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JFRD Working to Ensure Safe and Smooth Transition

The **Jupiter Fire Rescue Department (JFRD)** is just **16 months away** from officially assuming responsibility for fire and EMS services in our community on **October 1, 2026**. The department has been steadily working through a detailed, three-year plan to build a world-class operation—one that reflects the high standards our residents and businesses expect.



With full support from the Town Council and the community, JFRD has already achieved key milestones. The remainder of 2025 is especially important as the department prepares for the final phase of the transition. Two critical decisions are now in the hands of the Palm Beach County Commission:

1. Approval of JFRD's EMS License

On **June 10, 2025**, the County Commission will vote on whether to grant JFRD the authority to provide emergency medical services (EMS) in Jupiter through a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN).

The Town is requesting an **August 1, 2026**, effective date for the COPCN to allow for a 60-day transition period with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue (PBCFR). The Town strongly believes **a transition period is the best and safest way to serve the public**.

County staff and the County's EMS Advisory Council have recommended a later start of **October 1, 2026**, which would limit the transition. The County Commission has the authority to approve the August 1, 2026, date to ensure a smooth transition and that the **safety of Jupiter's residents and businesses remains the top priority**.

2. Approval of a Transition Plan

Jupiter's Town Council has already approved an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) that outlines how JFRD and PBCFR would work together during the transition. The Town believes **that a well-coordinated, collaborative transition plan should be finalized** as soon as possible, allowing JFRD and PBCFR to work together **to implement a cohesive public safety program for Jupiter and the surrounding area**.

PBCFR leadership has stated there is no need to begin discussions of a transition plan until January 2026. The Town believes **early collaboration is critical** and that waiting until the final

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A major emergency after October 1, 2026, should not be the first time JFRD and PBCFR work together. The Town’s transition plan includes a 60-day overlap of services, **allowing both departments** to coordinate, build familiarity, and **ensure that residents and businesses in Jupiter and the surrounding areas receive seamless, expert care.**

HOW CAN YOU HELP

There are two easy ways to support this important effort:

- **Email the Palm Beach County Commission** to voice your support for the August 1, 2026, COPCN date and the Interlocal Agreement. Click on the appropriate box below and sign your name at the bottom to send this email.



- **Attend the Commission Meeting on June 10, 2025**, and speak during public comment. Encourage the Commission to support a thoughtful, phased transition—not a last-minute “flip of the switch.”

JFRD’s implementation is on schedule and within budget. And with PBCFR’s projected costs for 2026 at \$32 million, **Jupiter residents will see a tax decrease** in JFRD’s first year.

We’re proud of the JFRD’s progress and excited to see the department serve the Jupiter community with excellence, professionalism, and local pride.



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