



2025

PERFORMANCE REPORT

MATLACHA/PINE ISLAND
FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT





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Introduction:

In 2021, Section 189.0695, Florida Statutes, was created and requires independent special fire control districts to conduct a performance review every five years beginning on October 1, 2022. With the exception of independent special fire control districts located within a rural area of opportunity, all independent special fire control districts must contract with an independent entity to conduct the performance review.

In 2023, the Matlacha/Pine Island Fire Control District engaged Special District Services, Inc. (SDS) to conduct the required performance audit. In the report, SDS noted several goals and objectives that the District should track to ensure the standard is met. In addition, the report provided recommendations for the District. The final document was filed with the District's governing board, the Auditor General, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives in accordance with the laws of Florida. The report can also be found on the District's website.

On or before December 1, 2025, the District will publish an annual report on its website describing: (1) the goals and objectives achieved by the District, as well as the performance measures and standards used by the District to make this determination; and (2) any goals or objectives the District failed to achieve.

Requirements:

189.0694 Special districts; performance measures and standards.

- (1) Beginning October 1, 2024, or by the end of the first full fiscal year after its creation, whichever is later, each special district must establish goals and objectives for each program and activity undertaken by the district, as well as performance measures and standards to determine if the district's goals and objectives are being achieved.
- (2) By December 1 of each year thereafter, each special district must publish an annual report on the district's website describing:
 - (a) The goals and objectives achieved by the district, as well as the performance measures and standards used by the district to make this determination.
 - (b) Any goals or objectives the district failed to achieve.

Furthermore, many of the goals and objectives are discussed at the District's monthly Board of Commissioners meetings. In addition, the District publishes an end-of-year report that includes some of the required and additional information.










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Goals and Objectives of the District:

Outlined below are the district’s goals and objectives as identified by SDS during the State of Florida mandated audit. Since the completion of the audit, the district has worked diligently to meet and, where possible, exceed these requirements and has implemented measures to support ongoing compliance and improvement.

Goals & Objectives for the District	Measures & Standards	Met  Fail 
Preventing loss of life. The primary goal of fire suppression services is to protect human life. This includes not only the occupants of the building but also firefighters who respond to the emergency.	NFPA 1710, measured and presented at month board meetings, district adopted standards, industry best practices	
Containing a fire: The next goal is to contain the fire as quickly as possible to prevent it from spreading to other areas of the building. This involves extinguishing the fire or limiting its growth until it can be safely put out.	NFPA 1710, district adopted standards, and industry best practices	
Fire suppression services also aim to minimize damage to property and prevent the loss of valuable assets, such as buildings, equipment, and personal belongings.	District adopted standards, Florida Fire Prevention Code (FAC69A), NFPA1730, Mobile Eyes, Florida Administrative code 69 D, NFPA1 and 101, Lee County Building codes and Land Use	
Preserving the environment: Fire can have a significant impact on the environment, including air and water quality, wildlife habitats, and natural resources. Fire suppression services should take measures to prevent or minimize these impacts.	District adopted standards and industry best practice	
Fire suppression services should also ensure public safety by providing information and education on fire prevention and response, as well as	District adopted standards, Florida Fire Prevention Code (FAC69A), NFPA1730, Mobile Eyes, Florida Administrative code 69 D, NFPA1 and 101,	



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conducting fire safety inspections and enforcing fire codes and regulations.	Lee County Building codes and Land Use, Lee County Division of Code Enforcement	
Fire suppression services should continually evaluate and improve their operations, equipment, and training to ensure that they are providing the highest level of service to the community.	ISO, NFPA1001, 1021, 1402,1410 and 1802, best department practice	✓
To provide rapid response to medical emergencies. The primary goal of rescue and emergency medical services is to provide a timely and effective response to medical emergencies.	NFPA 1710, measured and presented at month board meetings, district adopted standards, industry best practices	✓
To provide high-quality medical care to patients	District medical director, Florida Administrative code 64J	✓
A key goal of Rescue and emergency Medical Services is to ensure the safety of patients and emergency responders	District medical director, Florida Administrative code 64J	✓
Another goal of Rescue and Emergency Medical services is to provide ongoing training and professional development for emergency responders.	District medical director, Florida Administrative code 64J, FDOH (Florida Chapter 401.23, 401.23(7) and 401.27 (6 a), American Heart association (ACLS, BLS, handtevy, PALS, district adopted standards	✓
Rescue and emergency Medical Services is to ensure efficient use of resources, such as medical equipment and emergency vehicles.	District adopted practices, District medical director, Florida Administrative code 64J	✓
To provide rapid and effective response to vehicle accidents: The primary goal of firefighters is responding to vehicle accidents is to provide a timely and effective response to the emergency.	Measured and presented at month board meetings, district adopted standards, industry best practices	✓
To ensure the safety of victims and emergency responders: A key role of firefighters in responding to vehicle accidents is to ensure the safety of victims and emergency responders.	ISO, district adopted practices	✓
To provide medical care to victims: Another goal for firefighters is responding to vehicle accidents is to	Best industry practices	✓



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provide medical care to victims, including extraction, from the vehicle, first aid, and transport to the hospital if necessary.		
To clear the accident scene quickly and safely: Another goal of the firefighter in responding to vehicle accidents is to clear the accident scene quickly and safely, to reduce risk of further accidents and minimize disruption to traffic.	Best industry practices	✓
To ensure the safety of victims and emergency responders: A key goal of fire fighters in responding to specialized emergencies is to ensure the safety of victims and emergency response.	District adopted practices and monthly training of a minimum of 20 hrs. All training our are logged and presented to the shift captains at each months officer meeting	✓

Improvements:

The District is continuously evaluating ways to improve emergency response times and staffing. Fire stations are strategically located throughout the district to provide optimal coverage; however, factors such as street conditions, emergency access, distance to the incident, and simultaneous calls can affect daily response times. The district has invested in station upgrades and enhanced truck communications equipment to improve efficiency and will continue to assess and refine its response capabilities.

Additional staffing has been a priority for the District and has been incorporated into the District's five-year financial plan. Increasing staffing had been scheduled over the last several years; however, the impact of Hurricane Ian and the resulting decrease in ad valorem revenue prevented the District from hiring additional firefighters as planned. The District is still in recovery but was able to hire one additional firefighter per shift in Fiscal Year 2025/2026, increasing daily staffing from 11 to 12.

Future projections include adding three additional personnel every other year, with the long-term goal of staffing each apparatus as follows: three firefighters on each engine (E-152, E-153, and E-154), three firefighters on the ladder truck (L-151), two firefighters on the rescue (R-151), and one shift officer.

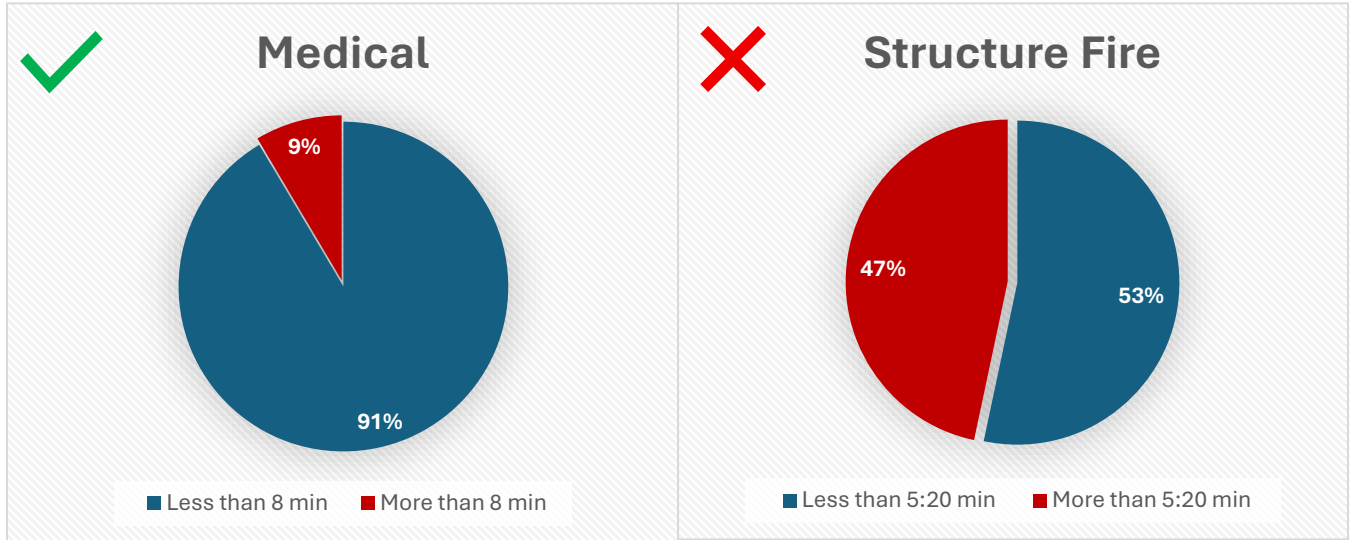
Increased staffing was also a key recommendation in the performance audit conducted by SDS, and the District has continued to incorporate these recommendations into its long-range plans and projections.

2024/2025 response times are displayed below-



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Conclusion:

The District is committed to meeting all established goals and standards associated with the programs and services it provides to the community. It conducts ongoing analyses of these goals and objectives to identify opportunities for improvement, ensuring that enhancements are made within the District's operational capacity and with careful consideration of fiscal responsibility.

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