

Fire Station Naming Committee Scoring Sheet

Candidate Name: Edwin Castro

Date: 4/29/20

Committee Member: Hilary Matas

Criteria	Maximum Points	Score Awarded
Years of Service	15	15
Leadership and Rank Held	25	25
Community Impact	25	25
Department Legacy	20	20
Historical Significance	15	15
TOTAL SCORE	100	100

Committee Member Comments:

I have had the honor of meeting Chief Castro. He had taught me in the beginning of my career w/ the fire dept. the stories "of the past" He did an amazing job keeping the history and memories of those serving before us alive.

Recommendation:

- Recommend for Approval
- Recommend for Further Review
- Do Not Recommend

Total
500
Castro

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Date: 4/29/26

Committee Member: Randy Monahan

Criteria	Maximum Points	Score Awarded
Years of Service	15	15
Leadership and Rank Held	25	25
Community Impact	25	25
Department Legacy	20	20
Historical Significance	15	15
TOTAL SCORE	100	100

Committee Member Comments:

Phenomenal leader; helped
to modernize department

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Date: 4/29/2026

Committee Member: Grey Barroso

Criteria	Maximum Points	Score Awarded
Years of Service	15	15
Leadership and Rank Held	25	25
Community Impact	25	25
Department Legacy	20	20
Historical Significance	15	15
TOTAL SCORE	100	100

Committee Member Comments:

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Recommendation:

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- Recommend for Further Review
- Do Not Recommend

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Candidate Name: Edwin Castro

Date: 4/29/20

Committee Member: Steve Wells

Criteria	Maximum Points	Score Awarded
Years of Service	15	15
Leadership and Rank Held	25	25
Community Impact	25	25
Department Legacy	20	20
Historical Significance	15	15
TOTAL SCORE	100	100

Committee Member Comments:

Recommendation:

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- Recommend for Further Review
- Do Not Recommend

Fire Station Naming Committee Scoring Sheet

Candidate Name: **Edwin Castro**

Date: 04/29/2026

Committee Member: Alex VEGA

Criteria	Maximum Points	Score Awarded
Years of Service	15	15
Leadership and Rank Held	25	25
Community Impact	25	25
Department Legacy	20	20
Historical Significance	15	15
TOTAL SCORE	100	100

Committee Member Comments:

Eddie Castro was appointed chief in 1986.

Soon after chief Castro & then ASST chief Dickie Wardlow started the process to upgrade the ISO Rating which at that time was an 8 with 10 being the worst four chiefs and 25 yrs

Recommendation:

Recommend for Approval

Recommend for Further Review

Do Not Recommend

later the Dept was rated class one under chief Fragg, but was the ~~vision~~ vision of chief Castro, to one day reach a class one rating,

In 1986 he convinced the city to purchase the Jaws of Life.
 In 1986 city purchased 75ft ladder truck.
 In 1988 chief Castro established the Fire Prevention Bureau and had almost half of the dept members certified as Fire inspectors.
 In 1988 chief Castro secured the dept's first Fire Boat by a local developer who purchased the boat at no cost to the city.

In 1989 Chief Castro established a two year Fire science degree program at FKCC.

With 10 graduates from the KWFD ~~in~~ ^{graduating} in 1990.

Most of the training procedures that Chief Castro started are still in practice today 40 yrs later.

Central dispatch, Fire + police, upgraded Fire Hydrants, Company Inspections,

Chief Castro always was a great supporter of EMS

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Candidate Name: **Gilbert "Gibby" Gates**

Date: 4/29/2026

Committee Member: Gary Bannos

Criteria	Maximum Points	Score Awarded
Years of Service	15	10
Leadership and Rank Held	25	20
Community Impact	25	20
Department Legacy	20	10
Historical Significance	15	10
TOTAL SCORE	100	70

Committee Member Comments:

Recommendation:

- Recommend for Approval
- Recommend for Further Review
- Do Not Recommend

Total
395
Gates

Fire Station Naming Committee Scoring Sheet

Candidate Name: Gilbert "Gibby" Gates

Date: 4/29/24

Committee Member: Steve Wells

Criteria	Maximum Points	Score Awarded
Years of Service	15	10
Leadership and Rank Held	25	15
Community Impact	25	15
Department Legacy	20	10
Historical Significance	15	15
TOTAL SCORE	100	65

Committee Member Comments:

Recommendation:

Recommend for Approval

Recommend for Further Review

Do Not Recommend

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Date: 4/29/26

Committee Member: Randy Morahan

Criteria	Maximum Points	Score Awarded
Years of Service	15	15
Leadership and Rank Held	25	20
Community Impact	25	20
Department Legacy	20	15
Historical Significance	15	10
TOTAL SCORE	100	80

Committee Member Comments:

Recommendation:

Recommend for Approval

Recommend for Further Review

Do Not Recommend

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Date: 4/29/20

Committee Member: Hilary Matas

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Years of Service	15	15
Leadership and Rank Held	25	25
Community Impact	25	20
Department Legacy	20	20
Historical Significance	15	10
TOTAL SCORE	100	(90)

Committee Member Comments:

Chief Gilbert Gates did many things to improve staffing. A good candidate but still other candidate appears to have a long term

Recommendation:

Recommend for Approval

Recommend for Further Review

Do Not Recommend

effect of their dedication to the fire dept + community.

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Date: 04/29/2026

Committee Member: Alex Vega

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Leadership and Rank Held	25	25
Community Impact	25	20
Department Legacy	20	20
Historical Significance	15	10
TOTAL SCORE	100	90

Committee Member Comments:

I was hired by Chief Gibby Gates Dec 1975.
He became Chief at a difficult time with the arrest & disappearance
of Chief Ben Fortz. He had to try to upgrade Fire Dept's
image with the community. He was the 1st Chief that had
his firefighters certified at the local State Fire College.

Recommendation:

Recommend for Approval Gibby Gates served as Chief for two terms
From 1976-78 - 1980-85

Recommend for Further Review

Do Not Recommend

During his tenure as Chief he faced
hiring freezes, no purchases of new
Fire engines or equipment. Things
that he tried to do never got accomplished
By 1985 he was facing Health issues and
was forced to retire.

04/30/2026

Alex Vega

Chief Gibby by 1982 things started improving with the City and by the early part of 1983 after struggling for almost 3 years Chief Gates was able to hire 10 new firefighters, promote 4 new driver/engineers, Eddie Castro was promoted to Asst Chief and few new Capt's which put the Fire Dept on the road to attaining its former staffing levels.

In 1984 with the help of Asst Chief Eddie Castro, Chief Gates ordered a new Fire Engine from Emergency One Fire Engine Company in Ocala. Chief Gates fought an uphill battle during his tenure as Chief all credit goes to him for keeping the Fire Dept together. After facing health issues for many years he decided to retire in Dec 1985.

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Candidate Name: **Joseph "Bum" Farto**

Date: 04/29/2026

Committee Member: Alex VEGA

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Years of Service	15	15
Leadership and Rank Held	25	20
Community Impact	25	10
Department Legacy	20	10
Historical Significance	15	15
TOTAL SCORE	100	70

Committee Member Comments:

Chief Farto served from 1964-1975

Remembered for the arrest then disappearance

after indicted on drug charges tarnished his record and reputation any positive things that he accomplished would be over shadowed by allegations and unresolved

Recommendation:

Recommend for Approval disappearance would make him an appropriate candidate for naming the station.

Recommend for Further Review Some positive notes he improved

Do Not Recommend uniform appearance, communications, purchasing of a 1973 Am La France pump and a 1974 90 FT snorkel to his credit.

Total
 330
 Farto

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Candidate Name: **Joseph "Bum" Farto**

Date: 4/29/2026

Committee Member: Greg Barnoso

Criteria	Maximum Points	Score Awarded
Years of Service	15	5
Leadership and Rank Held	25	5
Community Impact	25	5
Department Legacy	20	5
Historical Significance	15	5
TOTAL SCORE	100	25

Committee Member Comments:

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Committee Member: Hilary Matas

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Community Impact	25	20
Department Legacy	20	10
Historical Significance	15	15
TOTAL SCORE	100	80

Committee Member Comments:

Chief Joseph Farto did many wonderful things to help the fire dept. Cuban refugees and community well fare - but unfortunately his "shady" behavior has over shadowed the

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good done. I fear that

this will highlight the wrong parts of our department + community

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Leadership and Rank Held	25	20
Community Impact	25	15
Department Legacy	20	10
Historical Significance	15	15
TOTAL SCORE	100	75

Committee Member Comments:

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Committee Member Comments:

Recommendation:

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