

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: American Fire Sprinkler Association -
FL Political Committee**

Case No.: FEC 23-020

TO: Jessica Cox, Chair
7842 Land O' Lakes Boulevard, #143
Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

Division of Elections
500 South Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 15, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Virtual Meeting via GoTo Webinar:**

WEB PARTICIPATION: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4391393799096818270>

AUDIO PARTICIPATION: 1 877 309 2074 ATTENDEE ACCESS CODE: 424-284-031

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
August 1, 2023



Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT**

Case Number: FEC 23-020

NAME: **AMERICAN FIRE SPRINKLER ASSOCIATION - FL POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 01/13/2023

DATE REPORT DUE: 12/12/2022 (2022 M11)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 12/21/2022

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 9

AMOUNT OF FINE: **\$3,150.00**

FINE BASED ON: NUMBER OF DAYS 25% OF RECEIPTS 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$15,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 12/13/2022 (Failure to File Ltr)

SUMMARY: American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Jessica Cox, and its treasurer is Christopher Johnson.

The PC is appealing the fine claiming that they followed the Calendar of Reporting dates. According to Ms. Cox, after receiving notice of late reports, she was notified of a "second calendar." She believed the 2022 reporting was complete as of November 4, 2022. Ms. Cox states that she received a letter claiming their committee had failed to file another report. She contacted the help desk, was provided a "third calendar," and submitted the report.

The respondent provided copies of the Calendar of Reporting dates. The "first calendar" states it is for Non-State Candidates, the "second calendar" is for Statewide Candidates, and the "third calendar" is for Political Committees/Independent Expenditure. The final calendar includes the due date of the report at issue. Ms. Cox requests a waiver of the fine and states they did not have all the information, which led to a late report.

- The 2022 M11 Original Report covers the period from 11/04/22-11/30/22; it was due on 12/12/22.
- The 2022 M11 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created and filed on 12/21/22.
- American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee reported receiving 1 contribution while making zero expenditures.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee's 2022 M11 Report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

CANDIDATE []	STATE [X]
PC [X]	DISTRICT []
CCE []	COUNTY []
POLITICAL PARTY []	CITY []
ECO []	



**AMERICAN
FIRE SPRINKLER
ASSOCIATION**
FLORIDA CHAPTER

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM
18 JAN '23 PM 4:09

January 11, 2023

Ms. Donna Brown:

PAC 78819 is appealing the late fine of \$3,150.

With the intent to save our small association PAC administrative fees, I took over managing the account late 2021. I met with a former college who also manages a PAC to learn the processes. I had the Calendar of Reporting Dates (included with this letter) and diligently processed reports and kept track of all campaign income and contributions.

The December treasurer's report was not overlooked nor was there any malice intended. As the PAC chair I followed the Calendar of Reporting Dates. Originally, I followed the 'first calendar' of reporting dates. After a getting notices of late reports, I called the Florida Department of State Division of Elections help desk and was informed of the 'second calendar'. If you look at the 'first calendar' or 'second calendar' (included with this letter) you'll see the reporting ended 11/4/2022 with report 2022 G6. It was my understanding the 2022 reporting was complete.

I received a letter from your office December 21st stating our PAC had failed to file a report. Once again, I called the help desk and was informed of another calendar, the 'third calendar' (also included). That same day, I submitted the missing report.

Our PAC's intention is to do the right thing, maintain integrity and follow the requirements of the Division of Elections. I didn't have all the information, which led to a late report. I'm asking that you please wave the late fine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jessica Cox
Executive Director
jessica@afsaf.org
813.784.3624

AMERICAN FIRE SPRINKLER ASSOCIATION - FLORIDA CHAPTER

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★ **First calendar** I used to file reports.

Calendar of Reporting Dates
for 2022 Candidates (other than statewide candidates)
registered with the Division of Elections

<u>Cover Period</u>	<u>Report Code</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
12/1/21 - 12/31/21	2021 M12	1/10/2022 Filed
1/1/22 - 1/31/22	2022 M1	2/10/2022 Filed
2/1/22 - 2/28/22	2022 M2	3/10/2022 Filed
3/1/22 - 3/31/22	2022 M3	4/11/2022 Filed
4/1/22 - 4/30/22	2022 M4	5/10/2022 Filed
5/1/22 - 5/31/22	2022 M5	6/10/2022 Filed

6/1/22 - 6/17/22	2022 P1	6/24/2022 Filed
6/18/22 - 7/1/22	2022 P2	7/8/2022 Filed
7/2/22 - 7/15/22	2022 P3	7/22/2022
7/16/22 - 7/22/22	2022 P4	7/29/2022
7/23/22 - 7/29/22	2022 P5	8/5/2022
7/30/22 - 8/5/22	2022 P6	8/12/2022
8/6/22 - 8/18/22	2022 P7	8/19/2022

8/19/22 - 8/26/22	2022 G1	9/2/2022
8/27/22 - 9/9/22	2022 G2	9/16/2022
9/10/22 - 9/23/22	2022 G3	9/30/2022
9/24/22 - 10/7/22	2022 G4	10/14/2022
10/8/22 - 10/21/22	2022 G5	10/28/2022
10/22/22 - 11/3/22	2022 G6	11/4/2022 ←

Termination Reports

<u>Cover Period</u>	<u>Report Code</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
After April-May Qualifying	TR	7/28/2022
After June Qualifying	TR	9/15/2022
Primary Election	TR	11/21/2022
General Election	TR	2/6/2023

* Second Calendar used to file reports.

Calendar of Reporting Dates for 2022 Statewide Candidates registered with the Division of Elections

Cover Period	Report Code	Due Date
12/1/21 - 12/31/21	2021 M12	1/10/2022 Filed
1/1/22 - 1/31/22	2022 M1	2/10/2022 Filed
2/1/22 - 2/28/22	2022 M2	3/10/2022 Filed
3/1/22 - 3/31/22	2022 M3	4/11/2022 Filed
4/1/22 - 4/30/22	2022 M4	5/10/2022 Filed
5/1/22 - 5/31/22	2022 M5	6/10/2022 Filed

6/1/22 - 6/17/22	2022 P1	6/24/2022 Filed
6/18/22 - 6/24/22	2022 P1A	7/1/2022 Filed
6/25/22 - 7/1/22	2022 P2	7/8/2022 Filed
7/2/22 - 7/8/22	2022 P2A	7/15/2022 Filed
7/9/22 - 7/15/22	2022 P3	7/22/2022 Filed
7/16/22 - 7/22/22	2022 P4	7/29/2022 Filed
7/23/22 - 7/29/22	2022 P5	8/5/2022 Filed
7/30/22 - 8/5/22	2022 P6	8/12/2022 Filed
8/6/22 - 8/18/22	2022 P7	8/19/2022 Filed
8/19/22	2022 P7A	8/26/2022 Filed

8/20/22 - 8/26/22	2022 G1	9/2/2022 Filed
8/27/22 - 9/2/22	2022 G1A	9/9/2022 Filed
9/3/22 - 9/9/22	2022 G2	9/16/2022 Filed
9/10/22 - 9/16/22	2022 G2A	9/23/2022 Filed
9/17/22 - 9/23/22	2022 G3	9/30/2022 Filed
9/24/22 - 9/30/22	2022 G3A	10/7/2022 Filed
10/1/22 - 10/7/22	2022 G4	10/14/2022 Filed
10/8/22 - 10/14/22	2022 G4A	10/21/2022 Filed
10/15/22 - 10/21/22	2022 G5	10/28/2022 Filed

10/22/22 - 10/28/22	2022 D1*	10/29/2022 Filed
10/29/2022	2022 D2*	10/30/2022 Filed
10/30/2022	2022 D3*	10/31/2022 Filed
10/31/2022	2022 D4*	11/1/2022 Filed
11/1/2022	2022 D5*	11/2/2022 Filed
11/2/2022	2022 D6*	11/3/2022 Filed

10/22/22 - 11/3/22	2022 G6**	11/4/2022 Filed
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Termination Reports

Cover Period	Report Code	Due Date
After April-May Qualifying	TR	7/28/2022
After June Qualifying	TR	9/15/2022
Primary Election	TR	11/21/2022
General Election	TR	2/6/2023

* These reports need only contain information on all previously unreported contributions received as of the preceding day; however, expenditures can be reported if desired.

** If expenditures for 10/22/22 - 11/3/22 have already been reported during the daily reports, do not duplicate expenditures in this report.

* **Third Calendar** used to file reports.

2022 Calendar of Reporting Dates

Political Committees/Independent Expenditure-Only registered with the Division of Elections

Cover Period	Report Code	Due Date
12/1/21 - 12/31/21	2021 M12	1/10/2022
1/1/22 - 1/31/22	2022 M1	2/10/2022
2/1/22 - 2/28/22	2022 M2	3/10/2022
3/1/22 - 3/31/22	2022 M3	4/11/2022
4/1/22 - 4/30/22	2022 M4	5/10/2022
5/1/22 - 5/31/22	2022 M5	6/10/2022
1/1/21 - 12/31/21	2021 MUC*	6/24/2022
6/1/22 - 6/17/22	2022 P1	6/24/2022
6/18/22 - 6/24/22	2022 P1A	7/1/2022
6/25/22 - 7/1/22	2022 P2	7/8/2022
7/2/22 - 7/8/22	2022 P2A	7/15/2022
7/9/22 - 7/15/22	2022 P3	7/22/2022
7/16/22 - 7/22/22	2022 P4	7/29/2022
7/23/22 - 7/29/22	2022 P5	8/5/2022
7/30/22 - 8/5/22	2022 P6	8/12/2022
8/6/22 - 8/18/22	2022 P7	8/19/2022
8/19/22	2022 P7A	8/26/2022
8/20/22 - 8/26/22	2022 G1	9/2/2022
8/27/22 - 9/2/22	2022 G1A	9/9/2022
9/3/22 - 9/9/22	2022 G2	9/16/2022
9/10/22 - 9/16/22	2022 G2A	9/23/2022
9/17/22 - 9/23/22	2022 G3	9/30/2022
9/24/22 - 9/30/22	2022 G3A	10/7/2022
10/1/22 - 10/7/22	2022 G4	10/14/2022
10/8/22 - 10/14/22	2022 G4A	10/21/2022
10/15/22 - 10/21/22	2022 G5	10/28/2022
10/22/22 - 10/28/22	2022 D1**	10/29/2022
10/29/2022	2022 D2**	10/30/2022
10/30/2022	2022 D3**	10/31/2022
10/31/2022	2022 D4**	11/1/2022
11/1/2022	2022 D5**	11/2/2022
11/2/2022	2022 D6**	11/3/2022
10/22/22 - 11/3/22	2022 G6***	11/4/2022
11/4/22 - 11/30/22	2022 M11	12/12/22 Filed
12/1/22 - 12/31/22	2022 M12	1/10/23 Filed

New Dates

* If not reported as individual contributions when received, a political committee must report contributions that comprise multiple uniform contributions from the same person aggregating no more than \$250 per calendar year, collected by an organization that is the affiliated sponsor of the political committee. The report must list the name, address, and occupation of the person making the contribution; however, the occupation need not be listed if the aggregate contribution from the person is \$100 or less.

**These reports need only contain information on all previously unreported contributions received as of the preceding day; however, expenditures can be reported if desired.

***If expenditures for 10/22/22 - 11/3/22 have already been reported during the daily reports, do not duplicate expenditures in this report.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

January 4, 2023

Jessica Cox, Chairperson
American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee
7842 Land O Lakes Boulevard
#143
Land O Lakes, FL 34638-4638

PAC 78819

Dear Ms. Cox:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on December 12, 2022, was filed on December 21, 2022. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$3,150.00.

You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

*Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

December 13, 2022

PAC 78819

Jessica Cox, Chairperson
American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee
7842 Land O Lakes Boulevard
#143
Land O Lakes, FL 34638-4638

Dear Ms. Cox:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was December 12, 2022.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:

- \$50 per day for the first 3 days late
- \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
- If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Christopher Johnson, Treasurer

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

- (1) American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee (2) 78819
 Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number
- (3) 7842 Land O Lakes Boulevard Land O Lakes FL 34638
 Address (number and street) City State Zip Code
- Check box if address has changed since last report
- (4) Check appropriate box(es):
- Candidate (office sought)
 Political Committee Check If PC has DISBANDED
 Committee of Continuous Existence Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period From 11/04/2022 To 11/30/2022 Report Type M11

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Check \$0.00
 Loans \$0.00
Total Monetary \$0.00
 In-Kind \$15,000.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditure \$0.00
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00
Total Monetary \$0.00

(8) Other Distribution

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss.839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Candidate Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

Name: American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee Report: 2022 M11 Period: 11/04/2022 to 11/30/2022**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	PIPER FIRE PROTECTION	B	BUSINESS	\$15,000.00
11/14/2022	13075 US HWY 19 N. CLEARWATER, FL 33764	IN	CHECK	

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Name: American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee Report: 2022 M11 Period: 11/04/2022 to 11/30/2022

**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend

Name: American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee Report: 2022 M11 Period: 11/04/2022 to 11/30/2022

**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Nature of Account	Amount Amend

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

Name: American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee Report: 2022 M11 Period: 11/04/2022 to 11/30/2022

**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Related Expenditure	Amend

Queued Items for 2022-M11

Account: 78819

American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee

Rpt Seq: 70

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	78819	12/21/2022 1:39:05 PM	12/21/2022 1:39:05 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	78819	12/21/2022 1:45:07 PM	12/21/2022 1:45:07 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	78819	12/21/2022 1:45:47 PM	12/21/2022 1:45:47 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	78819	12/21/2022 1:46:42 PM	12/21/2022 1:46:42 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	78819	12/21/2022 1:49:11 PM	12/21/2022 1:49:11 PM



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee

Name:

Account: 78819

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
1/10/2023	M12	1/10/2023						
12/12/2022	M11	12/21/2022	SNT	9	\$3,150.00		\$3,150.00	\$0.00
11/4/2022	G6	11/4/2022						
11/3/2022	D6	11/3/2022						
11/2/2022	D5	11/2/2022						
11/1/2022	D4	11/1/2022						
10/31/2022	D3	10/31/2022						
10/30/2022	D2	10/30/2022						
10/29/2022	D1	10/29/2022						
10/28/2022	G5	10/28/2022						
10/21/2022	G4A	10/14/2022						
10/14/2022	G4	10/11/2022						
10/7/2022	G3A	10/7/2022						
10/7/2022	G3	10/11/2022	CLO	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/23/2022	G2A	9/30/2022	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/16/2022	G2	9/16/2022						
9/9/2022	G1A	9/9/2022						
9/2/2022	G1	9/2/2022						
8/26/2022	P7A	8/26/2022						
8/19/2022	P7	8/19/2022						
8/12/2022	P6	8/12/2022						
8/5/2022	P5	8/5/2022						
7/29/2022	P4	7/29/2022						
7/22/2022	P3	7/22/2022						
7/15/2022	P2A	7/8/2022						
7/8/2022	P2	7/8/2022						
7/1/2022	P1A	7/8/2022	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/24/2022	P1	6/24/2022						
6/10/2022	M5	6/10/2022						
5/10/2022	M4	5/10/2022						
4/11/2022	M3	4/11/2022						
3/10/2022	M2	3/10/2022						
2/10/2022	M1	2/10/2022						
1/10/2022	M12	1/10/2022						
12/10/2021	M11	12/1/2021						
11/10/2021	M10	11/2/2021						
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July 1, 2020

Jessica Cox, Chairperson
American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee
610 South Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33606

Dear Ms. Cox:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee**, which were placed on file in our office on July 1, 2020. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 10, 2020**. The report will cover the period of June 27, 2020 - July 3, 2020 (2020 P2A). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. Enclosed are the committee's confidential, filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 78819

Timely Filing

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the

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due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the chairperson and campaign treasurer, and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Instructions and Assistance

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/dlh

Enclosures

pc: Nancy H. Watkins, Treasurer
Robert I. Watkins, Deputy Treasurer

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**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**
(Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

Initial Filing for: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

Re-filing to Change: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Primary/Secondary Depository

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. Committee American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee		2. Telephone (813) 813-784-3624	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Christopher Johnson		4. Email (optional) ()	
5. Telephone (optional) ()			
6. Mailing Address 13075 US WHY 19N, Clearwater, FL 33764			
7. Street Address 13075 US WHY 19N, Clearwater, FL 33764			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank Truist		10. Street Address 9048 State Road 54	
11. City New Port Richey		12. State FL	13. Zip Code 34655
14. Signature of Chairman X 		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Jessica Cox	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, Christopher Johnson, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)

treasurer or deputy treasurer for American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee
(Committee)

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.**

December 20, 2021

Date

X


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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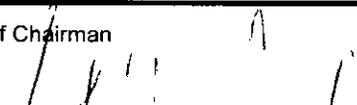
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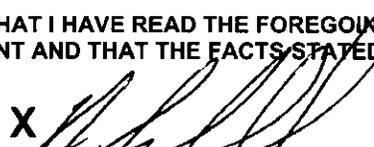
1. Committee American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee		2. Telephone (813) 813-784-3624	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Suzanne Saults		4. Email (optional) ()	
5. Telephone (optional) ()			
6. Mailing Address 10461 75th Street, Largo FL 33777			
7. Street Address 10461 75th Street, Largo FL 33777			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
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11. City New Port Richey		12. State FL	13. Zip Code 34655
14. Signature of Chairman X 		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Jessica Cox	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, **Suzanne Saults**, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
treasurer or deputy treasurer for American Fire Sprinkler Association - FL Political Committee
(Committee)

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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.**

12-17-2021
Date

X 
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

(PLEASE TYPE)

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

1. Full Name of Committee

American Fire Sprinkler Association – FL Political Committee

Telephone

813-784-3624

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)

7842 Land O Lakes Blvd., #143
Land O Lakes, FL 34638

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)

7842 Land O Lakes Blvd., #143
Land O Lakes, FL 34638

2. Affiliated or Connected Organizations (includes other committees of continuous existence and political committees)

Name of Affiliated or
Connected Organization

Mailing Address

Relationship

American Fire Sprinkler
Association-Florida Chapter,
Inc.

7842 Land O Lakes Blvd., #143
Land O Lakes, FL 34638

Connected

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

Statewide political committee to support or oppose candidates for statewide, multi-county, legislative, county and municipal office and other activities not prohibited by Chapter 106 F.S.

4. Nature of Organization or Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical, legal, education, etc.)

Political

5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)

Full Name

Mailing Address

Committee Title or Position

Christopher Johnson

13075 US Hwy. 19 N.
Clearwater, FL 33764

Treasurer

6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Jessica Cox	7842 Land O Lakes Blvd., #143 Land O Lakes, FL 34638	Chair
Suzanne Saults	10461 75th Street Largo, FL 33777	Deputy Treasurer

7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
To be determined			

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: To be determined
List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: To be determined

9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party
 n/a

10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?
 Contribute to candidates, political parties, political committees or other activities not prohibited by law.

11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Truist	9048 State Road 54 New Port Richey, FL 34655

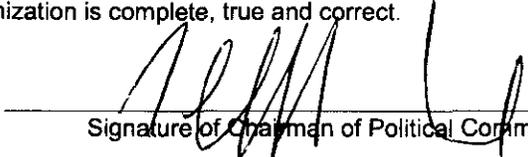
12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any

Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
Form 8871 Form 1120-POL Form 990, as may be required	Upon formation April 15, annually May 15, annually	For all: Internal Revenue Service	Ogden, UT 84201

STATE OF Florida COUNTY Pasco

I, Jessica Cox, certify that the information in this Statement of

Organization is complete, true and correct.

X  Signature of Chairman of Political Committee
12/2/21 Date