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MINUTES  
Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting  
Regular Meeting  
Station 1, 7:30 p.m.  
March 3, 2009



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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

The Board will discuss the Risk Management Group.

A motion was seconded and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 regular meeting as amended to clarify fund balances and to have them posted for public view and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The annual Joint Legislative Day Workshop will be held in the State Capitol on March 9<sup>th</sup> between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The WFCFA provided the District with updates regarding the action taken by the State Legislature on bills relating to the fire service.

A Snure seminar “The Wonderful World of Employment” is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> in Lynnwood.

Board members were reminded of the April 15<sup>th</sup> filing date to the Public Disclosure Commission.

There will be an informational workshop regarding regional fire authorities in Vancouver on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety: None included.  
Parade: No activity.

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**HAZEL DELL - LAKESHORE - FELIDA - SALMON CREEK - MT. VISTA - FAIRGROUNDS**

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Number of Calls Report:

<u>Calls, February 2008</u>		<u>Calls, February 2009</u>	
EMS	344	EMS	336
Fire	46	Fire	40
Total	390	Total	376

<u>Calls to Date 2008</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2009</u>	
EMS	766	EMS	701
Fire	106	Fire	111
Total	872	Total	812

The meeting was recessed briefly to conduct a swearing in ceremony recognizing Captain Kristan Maurer's advancement to permanent status.

CHIEFS REPORT:

Fire Chief Green reported that estimates are being obtained through the Small Works Roster for the re-roofing of several of the District properties. Estimates will be for each of the three stations separately, and for doing all three as one project.

A preliminary figure of between \$130,000 to \$140,000 to do Station 1 and the shop building. The amount stated was money that should be available within the budget for the project, not the amount for the work at Station 61 and the shop building.

When estimates are received they will be presented to the Board for its consideration.

The District did not qualify for a Firefighter Assistance Grant in 2008, and the Board was asked if staff should make application for a 2009 assistance grant to acquire turnout equipment.

Fire Chief Green has contacted a grant writer who has had past success in receiving grants for fire districts and this individual could be available to do so for District 6.

The District does have funds budgeted for turnouts, and the Board agreed to allow a \$50,000 matching amount required if the grant is attained.

The grant writers compensation can be included as part of a grant submission.

Energy savings programs offered by Clark Public Utilities could provide matching funds for replacing lighting in District 6 properties.

A 2008 match estimate after Clark Public Utilities match for Station 61 and the shop building was \$18,850 or \$5,490 for the Station 61 engine bay only.

The Clark Public Utilities also has a Small Works Roster, and its list may include some that are on the District 6 roster. Additions may be made to these rosters at any time, and there is a possibility that the county's Small Works Roster could be accessed through GEM.

The Districts 27 year old breathing air compressor is requiring frequent repairs and will require replacement sometime in the future. Replacement costs are estimated to be approximately \$70,000 and there may be some grants available. The estimated cost is covered within the budget.

The unit is being monitored, and in the event of a catastrophic failure the Board can be contacted to take emergency action.

The Station 15-1 compressor is operational, but has a much lower capacity.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Green asked the Board to adopt a job description for a Public Education Coordinator position which did not include a Public Information Officer function which could be addressed later. The Board will consider this later in the meeting.

The Board asked that the Logistics position job description not be included in upcoming agendas until such time as it was prepared to discuss it.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Green suggested the Board might wish to schedule some workshops, possibly on a bi-monthly schedule to allow for greater in-depth discussions.

The Board asked that the Chief poll the Board for their suggestion as to the dates of these meetings.

The joint recruit academy consisting of the Camas, Vancouver, Clark County Fire & Rescue and District 6 personnel is proceeding. The cost, per student, is approximately \$3,900, plus additional \$500 in contingency funding.

An Interlocal Agreement was prepared to recognize the joint academy and the Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing the Chief to sign the agreement for the District.

ESCI continues to study the possibility of a regional training venture.

Commissioner Collins, the District's representative to the Risk Management Group, indicated that some member agencies were advocating paying the VFIS insurance broker a 2.5% brokers fee in addition to the regular premium which already includes a fee for the broker.

He indicated he did not feel this was an appropriate expenditure of public funds and asked the Boards support for him to cast a dissenting vote on the matter. The Board concurred.

Clark County Fire & Rescue and East County Fire & Rescue reportedly are going to contribute this additional 2.5% to the broker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for a session expected to last for 15 minutes. Following two extensions the Board returned to Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

The Chair advised the Board had discussed job descriptions and had taken no action.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to authorize the Chief to proceed with the process to recruit and hire a person to the position of Public Education Coordinator.

ROUND TABLE:

Board members have provided suggestions for inclusion in a letter to be included in the 2008 Annual Report.

An issue of the Fireline is planned for April.

The Board clarified the names of representatives to attend various activities.

Three Creeks Council	Chief Taylor
Risk Management	Chief Taylor
Hazel Dell/Salmon Creek Business Association	Fire Chief Green

Commissioners Spring and Bloemke plan to attend Legislative Day.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

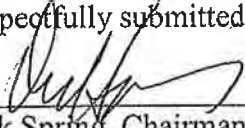
The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing payment of current bills.

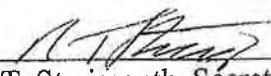
Fund 6212 Fire Invoices	\$47,619.05
Fund 6242 EMS Invoices	\$6,418.00

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

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dick Spring, Chairman

  
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R.T. Streissguth, Secretary

The Board for Volunteer Firefighters was convened.

Members present: Chairman Spring, Commissioner Collins, Chief Green, Mark Puch, and Board Secretary Streissguth.


A motion was seconded and unanimously passed to authorize the registration of new Volunteer Firefighters in the Relief and Pension Act.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to submit medical claims for Tim Batchelor and Josh Sharkey and enrollment screening reimbursement for Jordan Scott.

Meeting adjourned.

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Dick Spring, Chairman

  
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