



AVALON FIRE/RESCUE DISTRICT

Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Date: October 5, 2026

The regular meeting of the Avalon Fire Rescue District was called to order by Mark Talbott at 7:00 P.M. at the North Firehouse, 5408 Mulat Rd, Milton, Florida.

Quorum: Commissioners present: Mark Talbott, Don Galbraith, Kevin Robison and Steve Carter. Commissioners absent: Larry Mallory

Attendance: Assistant Chief Matt Brown, Interim Chief Robbie Howington, Lt. Tom Peterson, Luis Uribe, and Stephanie Peterson

Minutes: Minutes from the September 21, 2026 regular meeting and public budget meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Invoices X-01 through X-16 were approved. Budget and Bank reports were reviewed. Beginning November 16, these reports will be permanently moved to the second monthly meeting agenda. A new app and database for tracking costs and receipts were demonstrated. FY 2026 – 2027 has begun arriving. First Bank and Synovus accounts were closed. Truist savings remains open pending signature updates, and Truist checking will stay open until county deposits transition to United Bank.

Grant Report:

Denis Leary grant application was denied. State grant applications remain pending

Appointments:

Robbie Howington Sr. was unanimously promoted from Interim Chief to Chief (4-0 vote). Tom Peterson was promoted to Fire Marshal of the Avalon Fire Rescue District. Thomas Raab was promoted to Lieutenant of the Avalon Fire Rescue District.

Chiefs Report:

Assistant Chief Matt Brown provided the report of station activity: the department responded to **98 incidents**. Rescue 12 lighting repairs were completed. Upcoming community outreach event: the Cub Scouts on Oct 7th, with upcoming activities involving the Civil Air Patrol and Toys for Tots. Pole Barn construction is awaiting county permits before continuing.

Public Forum:

No public comments were received.

Adjournment:

Chairman Mark Talbott adjourned the meeting. Next Meeting: Originally scheduled for **October 19, 2026**, but later postponed to **October 26, 2026**.

Mark Talbott, Chairman (absent)

Lawrence Mallory, Vice Chair

Kevin Robison, Secretary (absent)