



Brevard County Fire Rescue
1040 South Florida Ave.
Rockledge, FL 32955
321-633-2056

TO: Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager
THRU: Matthew Wallace, Public Safety Director
FROM: Patrick Voltaire, Fire Chief
SUBJ: Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025074

CEER #2025074, titled Do something about BCFR, was received by the County from Mrs. Lisa Druckenmiller

Citizen Statement:

My concern is our continued tourism, snowbird population and breaks for incoming new businesses. We do these things without considering that our county Fire and Rescue for the 72 mile county is losing members to fellow counties within and outside of the state of FL. With more citizens that means more vehicles on our roads potentially on both more emergencies and more accidents. At what point are we going to take care of those who are here and those coming? Stop telling taxpayers that the average retention amounts for BCFR are within average when your own pay and increased bonuses far exceeds those.

Citizen Recommendation:

I suggest you find a way to provide an increase in pay for our first responders along with better working hours, better working environment conditions and actual working resources to DO their jobs, so that we are prepared for what comes, and not behind it. If the fires in CA taught us anything or impact of past hurricanes show, we need to be better equipped for ALL emergencies not just then, but on our overcrowded roads and among our vast number of citizens. We can't keep up with the way things are now, the way in which our county is going and STILL expect to have a county Fire and Rescue department there for us for much longer. The sheriff's office was granted such, why should BCFR not illicit the same?! Let's not wait for another major disaster to suddenly start caring again about those first responders out there 24/7/365+ risking their lives and livelihoods to put us first. Let's appreciate now, not later.



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Staff Analysis:

Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, requires firefighter compensation be addressed through the collective bargaining process. This process is not within the scope of the Speak Up Brevard program.

Staff Recommended Action:

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners reject CEER #2025074 as the firefighter compensation is subject to mandatory bargaining by law as provided in the staff analysis.

CC: Frank Abbate, County Manager

Horst, Rachel

From: CEER@brevardfl.gov
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2025 3:48 PM
To: Horst, Rachel
Subject: A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2025074

Recommendation # 2025074

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2025074 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

Contact Information:

Group/Organization

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Recommendation Information:

Recommendation ID 2025074
Recommendation Title Do something about BCFR
Areas Affected Fire and Rescue
Department Affected FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT
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