



The Commissioners of the Trailer Estates Fire Control District, after weeks of evaluation, voted unanimously on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, to move toward closure and support the voluntary merger with Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue.

This decision was based on two important factors. First, the medical response to emergency calls from our residents. Over the past few weeks, we have been challenged with a lack of membership available resulting in no response from your department causing delays in medical response when every second counts.

The second was a financial challenge that has been known for some time and one we were determined to overcome with another effort to raise the tax assessment.

The reality is that our residents come first, their need to receive a timely response when they are in need is and should be our number one priority. To address that need we have reached out to our neighboring department, Cedar Hammock Fire Rescue, who has, without hesitation, agreed to be the first unit dispatched on our calls. If you see their units throughout the park, I encourage you to thank them for their support as we work through our transition.

So, what will this mean over the long term? We will be working with our legal council and that of Cedar Hammock as well as their Commissioners over the next few weeks. Both districts will work together to develop a plan that will result in the best possible transition. The specifics of this transition, however, are currently unknown. Updates will be available during our Commissioner meeting held on the first and third Friday of each month. These meetings are held in the meeting room at the fire station and begin at 9:00 am.

Please be patient with us. This was a difficult decision but one we collectively felt was in the best interest of all of you. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to [tefcd@tefcd.com](mailto:tefcd@tefcd.com).

Thank you,

TEFCD Commissioners, Linda Briggie, Mary Chandler, Lori Dalton, Nancy McMill, and Karon Murphy