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



Members present: Chairman Spring, Commissioner Bloemke, Commissioner Collins by telephone.

Meeting called to order.

Capt. Mark Puch led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion approving the March 17th regular meeting minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:

Doug Ballou, 3109 NE 96<sup>th</sup> Street, who is affiliated with neighborhood associations and the Salmon Creek Lions Club, expressed the appreciation of those organizations for their partnerships with District 6 in smoke detector programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety: To be provided at the April 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

Parade: No activity to date but plans are in place to take part in the May 16<sup>th</sup> Parade of Bands.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Number of Calls Report:

<u>Calls, March 2008</u>		<u>Calls, March 2009</u>	
EMS	366	EMS	340
Fire	49	Fire	51
Total	415	Total	391

<u>Calls to Date 2008</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2009</u>	
EMS	1132	EMS	1041
Fire	155	Fire	162
Total	1287	Total	1203

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## CHIEFS REPORT:

The Board meeting was recessed for 10 minutes to allow the swearing in of Volunteer Captains Mark Puch and Merrill Thompson following the completion of their one year period of trial service.

Chief Green provided the Board with the March 2009 Response Report, prepared by Chief Taylor.

The turnout time for the department averaged 1.07 minutes, where the goal is one minute 90% of the time.

There is a response time goal of less than 6 minutes which was met department wide 90.8% for the month.

The Board asked if any conclusions could be drawn for the response time differences for the different shifts and stations. Because there are so many variables no conclusions have been reached, but over time some trends may be observed.

The Station 15-1 March 2009 Operations Report was in Board packets. The station was tapped for two fire responses in March and responded to one of those alarms. Seven of eighteen EMS alarms received a response.

On March 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>, several houses were burned by the District 6, Vancouver Fire Department, and Camas fire recruit class.

The abandoned houses had been the topic of much community criticism and this destruction served two purposes – firefighter training and community clean up.

Chief Green and Chief Yager of Clark County Fire & Rescue will meet to discuss the future of Station 15-1 as it pertains to the Residency Program. ESCi was to have a draft feasibility report on the possible use of Station 15-1 as an area or regional training facility by the end of March. Their report has not been received but is now expected in 30-45 days. The report will first be presented to Chiefs and Operations Chief following receipt.

## OLD BUSINESS:

At the Boards request a study was conducted regarding the use of studded or siped tires on large apparatus. There was a general belief that studded tires, while improving traction on ice, actually find their traction reduced on wet pavements.

Not much information was available for the siping of tires on large vehicles. Manufacturers such as Michelin, indicate there is no reason to sipe their new tire as they are optimized to provide traction on dry, wet, snow, and icy conditions.

There remains a question whether siping their tires would impact the possibility of receiving warranty coverage on the tires.

Staff recommends that the District not pursue the installation of studs or the use of siping on the tires of District apparatus.

The Board concurred with the position, but staff was asked to contact other tire providers to see if they had additional information on the use of siping.

A number of proposals were received from Small Works Roster roofing contractors for replacement roofing at the three stations and the shop building, and these were provided to the Board members for their review.

Some of the contractors did not provide information in the same format, making comparisons very difficult.

One vendor seemed to offer a more competitive price than the others.

Chief Green advised that the 2009 budget does include \$100,000 for roofing projects, with a possible \$20,000 contingency. There appears to be no cost savings for doing more than one building. Costs have decreased over earlier estimates. Staff will recommend that a 30 year warranty grade of roofing be utilized.

Chief Green mentioned that the Clark Public Utility energy savings program for improving the lighting in Station 61 and engine bay would require a District 6 match, which would also have to come out of the same \$100,000 fund.

The Clark Public Utilities and contractors are expected to work on a scope of work proposal. The scope, cost and match documentation should be available at the next Board meeting.

Staff will recommend that roof replacement receive first priority in the use of funds.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Staff is recommending the resumption of the summer part-time employee program again this year.

If authorized, job announcements will be made internally and externally.

While there was some discussion on whether to consider two such positions, with one starting in early summer, and the other completing the summer, no decision was made on this.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing the establishment of a permanent position of summer part-time help, which staff would not need to re-request annually. The length of hiring to fall within the limits allowed for part-time personnel.

The Chief was authorized to begin the recruit process.

Chief Green asked the Board to consider the advancement of three acting Captains to the rank of Captain. This would allow officer staffing on several pieces of apparatus, and from a safety standpoint would be a major improvement. Shift and staffing would remain unchanged.

If authorized, a promotional exam would be given, and staff would recommend the eligibility list be valid for 18 months.

The Board asked what the budgetary impact would be, and was advised the annual increase would be from \$25,000 to \$27,000.

Staff would foresee no contract issues if the program was instituted and advised that there still would be opportunities for acting captains.

The Chief was asked to further prepare the proposal so that it can be discussed at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop.

The current six year EMS levy will expire at the end of 2010. If the decision is made to seek a renewal, significant planning will be necessary. It is likely a committee will be needed to determine the need for the levy, the amount to be sought, and where to submit the matter to the electorate – in the fall primary or general election. Commissioner Collins volunteered to serve as the commissioner representative on such a committee and was appointed by the Chair.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. for a session expected to last for 15 minutes.

Returning to Open Session at 8:35 p.m. the Chair advised the Board had considered a contractual matter and had taken no action.

#### ROUND TABLE:

Commissioners Spring and Bloemke attended a fire authority seminar which was held in Vancouver.

Chief Green and Commissioner Bloemke will attend a labor relations conference in Las Vegas.

#### GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Chief Taylor was complimented for his preparation of the 2008 Annual Report.

Clark County Fire & Rescue Commissioner Dollar passed away and was honored at a memorial ceremony on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

A memorial ceremony will be held for former Fire District 6 Commissioner James Larson on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

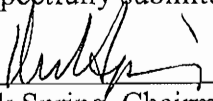
The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing payment of current bills.

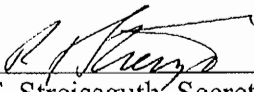
Fund 6212 Fire Invoices	\$56,741.37
Fund 6242 EMS Invoices	\$46,940.11

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

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: Commissioner Spring, Commissioner Bloemke, Chief Green, Capt. Puch, and Board Secretary Streissguth.

The meeting was called to order.

The Local Board received correspondence from the State Board denying the medical claim for Volunteer Firefighter Josh Sharkey.

Citing the state statute which requires notification of accidents to be submitted within 90 days of the incident, and noting that this timeline had not been met, the State Board was obligated to make that finding.

At question is a \$1,370 billing from Southwest Washington Medical Center for emergency room treatment given for possible exposure incurred while rendering aid to an accident victim.

The Local Board discussed its options to get the bill paid, but could fine none.

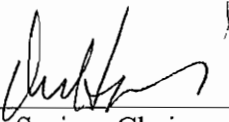
Procedures were not followed and mandatory timelines were not met by the individual involved.

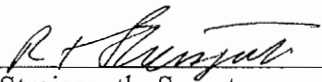
Contact will be made with the Local Office of the Attorney General to determine if they could offer suggestions.

The Chief will meet with Firefighter Sharkey to explain the State Board's position, and the Local Board will follow up with a letter to Firefighter Sharkey confirming their decision.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Dick Spring, Chairman

  
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