company (June)
- THL Fire Equipment (July)
- Grover Products LLC (October)
- Fire Manufacturing Innovations LLC (January)
- Helie Fire Trucks Inc (February)



## **Member Companies**

Currently there are 135 FAMA Member Companies



# First-Time Attendee Mentoring Program

• There are 21 First-Time Attendees at this conference.





### **Questions/Comments**



## SPRING MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE

## Ron Truhler Peter Sremac

**Board Liaison: Jason Witmier** 



# Spring Meeting 2025 Welcome to Rancho Mirage

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## **Committee Members**

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Ron Truhler - Chair - Elkhart Brass Mfg. Co., Inc.

Pete Sremac / Vice-Chair – C.E. Niehoff & Company

- Mike Adams Ziamatic Corp.
- Mark Albright 4 Guys Fire Trucks
- Tim Allaband Matheny Fire & Emergency
- Chick Granito Honorary Member

- Jay Johnson Golight, Inc.
- Kaoma Massa HiViz Lighting, Inc.
- Golf Tournament:

Brian Emmel – Federal Signal Corp.

**Board Liaison: Jason Witmier** 



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## **Planning Committee Activities**

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- Location
- Sponsorships
- Speakers
- Food and Beverage
- Events
- Meeting Agenda





## Palm Spring Aerial Tramway

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Keynote **Speaker** Michelle "Mace" Curran



## **2025 Spring Meeting**

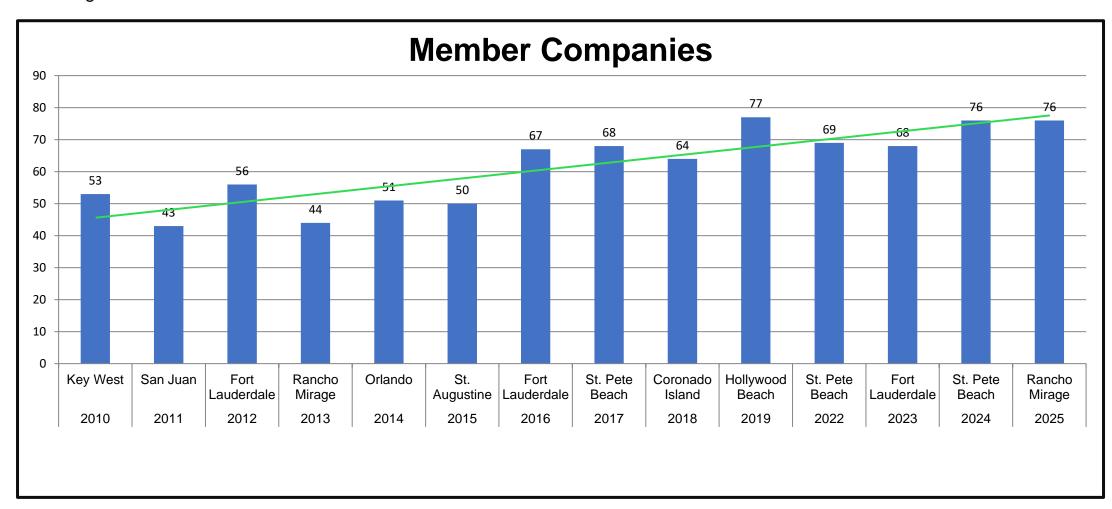


## **Special Presentation by Chief Ed Rice**



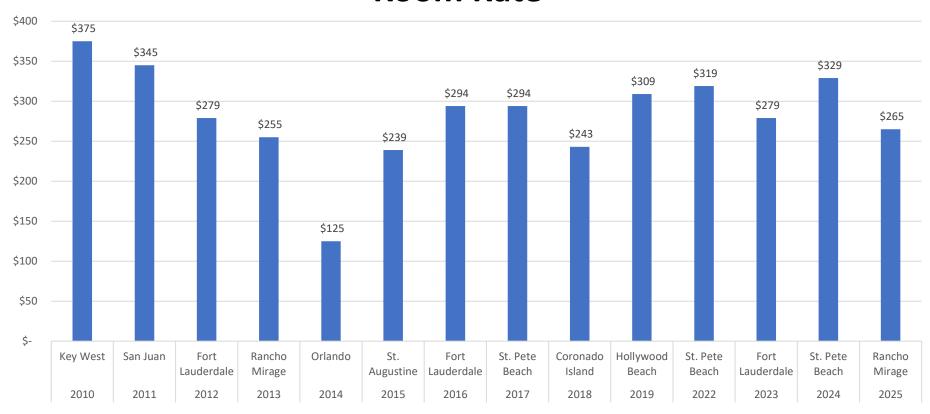
### **Spring Meeting Historical Attendance**

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### **Room Rate**







## **Spring Meeting**

2026 - February 28 - March 3

2027 – February 25 – March 2 St Pete Beach, FL



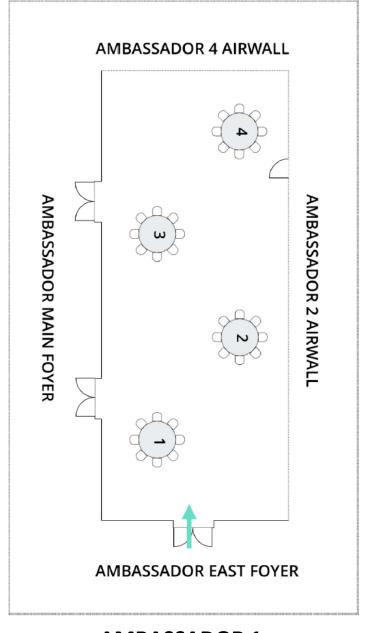


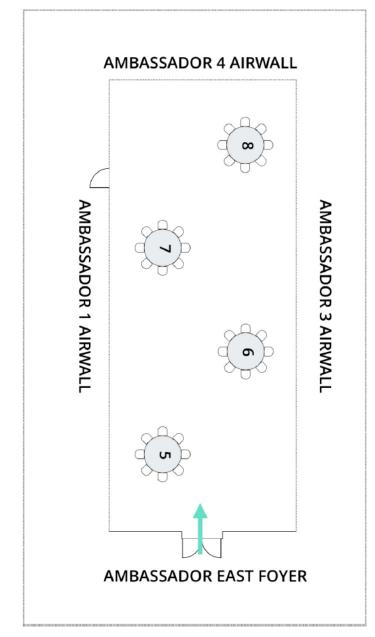


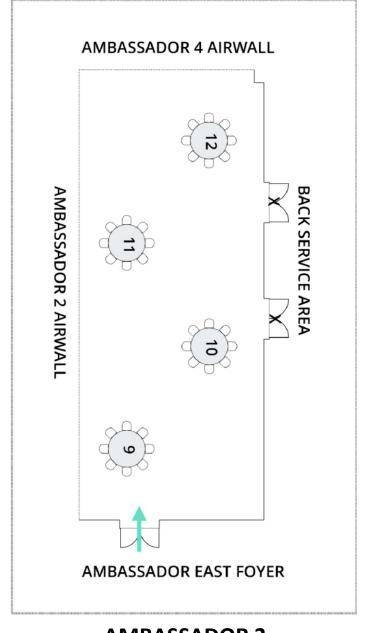
### **Questions/Comments**



## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**







**AMBASSADOR 1** 

**AMBASSADOR 2** 

**AMBASSADOR 3** 



# MEETING SUSPENDED FOR THE DAY



1:00 PM
Lunch will be located at
The Backyard
(aka Masters Plaza)



## Lunch

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# TUESDAY MORNING March 4th



### **BREAKFAST**

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# MEETING RESUMED CALL TO ORDER

**Bruce Whitehouse** 



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#### SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Ron Truhler



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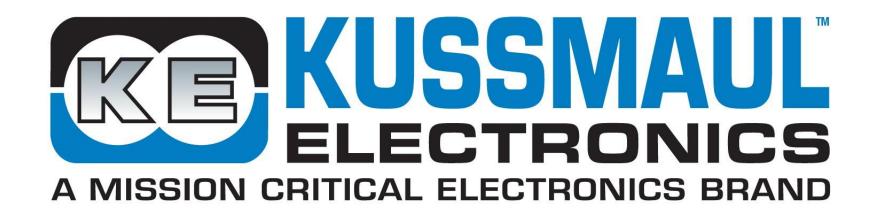
#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Mace Curran



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# Special Presentation by Chief Ed Rice

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### SPEAKER INTRODUCTION

Jason Witmier



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## Introduction 2025 Spring Meeting

- Joined the Volunteer Fire Service in August 1980 as a Junior F/F.
- 1990 to 1996 Firefighter at the Chevron / Sunoco Refinery in Philadelphia, PA.
- 1996 to January 11<sup>th</sup>,2025 District of Columbia Fire Department.
- Retired January 2025 as the Deputy Fire Chief In charge of the Apparatus Division.
- Principal Member of NFPA 1900 & 1910 formerly 1901, 1906, 1911, & 1912.
- Vice Chair and Eastern Division Board Member of the IAFC's EVMS Emergency Vehicle Management Section.
- EVT M-1 & M-2 Certification



#### Open Cabs / Canopy Cabs / Back Step

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Where I got my start and the first 2 fire trucks I ever rode on.





# The District of Columbia Washington, D.C.



- 68 sq. miles with a population of 700,000 residents that increases to over 1 million during the business day.
- The Fire Department has 2000 sworn members. 365 members per shift on 4 shifts 24/72 schedule.
- Protecting Local, Federal, and International Interests.
- 1 Fire Department and 43 Police Agencies.



The District of Columbia Fire Dept. Washington, D.C.



- 33 Engine Companies
- 16 Truck Companies
- 3 Heavy Duty Rescue Squads
- 2 Haz Mat Units (Only 1 is Staffed HM-2 staffed by E-12 if needed).
- 4 Fire Boats
- 43 EMS Transport Units (17 Medics)/AMR Contract Units
- 1 Operations Deputy Fire Chief
- 7 Battalion Fire Chiefs
- 1 EMS Battalion Chief
- 6 EMS Supervisors (Rank of Captain)



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### **Special Events**

- NSSE's (National Special Security Events) are large scale events that require planning by multiple agencies working together at both the Federal and Local levels.
- Daily Protests and Marches.
- The BLM / George Floyd protests.
- January 6<sup>th</sup> events on the Mall and the US Capitol.
- Israel / Pro Palestine protests / Benjamin Netanyahu visit.
- Presidential Inauguration every 4 years.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> & Memorial Day Annual Events.



# Sitting On A Powder Keg





#### **DCFD Patches over the Years**









#### **DCFD Patches over the Years**







TOTAL	 0 DV E	10001	V
TOTAL	SBYF	SCA	YEAR

CALL	TYPE	FY-18	FY-19	FY-20	FY-21	FY-22	FY-23
G1	EMS	168,243	172,984	164,008	153,339	155,620	165,982
G2	FIRE	34,901	30,879	29,211	28,446	31,533	33,686
G3	OTH	4,232	8,467	7,877	8,590	8,974	10,033
ALL	ALL CALLS	207,376	212,330	201,096	190,375	196,127	209,701

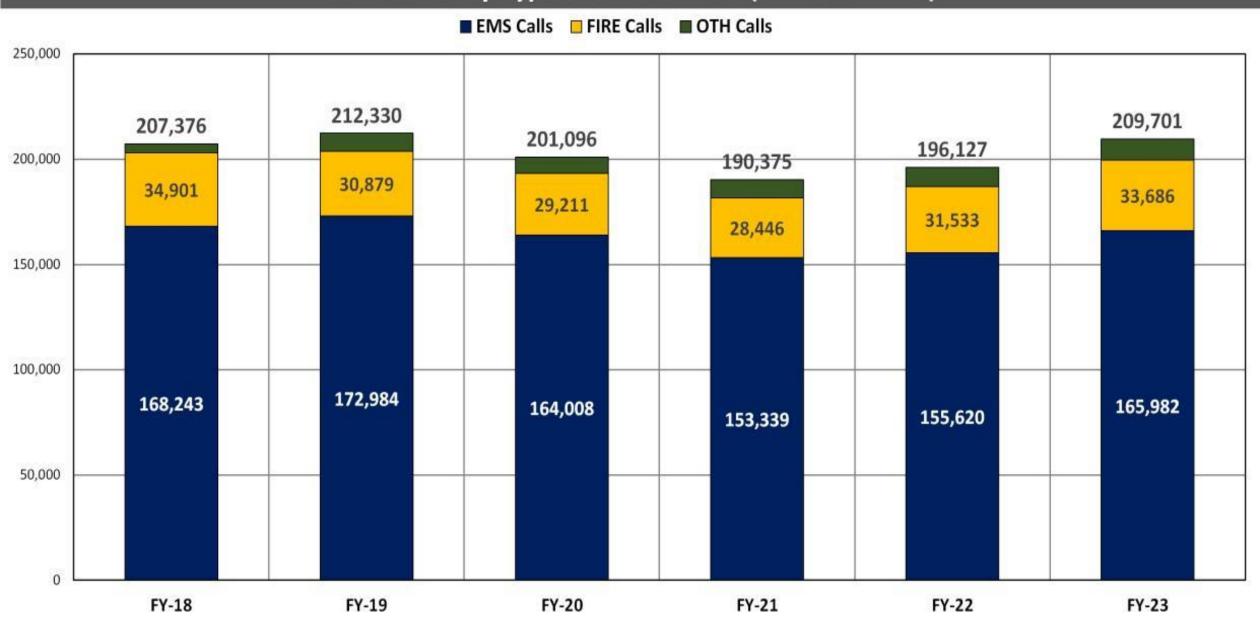
#### **AVERAGE DAILY CALLS BY FISCAL YEAR**

CALL	TYPE	FY-18	FY-19	FY-20	FY-21	FY-22	FY-23
G1	EMS	461	473	449	420	426	455
G2	FIRE	96	84	80	78	86	92
G3	OTH	12	23	22	24	25	27
ALL	ALL CALLS	568	580	551	522	537	575

#### PECENTAGE OF CALLS BY FISCAL YEAR

CALL	TYPE	FY-18	FY-19	FY-20	FY-21	FY-22	FY-23
G1	EMS	81%	81%	82%	81%	79%	79%
G2	FIRE	17%	15%	15%	15%	16%	16%
G3	OTH	2%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%
ALL	ALL CALLS	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

#### Call Counts by Type and Fiscal Year (FY-18 to FY-23)





### FY-22 Engine and Ladder Truck Stats

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# 14 of 33 Engine companies had over 4000 runs!

9 of 16 Ladder Trucks had over 3000 runs!

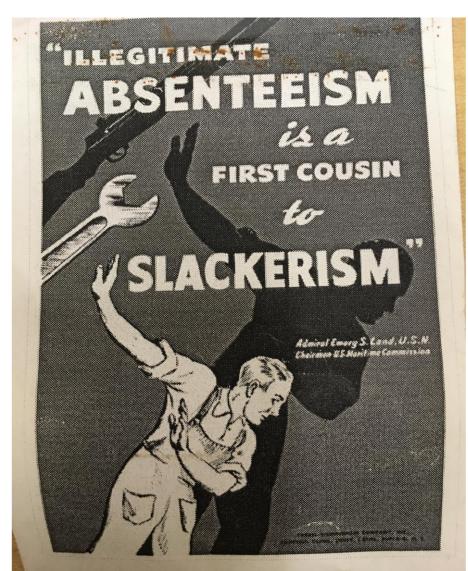


#### MANUFACTURERS' CHALLENGES FACED BY DCFD APPARATUS DIVISION

- Internal Challenges
- DC Government Office of Contracts and Procurement.
  - Local Funds
  - Capital Funds
  - City Council Summer Recess (Must Approve Procurements over \$1 Million)
- Apparatus Accidents (Local Funds & Self Insured) Not Budgeted For.
- High Call Volume leads to High Duty Cycle Wear & Tear on Vehicles.
- Foreman and Mechanic Vacancies on the Shop Floor.
- Labor Workforce Call Outs and Extended types of leave PFL/FMLA.



### MANUFACTURERS' Call Outs & Remote Work / Telework





### Internal Challenges Continued

- Budget Cycle October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Telework and Alternative Work Schedules for Managers & Office Staff.
- Shift Schedules and Shop Work Hours. Mon. thru Sat. 0700-2330.
- Closed on Sundays.
- Can't Keep up with the number of Out Of Service Vehicles that are in need of repairs to be placed back into service.
- Parts Availability & Lead Times.
- NAPA is contracted to operate the parts room.



### Internal Challenges Continued

- Aging Vehicles with Long Lead Times for Replacements to arrive and enter frontline service. This also has a detrimental effect on the Reserve Fleet.
- NFPA 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Annual Testing / Certification Requirements
  - Aerial Ladder Testing (We do NDT Annually)
  - Ground Ladder Testing
  - Pump Testing
  - Hose Testing
  - Nozzle Testing
  - Safety is responsible for SCBA and Gear Cleaning and Inspections.



#### **Problems with Mechanics**







### **External Challenges**

- Inflation
- Outside Vendors Costs
- Labor Workforce issues
- Outside Vendor Availability to perform Work.
- Supply Chain Issues for component parts availability.
- Electronics Reliability.
- DEF Components Reliability and Malfunctions.
- Older components being phased out without a replacement part being available first.



### **External Challenges Continued**

- www.fama.org Electronic Parts Availability
  - Multiplexing vs. Point to Point Wiring
  - Reliability of Electronic Components has not been good post Covid.
  - Vendor repair turnaround times for Apparatus to return with repairs completed.
  - Vendor Repair Costs and Reliability of repair work. (Your Dealerships)
  - Manufacturer specific component parts availability.
  - Stainless Steel vs. Aluminum.....?????

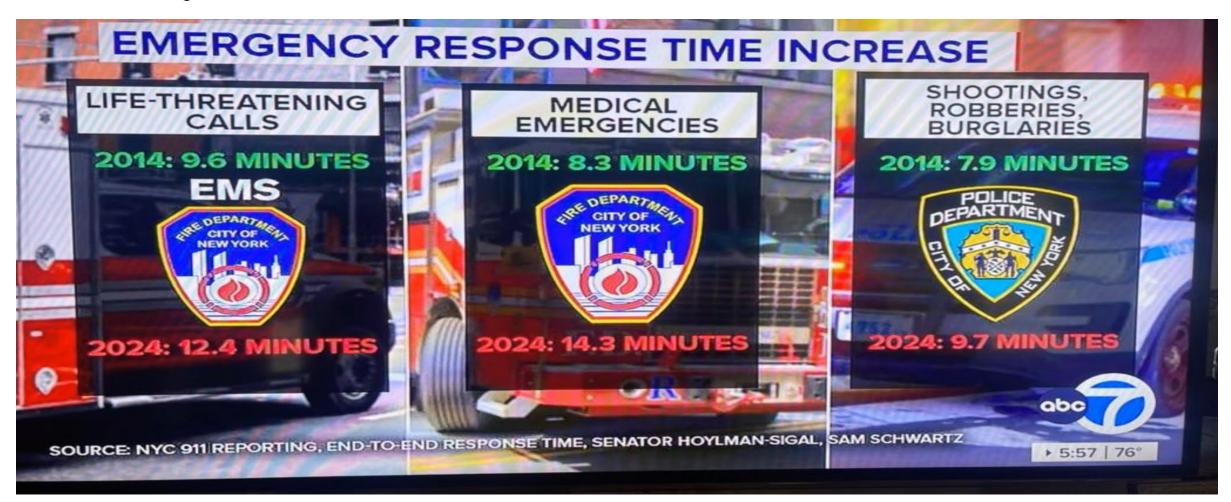


### **Both Internal & External Challenges**

- Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes. Creates Traffic Congestion and puts Apparatus out in the middle of the street to operate on incidents because of the concrete medians and barriers isolating these lanes.
- Intersection sidewalk bump outs on all 4 Corners for Safer Pedestrian Crossings.
- Reduction of Traffic Lane width to accommodate bus lanes and bike lane because of barriers creates "Mirror Strike Incidents".
- Traffic Calming Devices AKA Speed Bumps.
- All of the above causes damage to Emergency Vehicles whether it is accident damage, suspension damage, or mechanical damage.



### **Effects of Street Scape Changes**





### The Dominos are Falling



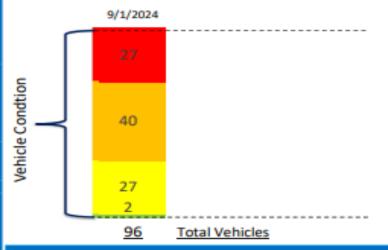
#### **Ambulance Vehicles**

#### Condtion Replacement

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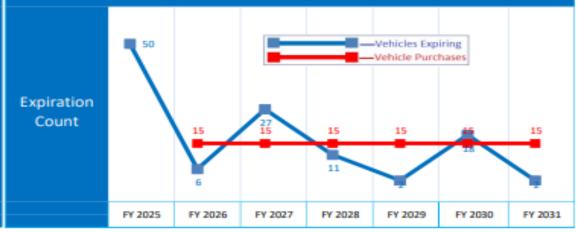
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- 3) Expected life in months

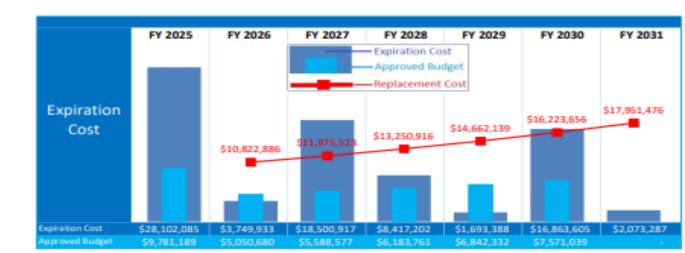




Replacement Plan											
FY 2025 FY 2026 FY 2027 FY 2028 FY 2029 FY 2030 FY 2031 Totals											
New Vehicle Purchases		15	15	15	15	15	15	90			
Vehicle Cost	652,079	721,526	798,368	883,394	977,476	1,081,577	1,196,765	1			
Inflation	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%				
Replacement Plan		\$10,822,886	\$11,975,523	\$13,250,916	\$14,662,139	\$16,223,656	\$17,951,476	\$84,886,595			

Expiration Detail										
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	Totals		
Vehicles Expiring Epiration Cost	50 28,102,085	6 3,749,933	27 18,500,917	11 8,417,202	2 1,693,388	18 16,863,605	2 2,073,287	116 79,400,417		
(Less) FY25 Approved (Equals) Unmet Need: Total Deferred Operating Cost:	\$9,781,189 \$18,320,896 \$1,832,090									





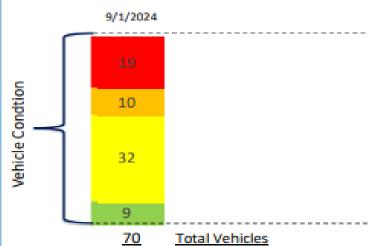
#### Pumper

#### Condtion Replacement

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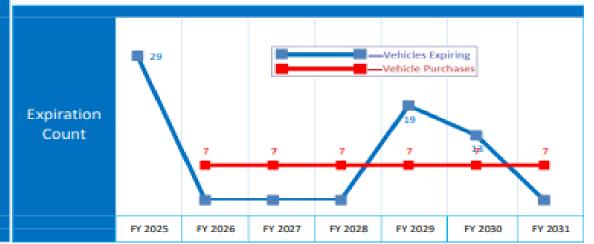
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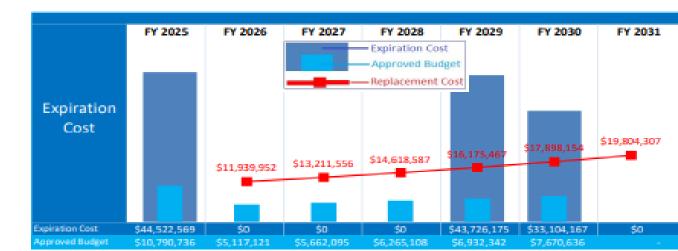




Replacement Plan												
FY 2025 FY 2026 FY 2027 FY 2028 FY 2029 FY 2030 FY 2031 Totals												
New Vehicle Purchases		7	7	7	7	7	7	42				
Vehicle Cost	1,541,534	1,705,707	1,887,365	2,088,370	2,310,781	2,556,879	2,829,187					
Inflation	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%					
Replacement Plan		\$11,939,952	\$13,211,556	\$14,618,587	\$16,175,467	\$17,898,154	\$19,804,307	\$93,648,023				

Expiration Detail										
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	Totals		
Vehicles Expiring Epiration Cost		0	0	0	19 43,726,175	13 33,104,167	0	61 121,352,911		
(Less) FY25 Approved (Equals) Unmet Need: Total Deferred Operating Cost:	\$10,790,736 \$33,731,833 \$3,373,183									





#### Ladder Truck

FY 2025

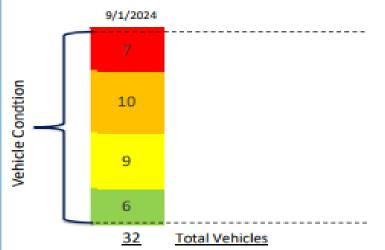
FY 2026

#### Condtion Replacement

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- 2) Life-to-date milage or engine hours (whichever is greater)
- 3) Expected life in months





N	ew Vehicle Purchases		3	3	3	3	3	3	18
	Vehicle Cost	2,740,667	3,032,548	3,355,514	3,712,877	4,108,298	4,545,832	5,029,963	
	Inflation	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	
	Replacement Plan		\$9,097,644	\$10,066,543	\$11,138,630	\$12,324,894	\$13,637,495	\$15,089,889	\$71,355,096

Replacement Plan

FY 2027

FY 2028

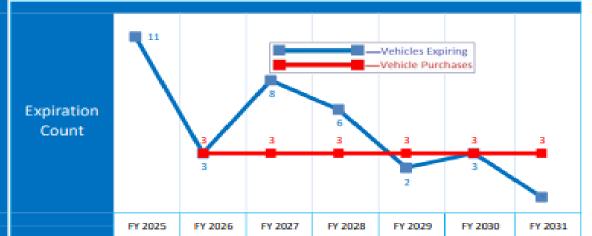
FY 2029

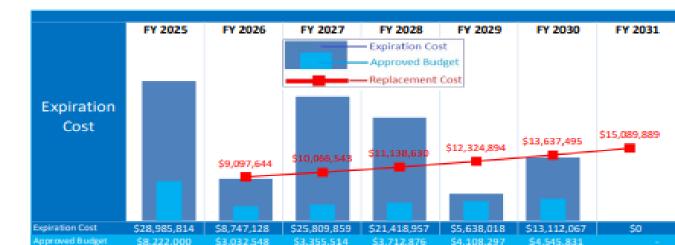
FY 2030

FY 2031

Totals

Expiration Detail									
FY 2025 FY 2026 FY 2027 FY 2028 FY 2029 FY 2030 FY 2031								Totals	
Vehicles Expiring Epiration Cost		3 8,747,128	8 25,809,859	6 21,418,957	2 5,638,018	3 13,112,067	0	33 103,711,844	
(Less) FY25 Approved (Equals) Unmet Need: Total Deferred Operating Cost:	\$8,222,000 \$20,763,814 \$2,076,381								





#### **Command Vehicles**

Vehicle Cost

Replacement Plan

Inflation

New Vehicle Purchases

FY 2025

121,715

10.65%

FY 2026

15

134,678

10.65%

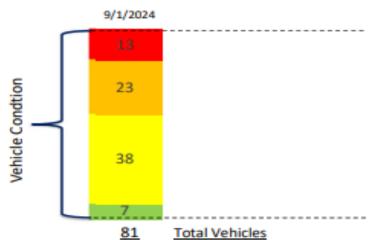
\$2,020,165

#### Condtion Replacement

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- 1) Maintenance Cost life-to-date (labor, parts, warranty..)
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- 3) Expected life in months





Expiration Detail											
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	Totals			
Vehicles Expiring Epiration Cost	41 4,747,162	17 2,230,894	3 308,071	15 1,648,919	5 707,290	44 8,291,277	17 3,700,293	142 21,633,905			
(Less) FY25 Approved	\$1,825,725										
(Equals) Unmet Need:	\$2,921,437										
Total Deferred Operating Cost:	\$292,144										

Replacement Plan

FY 2028

15

164,892

10.65%

\$2,473,373

FY 2029

15

182,452

10.65%

\$2,736,787

FY 2030

15

201,884

10.65%

\$3,028,255

FY 2031

15

223,384

10.65%

\$3,350,764

Totals

90

\$15,844,657

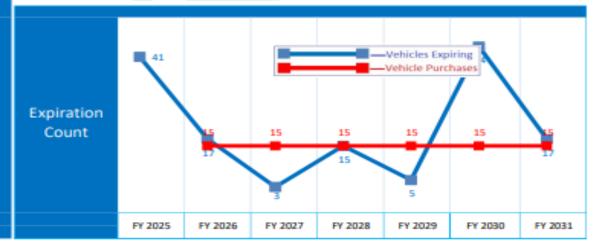
FY 2027

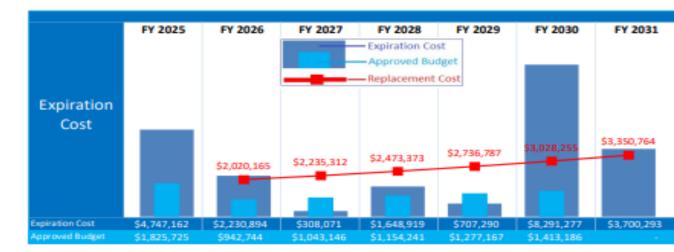
15

149,021

10.65%

\$2,235,312





#### **Administrative Vehicles**

Vehicle Cost

Replacement Plan

Inflation

New Vehicle Purchases

FY 2025

82,988

10.65%

FY 2026

8

91,826

10.65%

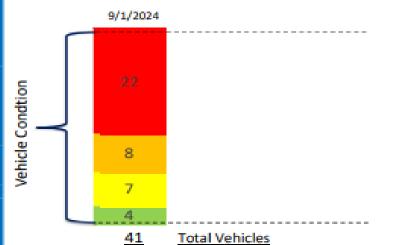
\$734,610

#### Condtion Replacement

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- 1) Maintenance Cost life-to-date (labor, parts, warranty..)
- 2) Life-to-date milage or engine hours (whichever is greater)
- 3) Expected life in months





Expiration Detail										
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	Totals		
Vehicles Expiring Epiration Cost	36 2,578,667	0	0	1 112,741	4 784,102	36 4,277,129	0	77 7,752,639		
(Less) FY25 Approved (Equals) Unmet Need: Total Deferred Operating Cost:	\$663,500 \$1,914,767 \$191,477									

Replacement Plan

FY 2028

8

112,427

10.65%

\$899,414

FY 2029

8

124,400

10.65%

\$995,201

FY 2030

8

137,649

10.65%

\$1,101,190

FY 2031

8

152,308

10.65%

\$1,218,467

Totals

48

\$5,761,728

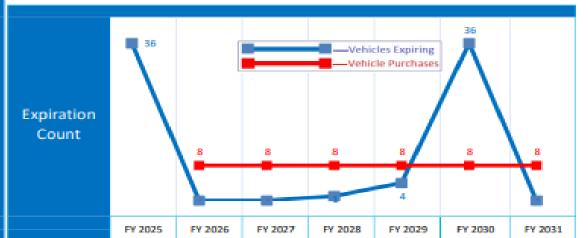
FY 2027

8

101,606

10.65%

\$812,846





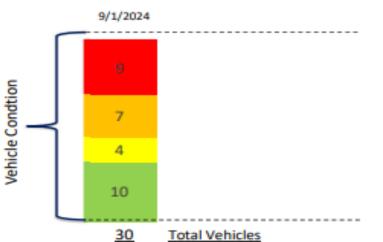
#### Other Vehicles

#### Condtion Replacement

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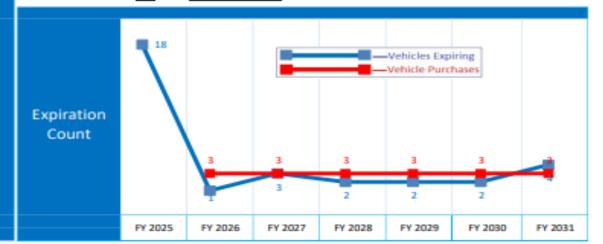
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- 3) Expected life in months

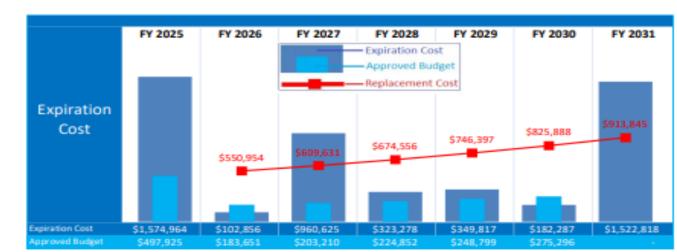




Replacement Plan										
FY 2025 FY 2026 FY 2027 FY 2028 FY 2029 FY 2030 FY 2031 Totals										
	3	3	3	3	3	3	18			
165,975	183,651	203,210	224,852	248,799	275,296	304,615				
10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%	10.65%				
	\$550,954	\$609,631	\$674,556	\$746,397	\$825,888	\$913,845	\$4,321,270			
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Expiration Detail												
FY 2025 FY 2026 FY 2027 FY 2028 FY 2029 FY 2030 FY 2031 Total												
Vehicles Expiring Epiration Cost	18 1,574,964	1 102,856	3 960,625	2 323,278	2 349,817	2 182,287	4 1,522,818	32 5,016,644				
(Less) FY25 Approved (Equals) Unmet Need: Total Deferred Operating Cost:	\$497,925 \$1,077,039 \$107,704											







## Vehicle Average Age By Type

#### This is where manufacturing Backlogs Really Hurt

	Average Lifespan	0-5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	16-20 years	Total	PO's Issued	RK's Waiting for PO
Ladder Trucks	10 yrs / 120 months	13	7	7	5	32	10	2
Engines / Pumpers	10 yrs / 120 months	16	33	7	13	69	16	0
Rescue Squads	10 yrs / 120 months	3	2	0	2	7	0	0
Haz Mat Units	10 yrs / 120 months	0	1	0	1	2	0	0
Ambulances	5 yrs / 60 Months	46	41	9	0	96	28	48



# Apparatus Manufacturers' Shop Spending FY-24 as of 08/07/24

Report Summary FY24: as of 08/07/24  Report Summary FY25: as of 08/07/24  Report Summary FY26: as of 08/07/24  Report Summary FY27: as of 08/07/24  Report Summary FY28: as of 08/07/24  Report Summary FY29: as of 08/07/24  Report Summary FY29: as of 08/07/24  Report Summary FY21: as of 08/07/24  Report Summary FY20: as of 08/07/24  Report Summary FY20: as of 08/07/24  Stantal Summary FY21: as of 08/07/24  Stantal Summary FY20: as of 08/07/24  Stantal Summary FY20: as of 08/07/25  Stantal Summ	WWW.FAIVIA	A.org								
Report Summary 7223: Report Summary 29983:42:01 \$1,528,004.748 \$959,613.966 \$11,221.283 \$2,744,122.870 \$83,314.000 \$0.000 \$5,915,915,915,915,915,915,915,915,915,91	Fiscal Year		Labor Hours	Labor	Non Stock Parts	Stock Parts	Sublet	Other Cost		Total
FY23:  Report Summary FY22:  Report Summary FY21:  Report Summary FY20:  Report Summary	FY24: as of		21040:09:45	\$960,901.002	\$1,157,873.852	\$3,829.034	\$2,582,825.140	\$71,750.000	\$0.00	\$4,777,179.028
FY22:  Report Summary FY21:  Report Summary FY20:  Report Summary FY19:  Report Summary FY20:	Report Summary FY23:		30742:52:03	\$1,484,155.139	\$1,124,868.289	\$6,528.483	\$3,220,259.720	\$77,540.000	\$0.000	\$5,913,351.631
Report Summary   27103:04:36   \$1,246,116.015   \$849,913.639   \$21,417.203   \$1,591,788.310   \$78,430.000   \$3,78   \$720:   Report Summary   20091:44:42   \$862,193.571   \$218,101.370   \$362,780.636   \$1,556,769.409   \$72,776.000   \$0.000   \$3,078   \$719:   \$1000   \$10			29983:42:01	\$1,528,004.748	\$959,613.966	\$11,221.283	\$2,744,122.870	\$83,314.000	\$0.000	\$5,326,276.867
Report Summary			27589:37:13	\$1,389,523.163	\$732,952.222	\$14,047.118	\$1,429,488.200	\$82,214.000	-\$2.920	\$3,648,221.783
FY19:  Items Not Captured  GSA Leasing 200,000.00  AMKUS 25,000.00  Lifts, Tire Machines, A/C Machines			27103:04:36	\$1,246,116.015	\$849,913.639	\$21,417.203	\$1,591,788.310	\$78,430.000	\$0.000	\$3,787,665.167
GSA Leasing 200,000.00  AMKUS 25,000.00  Lifts, Tire Machines, A/C Machines			20091:44:42	\$862,193.571	\$218,101.370	\$362,780.636	\$1,556,769.409	\$72,776.000	\$0.000	\$3,072,620.986
AMKUS 25,000.00 Lifts, Tire Machines, A/C Machines	Items Not Captured									
Lifts, Tire Machines, A/C Machines	GSA Leasing	200,000.00	ַ							
Tooling Repairs A/C Machines	AMKUS	25,000.00	J							
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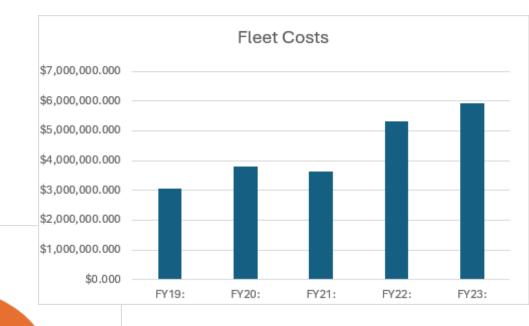


### Operating Costs FY-19 to FY-23

fleet costs

• FY19: • FY20: • FY21: • FY22: • FY23:



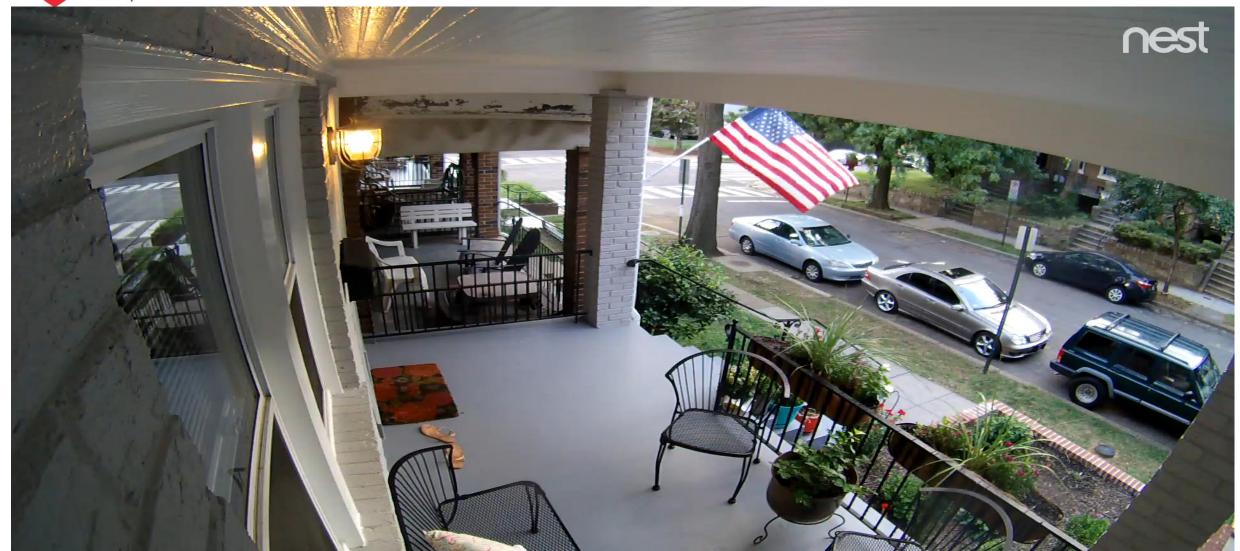




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# Manufacturers' Accidents Are Not A New Problem

ASSOCIATION





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#### Guess Who The On Duty Safety Officer Was?







## Engine 8







# Engine 19







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#### E-19 is Cursed!





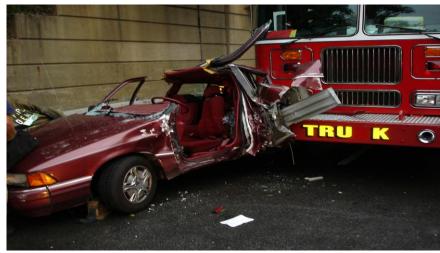


# Engine 10 Truck 3 & 4 Truck 15





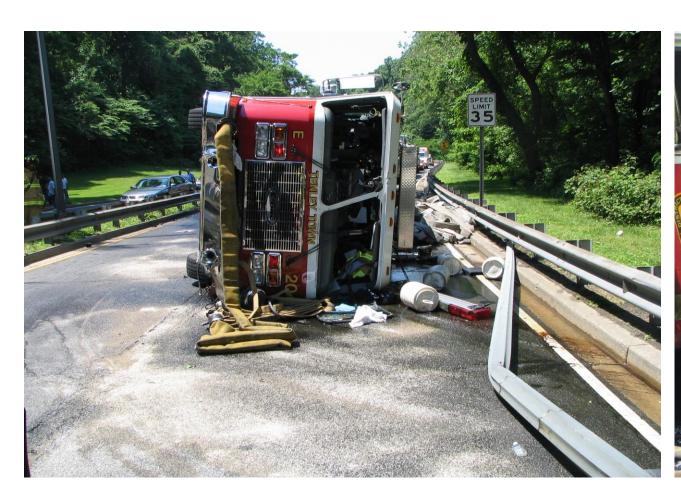








### Engine 20 Accident







# Ambulance 27 Hit & Run (Social Media)





# Apparatus Stolen Ambulances From Incident Scene Association (More From Social Media)







### Association Big Fires = Lost & Damaged Equipment







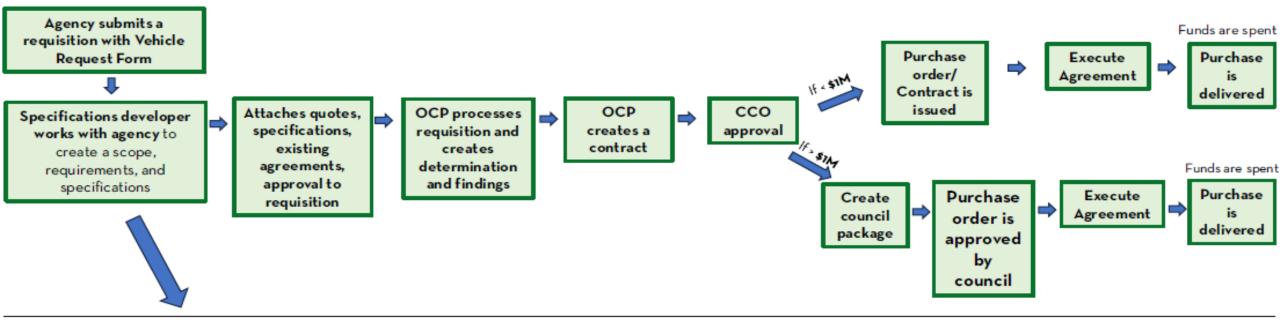
## Big Fires Cost \$\$\$\$





#### **Procurement Process Overview**

**Basic Procurement Process** 



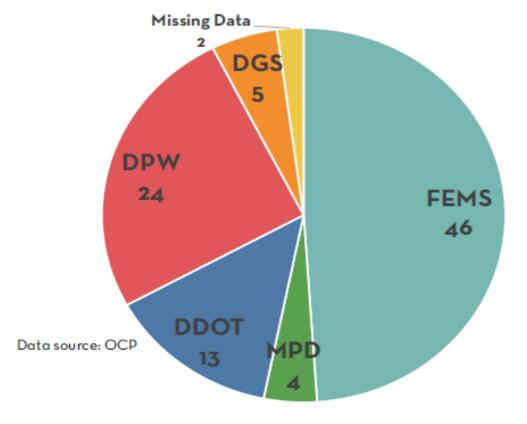
#### Procurement Paths

Procurements can take three paths, varying in complexity.

GSA Schedule Coop Agreement No Standardized Agreement

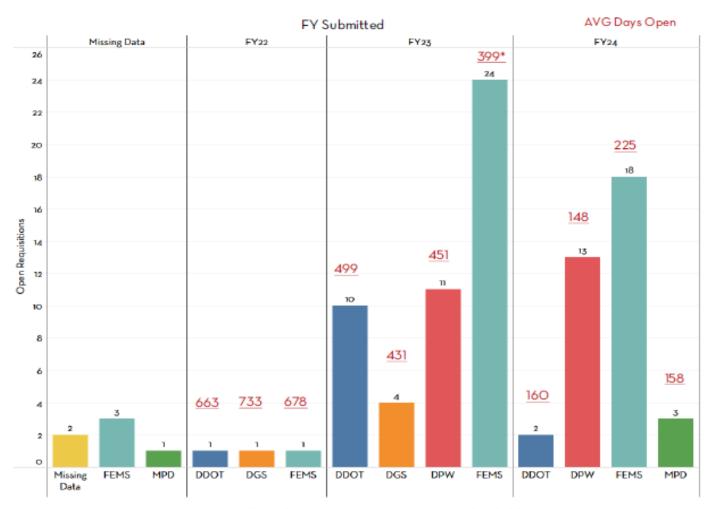
#### **Project Overview**

#### 94 Total Open Requisitions



Note some requisitions are marked as complete but are classified as open

#### Open Requisitions By FY & Average Days Open (7/17/24)



\*Excludes open requisitions serving as placeholders

#### **FEMS Fleet Procurement Projects**

Allotted

\$217.3 M

Spent

\$136.5 M

Unspent

\$80.7 M

37%

Committed

\$53.8 M

Obligated

\$31.9 M

Available

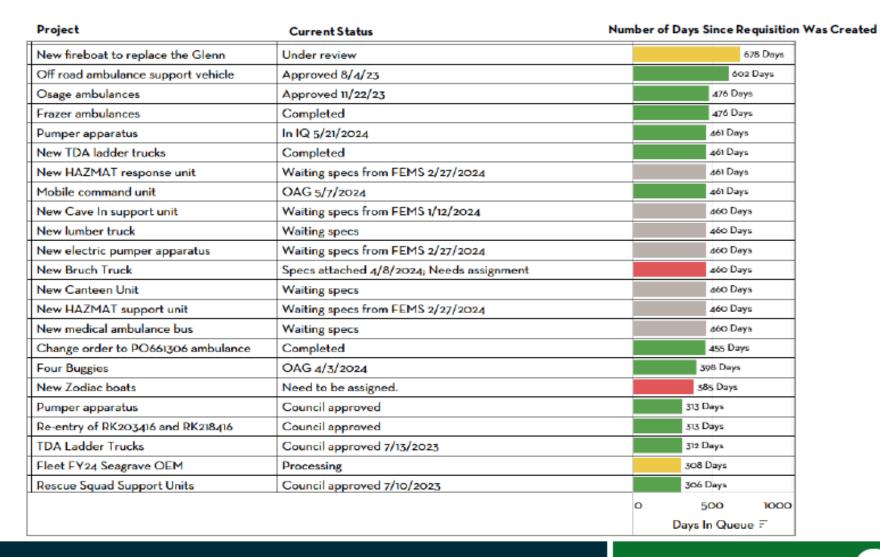
(\$4.9 M)

(2.3%)

#### **Projects**

Project Title	Approved	Allotted	Spent	Unspent	Unspent %	Committed	Obligated	Available	Available %
C.FIRE APPARATUS	\$73,381,579	\$73,381,579	\$73,331,591	\$49,988	O.1%	\$O	\$28,160	\$21,828	O.O3%
AMC.AMBULANCE VEHICLES - FEMS	\$53,052,525	\$32,244,246	\$12,929,105	\$19,315,141	59%	\$14,711,156	\$9,007,615	(\$4,403,629)	(13%)
AVC.ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES - FEMS	\$2,639,234	\$1,248,683	\$472,823	\$775,860	62%	\$1,274,580	\$624,176	(\$1,122,895)	(89%)
CVC.COMMAND VEHICLES - FEMS	\$10,268,168	\$6,208,214	\$2,036,211	\$4,172,004	67%	\$6,054,080	\$1,512,911	(\$3,394,987)	(54%)
LTC.LADDER TRUCKS - FEMS	\$53,570,341	\$31,325,425	\$18,287,203	\$13,038,222	41%	\$7,618,654	\$8,961,635	(\$3,542,067)	(11%)
PTC.PUMPERS - FEMS	\$86,220,701	\$36,066,871	\$16,262,234	\$19,804,638	54%	\$10,438,735	\$5,750,573	\$3,615,330	10%
RSC.RESCUE SQUAD VEHICLES - FEMS	\$18,636,717	\$11,916,495	\$5,501,049	\$6,415,446	53%	\$5,661,593	<b>\$</b> O	\$753,853	6%
RVC.OTHER RESPONSE VEHICLES - FEMS	\$29,871,807	\$24,955,819	\$7,733,433	\$17,222,386	69%	\$8,058,517	\$6,067,583	\$3,096,286	12%

#### **FEMS Open Requisitions**



Status Per OCP

Approved by Council

Completed

Needs CS Assignment

Placeholder

Processing

#### **FEMS Fleet Procurement Details**

Pr	Project Name Status			Challenges		Details/ Operational impact	Opportunities		
	Fire boat/ Architect		Existing fireboat has not been in water for 2 years. New Fire boat design request was submitted in 2022.	•	Not eligible for capital funds	•	Prolongs completion. Funds must come from unallocated local dollars.		
					Significant delays		Cannot get architect to design the new boat. Increased purchase cost due to delays.	Dedicated contractor or personnel funded by FEMS	
•	Fire apparatus	•	Ladder truck procurement has been a purchase order for one year.	•	Manufacturer capacity: The firetruck manufacturing business has a capacity on how many fire trucks they can build		Firetruck manufacturing business is at capacity. For every month we delay, there's a compounding effect.	More regular communication on procurement process.	
				•	Significant delays and lack of communication	:	Increased purchase cost due to delays. Agency identifies status on purchase orders through council site.		



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Aerial Ladder Inspections

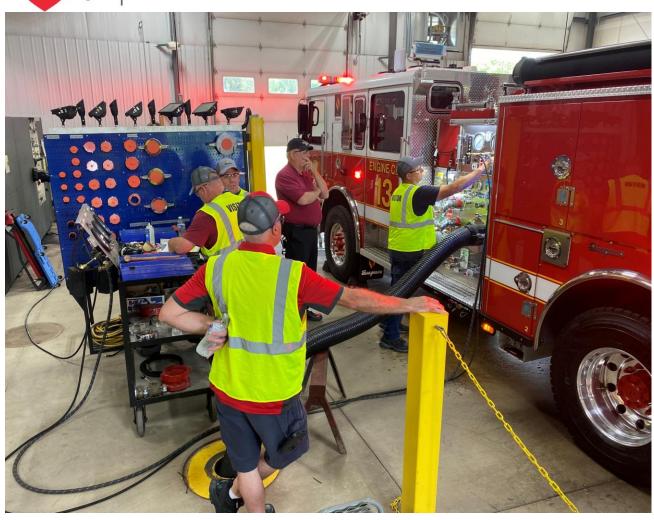








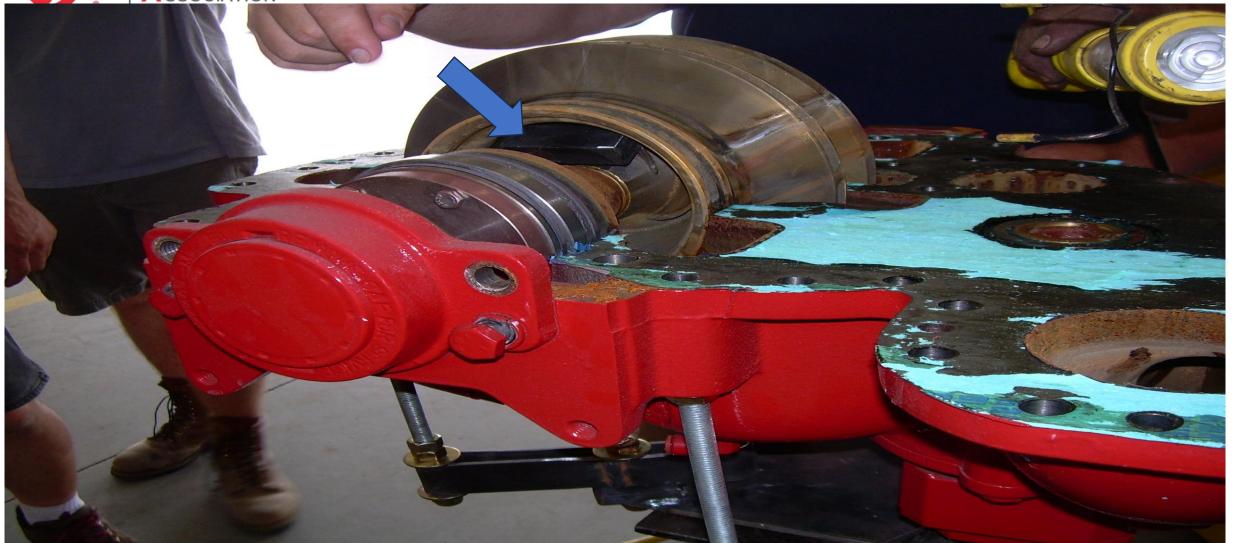
#### **Factory Inspections**



- A thorough Final Inspection or a customer that kicks the tires, slams the doors, goes for a ride, looks at the warning lights, and blows the siren and horns ....?????
- I'm pretty confident that you as a group are not a fan of customer final inspections and definitely not thorough final inspections.



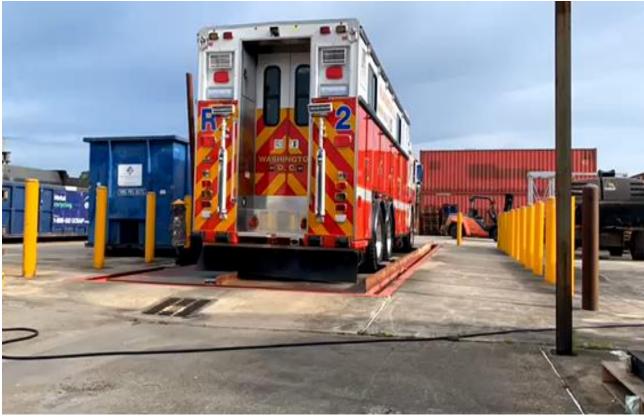
### Final Inspection Pump Testing

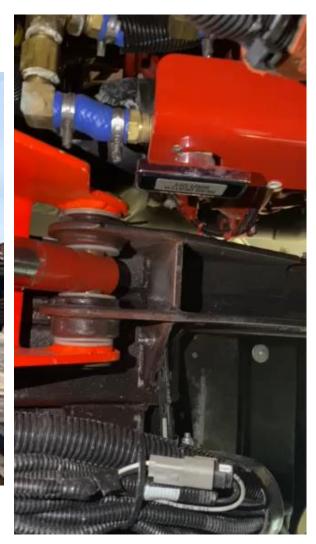




### **Final Inspection Testing**









### Final Inspections Lifts & Scales







### Final Inspections Engines

#### **DCFD Engine Final Inspection Work Flow**

Co. #	DC Serial #	Manufactuer Serial #	Wiring Diagram	Inspection Sheet	Pump Test	Road Test	Electric Test	Air Test	Lift	Water Spray Test	UL VIP	Manual Pump Shift Test	Tilt Table
Co.#	DC Serial #	Manufacturer Serial #	Scale Weight (Empty)	Scale Weight (Full)	Haas Alert Tested	Punch List Completed							



### Final Inspections Ladder Trucks

#### **DCFD Truck Final Inspection Work Flow**

Co. #	DC Serial #	Manufactuer Serial #	Wiring Diagram	Inspection Sheet	Aerial Ladder Test	Road Test	Electric Test	Tilt Table Test	Air Test	Lift	Water Spray Test	Emergency Power Unit Test	UL VIP	Electric Nozzle Test
Co. #	DC Serial #	Manufacturer Serial #	Water Way Test	Generator Test	Scale Weight (Empty)	Scale Weight (Full)	Haas Alert Tested	Punch List Completed						



#### **Electronics & Technology**

- Why are there issues with Electronics on Fire Apparatus that don't seem to exist or plague other types of vocational vehicles. For example remote controls for a hydraulic boom truck that unloads construction materials.
- Radio's and IT Equipment create Parasitic Loads on the Electrical Systems. The Radio Shops and IT Divisions are constantly changing and upgrading and not giving a far enough advance warning of the changes.
- Redundancy is occurring with all of the tracking devices.



#### **Electronics & Technology Continued**

- For Example there are routers/modems, CAD systems with AVL, HAAS Alert, Telematics devices, the motors ECM, the transmissions ECM, the ABS system, Seatbelt Monitoring system, Drive Cameras, and the VDR.
- Is this all in the name of Safety or is it a Big Brother is watching scenario which turns into somewhat of a Guilty Conscience Mentality?
- Accidents and Litigation are probably the main reason for these monitoring systems.
- Any new technology that is introduced into the market today is not likely to be seen on new apparatus for a period of 2 to 4+ years currently.



### MANUFACTURERS' Electronics & Technology Continued

- Functionality of Electronics needs to be Duty Cycle Tested prior to entering the market place for reliability and durability.
- Is AEB coming to Fire Apparatus? The DOT has a new Federal Motor Vehicle Standard that is coming to all Light Duty Vehicles to be equipped with Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB) by the year 2029. This new rule is calling for more advanced systems that already exist.
- CABT (Coalition Against Bigger Trucks) is asking for weight restrictions on trucks. This group is mostly made up of Railroad Special Interest Groups and the things they are asking for would definitely impact the road weights of the larger aerial devices and some heavy rescue type vehicles.



# WWW.FAMA.org Electronics & Technology Electric Vehicles







#### FAMA & Focus Groups

- FAMA should consider using Focus Groups to pick the brains of the Apparatus Officers from the wide variety of Fire Departments in the USA that you have access to. Put us in rooms together or alone and let us hear your ideas for new product improvement and be open to critical feedback.
- The Engineers that work for the Manufacturers are likely NOT a firefighter.
- We are doing things with these Fire Trucks that will probably leave most Engineers scratching their heads.
- City Fire Departments are probably the hardest on Apparatus.
- There is a lot that changes with apparatus but there is also a lot that doesn't! The mission of an Engine and a Ladder Truck.







### **FAMA & Focus Groups Continued**

- Ask us about Electronics to see what we like or dislike and what is working and what's not working.
- Reliability of Electronics has suffered since Covid.
- I keep hearing that a return to Cookie Cutter or Limited Options is a way
  to dig out of the multi-year Back Log dilemma facing Fire Apparatus
  Manufacturers. This scares me because if you look at most City Fire
  Departments their apparatus bodies are very consistently similar no
  matter what manufacturer built the truck. The cabs look different but
  their bodies are designed around the operational procedures of that
  particular department.
- Baskin Robbins Ice Cream Makes 31 Flavors for a Reason !!!!



#### **FAMA & Focus Groups Continued**

- I'm only going to mention Supply Chain Issues and leave it at that because we can talk about that all day. It is still an issue for Vocational Vehicle Manufacturing.
- There seems to be a common issue that labor workforce issues are a common thread to the backlogs with the manufacturers and the need to train new hires to perform basic skills such as reading a measuring tape.
- DEF Components are BIG problem for Fire Apparatus and it does not seem like a problem that is going to go away anytime soon.
- This is not specific to any one Engine Manufacturer either.



#### **FAMA & Focus Groups Continued**

- I participated in a Freightliner Focus Group around their M2 series Ambulance Chassis a few years ago. They put a group of people in a room and put their ideas out there and asked for feedback both positive and negative.
- They had hands on sessions with their current products both outdoors and indoors.
- I have had the opportunity to work with two different manufacturers to be able to design / re-design a cab to suit the needs of the DCFD while keeping in mind that it had to be a product the manufacturer would be able to market as part of their product line.



#### FAMA Has It Tough

- You have to play to a wide ranging audience, from the smallest volunteer department to large Metropolitan departments.
- From the most rural to the urban big city environment.
- Every Department has different special needs to adhere to their operating guidelines and procedures.
- FAMA needs to be able to offer a wide range of products in order to satisfy the needs of the wide ranging audience and that has to be an extremely difficult task.
- This is NOT a One Size Fits All situation.



#### FAMA Has It Tough

- FAMA has a very Big Problem with how to deal with the current back log situation.
- There is no doubt that there will be change orders occurring.
- Are you going to waive the fee for change orders because the back log is so deep?
- How many components will be discontinued, updated, improved, or has the company that produces the component went out of business or been sold?
- Is the Industry done with surcharges and price increases on orders that have Purchase Orders in place? DCFD paid out almost \$3 million in surcharges.

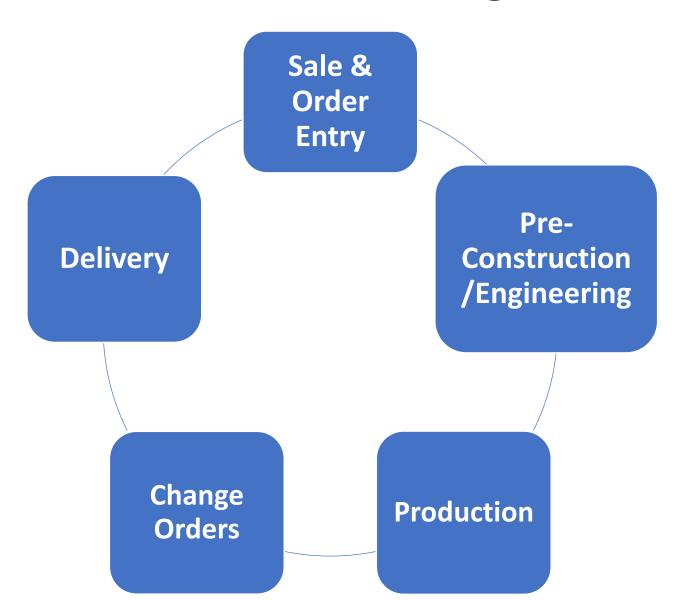


#### FAMA Has It Tough

- The Swiss Army Knife Fire Truck that a lot of departments want to build for various reasons. Staffing issues whether it is a career, combination, or a volunteer department this may be the only piece of apparatus they are able to get out of the firehouse. These have to be a nightmare to engineer and build.
- Virtual Meetings vs. In Person Meetings ....????
- Lean Manufacturing / Just In Time Manufacturing Model.
   Limited Inventory on the shelves. This makes it hard to adjust to any type of shortage.



### FAMA Has it Tough





#### Recent Events Affecting FAMA

- The 2 News Articles discussing the Los Angeles Fires and Apparatus Manufacturing Post Covid. One by the New York Times.
  - I think we all could agree that there was a lot of misinformation contained in both articles. The News Papers don't seem to want to let the Truth get in the way of a good news story.
  - Tariffs
  - How will this affect the Emergency Vehicle market....???



- City Fire Departments are needy customers. We need your attention.
- A common complaint is that manufacturers reps are tough to get a hold of and not the best at returning our calls in a timely manner.
- Please Remember that you are not the only ones with tight schedules and overwhelmed with meetings as well as emails.
- The customer is not always going to be able to adjust to your schedule because we are responsible for a lot more than just purchasing emergency vehicles.
- Fire Apparatus are machines and machines break!



- Send your engineers and have them do "Ride-A-Longs" with your larger Metropolitan customers. Let them see what the apparatus is being used for and how it is being used.
- For Example a pump and plumbing engineer is typically concerned with what is coming out of a discharge pipe at the pump panel he's not thinking about how much water will come out of a hose 500 to 1000 feet away from that pump panel. That is what Fire Departments are thinking about.
- Let the engineer see how the Aerial devices are operated and positioned.



- Riot Glass for Cab windows for protection from civil disturbances.
- Know and Respect your Consumer!
- Don't Insult your Core Customers!
- Listen to what they have to say with an open mind don't have a
  Default Mode of saying NO all of the time.
- Walk around your factories and look at the tool boxes on the shop floor. There is some funny stuff on them.
- What has happened to the "Clean Cab Interior" push?



- FAMA should consider partnering with the IAFC EVMS (Emergency Vehicle Management Section) 3 current board members are on NFPA Committees.
- How much overlap from FAMA makes it into NFPA 1900?
- FAMA should consider getting involved with FDIC's Metro Officers program. Part of the sessions both days involve Apparatus and Equipment.
- If you have never watched the documentaries The Bronx is Burning or Brothers In Battle you should consider it. These are fascinating in that some of the problems that existed when these films were made are still trying to be solved today.



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- These 3 lights are tied into the universal symbols that pop up on the dash.
- Firefighters are not mechanics and they don't do regens everyday.
- Some of the DPF issues are definitely a result of people not knowing what the universal symbols / idiot lights on the dash cluster mean.
- We include these on the cab dash overhead and on the pump panel or aerial control pedestal.

#### **FAMA** Food For Thought



#### Secrets of exceptional service

Question: How can your company [read: 'department'] build a solid reputation for customer service?

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Here is a sampling of his approach:

- "Happiness in the workplace is key to providing superior service." Companies must constantly strive to create an environment where employees are happy.
- The true competitive measure of a company is people. "Take a look at areas with rising costs to see if there's a correlating morale problem."

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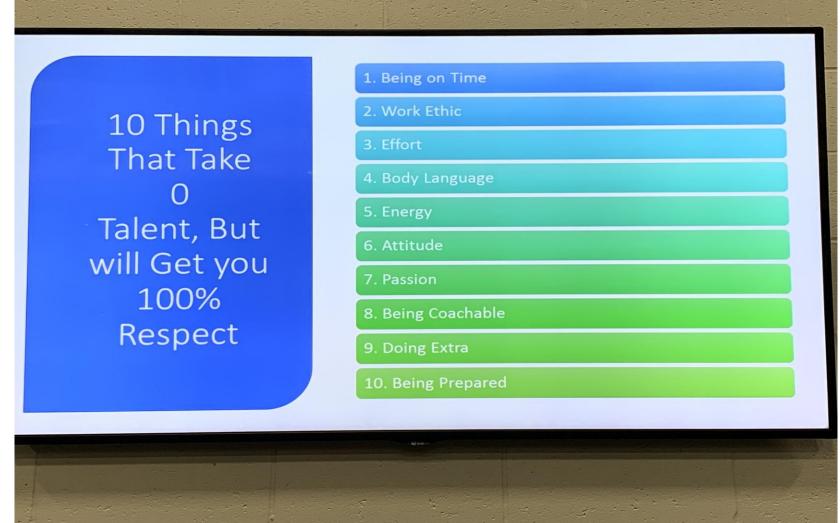
- Hire wisely. "You have to be sure you find the right people from the beginning. Look for team and cultural fit... Above all, look for nice people who care. Everything else can be taught."
- "Maintain an environment in which people feel encouraged to reach for the exceptional. They won't if they fear the repercussions of failure."
- "Recognize your service heroes. Look for those who add special touches—don't let them go unnoticed."
- "Every organization has a culture. Is yours the one you want? Seek input from your people. After all, they will be living the culture."
- "Continually squelch bureaucracy in your company. Slow-moving organizations crush entrepreneurial spirit and stifle ideas."
- "Never be satisfied with the service you provide. Never feel you have finally 'reached the wall,' because if you do, there's nowhere to go but backward."
- "Never, ever, allow an idea to be suppressed in your organization. People will come forth with idea after idea if they know their suggestions will be respected and acknowledged."

Sources: The Customer Comes Second and Other Secrets of Exceptional Service, by Hal F. Rosenbluth and Diane McFerrin Peters, William Morrow and Co. Inc., 1350 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019—\$20. Featured in Communications Briefings, August 1992. 4

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## Respected or Feared





# You Know You Are Having A Bad Day When This Happens









## Firefighters







# Apparatus Thank You It's Been A Privilege to Address You Manufacturers, and the second second

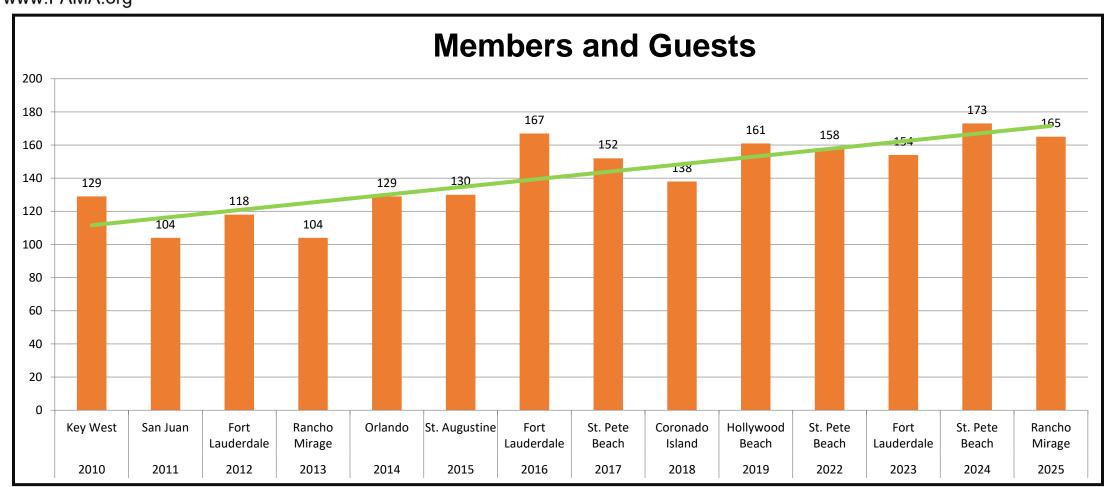
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### Planning Committee Activities

- Assisted with planning the 2024 Fall Conference
- Revised the conference Sponsorship Program



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## Fall Conference 2025 Schedule Planning

- The "Joint" sessions will be reduced:
  - Opening Keynote Andrew Davis
  - Anirban Basu
  - Washington Update CFSI & GAC
  - Closing Keynote Jamie Clark
- 2 FAMA Lanes (breakouts) Need Suggestions for Topics



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#### Questions/Comments



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## **Next Meeting Notice**

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