



Brevard County Fire Rescue
1040 South Florida Ave.
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TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Matthew Wallace, Public Safety Director
FROM: Patrick Voltaire, Fire Chief
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025056

CEER #2025056, titled wildfire/home fire protection, was received by the County from Mr. Logsdon Robert.

Citizen Statement:

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3. The alternative suggestions by the fire department for water source replenishment or speculative and not specific.
4. There is no existing program to establish specific access to land locked areas for home or wildfire protection.
5. Establish a data base or amend existing for fire dispatch that includes presurveyed home access and wildfire road access.
5. Alternative water sources could be established for refill and or direct connect with designated well locations through a geographically designed system.
6. Change or amend Brevard county burn ban rules for south beaches to eliminate yard trash burning until updated wildfire protections are established



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Staff Analysis:

Brevard County Fire Rescue works proactively to protect the lives and property of residents and maintains a Class 3/3X rating from the Insurance Safety Organization in the Public Protection Classification. The ISO rating is used to measure the quality and effectiveness of fire protection



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in a community. The rating scale ranges from one to 10 with a Class 1 being the best possible score.

The categories below address the concerns raised in the recommendation:

Infrastructure and Accessibility:

Fire department resources and response strategies are continuously evaluated to ensure maximum effectiveness within existing infrastructure. While some areas present accessibility challenges, emergency response plans are developed to adapt to these limitations.

Water Source Alternatives:

The fire department utilizes pre-identified water sources and deploys tanker support as needed. While we recognize the importance of additional water supply points, the feasibility of implementing a geographically designed well system requires further study and coordination with multiple agencies.

Burn Ban Regulations and Enforcement:

The existing Brevard County burn ban policies are structured in alignment with state fire prevention standards. While adjustments may be considered in the future, any modifications must be carefully assessed to balance property rights with fire safety needs. Additionally, expanding enforcement authority for fire prevention officers would require legal revisions beyond the scope of current regulations.

Fire Dispatch and Access Database:

While fire dispatch relies on existing property access information, efforts to enhance pre-surveyed data are ongoing. However, logistical and privacy considerations must be addressed before implementing a comprehensive database expansion.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025056 as current processes address the recommendation concerns as provided in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2025 9:54 AM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025056

Recommendation # 2025056

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025056 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

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Recommendation Information:

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Recommendation Title	wildfire/home fire protection
Areas Affected	South Beaches
Department Affected	FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
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Attachments

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