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MINUTES

Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting
Regular Meeting
Station 1, 7:30 p.m.
January 6, 2009

Members present: Chairman Spring, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Bloemke
Meeting called to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Green. It was noted that Chief Green was sworn in to his new position earlier in the day.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Representation to the Three Creeks Advisory Council is to be added under New Business.

A motion was seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the December 16th regular meeting and the December 16th Board Workshop and to have them posted for public view and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The District was provided with 2009 election dates and deadlines and validation requirements set by the November 2008 elections.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety: No report. The Chief advised that Battalion Chief Iremonger has been appointed as the District Safety Officer.
Parade: No activity.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Number of Calls Report:

<u>Calls, December 2007</u>		<u>Calls, December 2008</u>	
EMS	350	EMS	383
Fire	58	Fire	70
Total	408	Total	453

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<u>Calls to Date 2007</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2008</u>	
EMS	4379	EMS	4574
Fire	717	Fire	760
Total	5096	Total	5334

It was noted that 2008 calls exceeded those of 2007 by 238.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Green advised that conditional offers of employment have been issued to two Paramedics and three Firefighter candidates. The five are expected to begin the recruit academy on February 2, 2009.

Four District 6 Volunteers have submitted their resignations from the program. Three of the individuals no longer live in the District.

A new Volunteer Academy will commence in the near future. Thirteen candidates are being considered for participation.

The Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers has received a great deal of input regarding the existing narrow definition as to what constitutes a "Volunteer" Firefighter. In response to this, the Board has indicated plans to modify the WAC to broaden the definition. The modifications will include most emergency service roles, to include EMS providers.

Board members received a quarterly update on the Master Plan Strategic Initiatives and Objectives.

Clarification was given to the newly adopted First Aid/CPR class program. It was indicated that individuals may continue to take these classes in person and may take their practical portion of the classes at any member fire department.

It will be necessary to charge an increased fee for these classes, and the classes will require at least 8 participants.

OLD BUSINESS:

As Districts 11 and 12 have now merged and have become Clark County Fire & Rescue a new Interlocal Agreement is necessary for the Fairground Fire Facility Board. The agreement has already been adopted and signed by the Clark County Fire & Rescue Board.

A motion was seconded and unanimously passed to adopt and sign the new, replacement Interlocal Agreement.

Agenda items have been submitted for the January 17th workshop. Twenty six items have been listed, and the Board felt it would not be necessary to prioritize.

The Risk Management Group had been advised that our insurance carrier would no longer provide coverage for fire departments for the installation of donated smoke alarms, or alarm batteries for individuals in need. Overwhelmed by complaints over the possible loss of these life saving programs, VFIS has reversed its position and will provide coverage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations were opened for 2009 Board Officers.

A motion was seconded and unanimously passed to reelect Commissioner Spring as Board Chair for 2009.

A motion was seconded and unanimously passed to elect Commissioner Bloemke as Board Vice Chair for 2009.

The Board seconded and unanimously approved a motion appointing Dick Streissguth to serve as Board Secretary for 2009 under current agreement.

Committee appointments were made as follows:

Washington Fire Commissioners Association	Spring
National Association of Elected Fire Officials	Spring
Volunteer Board	Spring & Collins
Risk Management	Collins
Awards	Collins
Fairground Fire Facility Board	Bloemke
Rules and Regulations	Bloemke
Negotiations	Bloemke

The District offers three health insurance programs for nonbargaining unit employees; PPO-100, PPO-Plus and Kaiser.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the health insurance premium schedule which covers 70% of dependent coverage in the PPO-Plus plan and 100% of dependent coverage in PPO-100 and Kaiser.

The Washington Fire Commissioners Association has employed a new Health Care Manager -- Jim Lux.

In response to suggestions, the Board directed that agendas for future Board meetings be published the Thursday before each regular meeting, and be placed on the internal and external website.

A suggestion was made to consider scheduling a new meeting time for regular Board meetings. Following discussion, the Board opted to retain the current time for these meetings.

The individual nominated by District 6 to serve on the Three Creeks Advisory Council may no longer wish to serve in that capacity. Chief Taylor has been appointed by the Council as an alternate member.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board moved to Executive Session at 8 p.m. for a session expected to last for 15 minutes. Returning to Open Session at 8:17 p.m. the Chair advised the Board had discussed contract and personnel issues and had taken no action.

Returning to New Business, the Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to clarify the base salary for Chief Green, setting the salary at \$10,922 per month retroactive to January 1, 2009.

This salary falls somewhat below the median salaries utilized by departments used as comparables during contract negotiations.

ROUND TABLE:

Commissioners Spring and Bloemke will plan to attend a Snure Seminar in Olympia on February 7th and Chief Green plans to attend one later in the year. It will be determined if the three person discount can be met by attendance at two different sessions.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Despite heavy snow department members participated in making deliveries for Santa's Posse and the Meals on Wheels program over the Christmas holidays. Seventy five families were served.

The Chair spoke of the resignation of Administrative Battalion Chief Leah Lothspeich noting her dedicated service to the department and that she will be missed.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing payment of current bills.

Fund 6212 Fire Invoices	\$152,621.44
Fund 6242 EMS Invoices	\$55,647.98

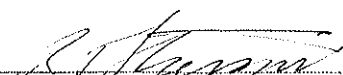
The Board seconded and unanimously approved motions authorizing its member's compensation for December.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Spring, Chairman



R.T. Streissguth, Secretary