



Central Pine Barrens Wildfire Task Force

Theodore Kern, Chair

Capt. Tim Byrnes and Baycan Fidelis, Co-vice Chairs

MEETING AGENDA

For Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Hampton Bays Fire Department

6:00 pm (dinner served); 7:00 pm (meeting start time)

Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

1. Administrative

- a. Wildfire Task Force Board – Introductions & Opening Comments
- b. Minutes from March 25, 2026- Motion to approve

2. Presentations

- a. Summer Weather Outlook from the National Weather Service
- b. Southern Pine Beetle Update - Jason Smith, Central Pine Barrens Commission
- c. Central Pine Barrens Commission Update – Julie Hargrave, Central Pine Barrens Commission
- d. LIRR Fire Protection Tank Car – Dan Gallagher, LIRR Chief Fire Marshall

3. Subcommittee Updates

- a. New York Wildfire & Incident Management Academy (NYWIMA) Updates - Catherine Drew
- b. Southampton Community Wildfire Protection Plan Status Update - Jason Smith
- c. Prescribed Fire Season Summary- Jason Smith
- d. PSEG LI Vegetation Management Update

4. New Business

6. Future Meeting Dates:

- September 23, 2026 (*West end host needed*)

7. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn

All member agencies and fire departments are requested to send a representative.
Please update your agency contacts for 2026 by replying with names, phone numbers and email addresses.