

**CITY OF COOPER CITY
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES WORKSHOP
JULY 20, 2011**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Eisinger opened the Commission Meeting and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were Commissioners Mallozzi, Sims, Curran, Green and Mayor Eisinger.

Upon request of the Chair, City Attorney David Wolpin briefed the Commission regarding the topic of the workshop and advised that any discussion or debate of previous Fire Assessments should be avoided due to a current lawsuit filed against the City on that subject.

MOTION: To strike the City Attorney's assertion that past Fire Assessment were levied in full accordance of the law.

Moved by Commissioner Sims.

Motion died for lack of a second.

3. AGENDA CONCERNS

Gladys Wilson, 5155 SW 90th Avenue, expressed concern that there may be insufficient rescue/transport vehicles in the City.

Ed Wooley, 11038 Nashville Drive, opined that emergency services is understaffed and underequipped and that he supports the purchase of additional vehicles and staffing of additional personnel.

4. MUTUAL AID RESPONSE

- A. Location Map
- B. Letter from Davie Terminating Automatic Aid Agreement
- C. Davie Aid to Cooper City (2010)
- D. Cooper City Aid to Davie (2010)

5. EMS FEES

6. FIRE INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULES

- A. Cooper City
- B. Hallandale Beach

- C. Lauderdale Lakes
- D. Dania Beach
- E. Broward County

District Fire Chief Sievers provided an overview of the Cooper City Fire and Rescue service area and equipment as well as county-wide active fire stations and proposed future sites. He referenced each of the items listed above and clarified the differences between automatic and mutual aid with the use of audio scenario presentations for each. He further outlined the fee schedules and comparisons between Cooper City and other Broward County municipalities and suggested possible building features for the proposed fire station site at Monterra.

Fire Chief de Jesus addressed the Commission, summarized District Chief Sievers' presentation and clarified the current mutual aid terms throughout the county and the agreement between Davie and Cooper City for automatic aid. He recapped the call type and call volume reports and clarified that statistically, the national average is about 85% to 89% EMS, and that Cooper City' 92% EMS is reflective of that. He further described how BSO Fire redirects its resources throughout their system to areas otherwise depleted of resources due to simultaneous activity.

Consensus to recommend that staff place an ordinance on the August 16th Agenda for first reading amending the Cooper City Fire Inspection Fee Schedule by adopting the Broward County Fire Inspection Fee Schedule.

7. PRESENTATION OF FIRE ASSESSMENT STUDY

Christopher Wallace of New Community Strategies provided the Commission with a detailed explanation of the Fire Assessment Study which was conducted by his firm and responded to questions of the Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Eisinger adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.