

TO: Lincoln Parish Police Jury
FROM: Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee
SUBJECT: Committee Report

The Public Safety and Emergency Services Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met in the Police Jury Meeting Room, 100 West Texas Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana, Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Present were: Chris Garriga, Chair, Dan Lord, T.J. Cranford, Logan Hunt, Milton Melton, and Annette Straughter

Chair Chris Garriga called the meeting to order and Matt Pullin delivered the Invocation.

Annette Straughter offered a motion, seconded by Dan Lord, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Garriga, Melton, and Straughter

Chair Garriga called for Public Comments on Agenda Items. There were none.

Lincoln Parish Fire Protection District No. 1 Chief Kevin Reynolds gave an overview of the budget and operations of the District and answered questions from various Committee members. Chief Reynolds indicated that the expected delivery of the new Rescue Truck was mid-to-late 2026.

Next item on the Agenda was an Ambulance Service Report presented by Chief Chris Womack with the City of Ruston Fire Department. Chief Womack reported that Parish EMS runs in 2024 were comparable with 2023 and that Parish Rescue runs were down by approximately 38%.

Next item on the Agenda was a discussion and recommendation on Qualified First Responders Ad Valorem Tax Exemption. Mr. Billy McBride, Tax Assessor, was present to answer questions. Following an expression of views on the matter by various committee members, T.J. Cranford offered a motion, seconded by Annette Straughter, to recommend approving the ordinance. The motion carried with the following votes:

YEAS: Lord, Cranford, Hunt, Garriga, Melton, and Straughter

Chair Garriga called for Public Comments. There were none.

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Courtney Hall
Parish Administrator

Chris Garriga
Committee Chair