

Sublimity Fire District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Meeting called to order: by Rick Kauffman at 7:04 p.m.

Members present: Ralph Fisher, Rick Kauffman, Tom Etzel, Gary Rychard, Jeff Kropf

Staff present: Chief Brandon Hamilton

Others present: Nick Lane

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Drakes Crossing RFPD discussion was added to Good of the Order; OSHA self-insurance item was deleted

Citizen Comments: None

Firefighters Association Input: Nick Lane discussed preparations for the upcoming turkey shoot, including building new tables.

Reading of Minutes:

MOTION: Ralph Fisher moved to approve the minutes for September 9, 2009. Gary Rychard seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Communications: The district received thank yous from Sublimity School for a fire prevention presentation by Angela Hargin, Eric Leonard, Kevin DeBoer and Tony Menk; Silverton Fire for the Firefighters Association's donation to the Dan Dunn Fire Fund; and Halsey-Shedd Fire for the quick actions of Nick Lane and Jonathan Cartney at the scene of a motor vehicle accident in Halsey-Shedd's district.

Payment of Bills: The board reviewed bills and payments for the month of September. There was general discussion regarding the current financial status of the district.

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to pay the bills for September as presented. Tom Etzel seconded. Motion passed; a voice vote was unanimous.

Chief's Report:

Alarms: Chief Hamilton reviewed alarms for the board. Call volume for the month was comparable to last year, while total alarms for the year is still down.

Training Report: At the request of Chief Patrick, the training officer stipend will be discontinued. He feels that he cannot guarantee being in the office eight hours a week and felt it would be inappropriate to continue receiving the stipend without being able to make that guarantee. He will still complete the training officer work, but on a volunteer basis with no stipend.

Old Business:

Silver Mountain MOU: Chief Hamilton updated the board that the MOU between the fire district and Silver Mountain Enterprises has been signed and is now in effect.

November meeting date: The board agreed to change November's meeting date from November 11th to November 18th in light of the Veterans' Day holiday.

Training Standards: After consulting legal counsel, Chief Hamilton made the recommendation to make the district's training policy reflect the state standard. Legal counsel told him that it's always easiest to defend the state statute versus something

else. There was discussion regarding minimum requirements for instructors. Chief Hamilton will do some research as to whether there is a state standard.

MOTION: Jeff Kropf moved to amend district policy to reflect state standards/statute. Ralph Fisher seconded. Motion passed; Kropf, Rychard, Kauffman and Fisher were in favor; Etzel was opposed.

New Business: (*The board moved this presentation to the beginning of the meeting as a courtesy to our guest)

Crisis Chaplaincy: Todd Pynch from Crisis Chaplaincy Services spoke to the board about Crisis Chaplaincy, its mission, services offered and funding base. Gary Rychard requested a meeting between the chief and Chaplain Pynch to see if it would be feasible to roll the district's EAP funds into the Chaplaincy contract.

Mutual Aid/Auto Aid Agreements: The chief presented the board with the proposed mutual aid/auto aid agreements between Sublimity and Silverton fire districts and Sublimity and Drakes Crossing fire districts.

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to accept the agreement with Silverton Fire District. Ralph Fisher seconded. Motion passed; unanimous.

MOTION: Jeff Kropf moved to accept the agreement with Drakes Crossing Fire District. Ralph Fisher seconded. Motion passed; unanimous.

District Code of Conduct: Rick Kauffman inquired as to whether there was a code of conduct for everyone involved in the fire district. Chief Hamilton answered in the affirmative, and that there was a code of conduct in the personnel policy, but that it wasn't very detailed as to whom it affects. Jeff Kropf spoke up and mentioned there was an incident at the rodeo where he was wearing his district directors uniform shirt and drank two beers with dinner. A complaint was forwarded to Board President Rick Kauffman. There was lengthy discussion regarding what is considered acceptable behavior for district members. Gary Rychard requested the district acquire samples from other agencies to help establish an appropriate policy for conduct.

Good of the Order:

The board discussed the origination of the bid placed on Lane Rural Fire District's used engine. This led to the discussion of developing an apparatus replacement plan for the district.

Drakes Crossing: Chief Hamilton attended their awards banquet on October 11th. The district received a certificate of appreciation in recognition of its commitment and dedication to Drakes Crossing FD throughout 2009.

Upcoming Events: Chief Hamilton reviewed the upcoming holiday schedule for the board.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Gary Rychard moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Kropf seconded. Motion passed; unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.