

POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
Board of Directors
October 13th, 2022
6:00pm – Central Station
Location: 1800 Monmouth St., Independence, Or 97351

Also Virtually at:

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Meeting ID: 885 0155 8202 - Passcode: 707682

President Mike Lippsmeyer
Vice President Jeff Hamilton
Secretary Cord Von Derahe
Director Curtis Cole
Director Dan Miller (VIRTUAL)

Chief Ben Stange
DC Frank Ehrmantraut (ABSENT)
DC Neal Olson
Office Admin. Stephanie Hale
Office Assistant Tirzah Romero

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Anyone wishing to address the Board please sign the sheet on the back table with your name and topic that you would like to discuss. If you are online, please use the raise hand feature when it comes time for public comment. Comments are limited to three minutes but the Board welcomes additional information in writing. Typically a speaker's comment is taken under advisement to allow time for the Board to review an issue, however, the Board may ask a speaker for additional information or may convey to the speaker some information that addresses their comment.

Meeting minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

Open for public comment on any of the agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Board Agenda
- 2) Approve September 8th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3) Financials:
 - 3a. Approval of Disbursements for September 1-30, 2022
 - 3b. Finance report for the month of September 2022

President Lippsmeyer – Asked how the Board would like to take the agenda.

Director Curtis Cole – Stated to take the Agenda as a whole.

Vice President Jeff Hamilton – Second.

President Lippsmeyer – All in favor, none opposed, carried – Agenda approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a.) **Lifesaving Award** – **Chief Stange stated**, there was a positive outcome from a CPR call. Two individuals from Dallas joined because they too were on the call. He called the following people to the front for recognition; David Christensen, Gavin Larsen, Jeremiah Gerber, Scott Johnson, Steven Hoem, Brandon Shellito, David Silver, Chad Paoli, Adam Chinnock, and Reed Hamilton. Chief Stange then read the Letter of Commendation aloud. 'On September 11th, 2022 you responded to a 911 call at Waremart for what was initially dispatched as a male patient who experienced a ground level fall. Shortly after arriving on the scene, the patient went into cardiac arrest. With only one paramedic available on the initial call, additional units were dispatched from both Polk County Fire District No. 1, as well as Dallas Fire & EMS. Each agency arrived with its own members and unique medical kits and equipment. As a team, however, you worked together to provide care. While performing CPR and advanced life support measures, the

patient's pulse returned. He was transported to Salem Hospital. One week after you resuscitated this patient he was discharged from the hospital. Those in the industry are acutely aware of the fact that the chances of surviving an out of hospital cardiac arrest with good neurologic function is only 8.3%. Success in these cases is dependent upon many factors outside of the control of emergency responders. When these factors do align, however, success and survivability is only achieved when met by a well-trained, intelligent, and cohesive team that can deliver impeccable care. Thanks to you and your crew, this patient survived and returned home. On behalf of the District and the community, I would like to thank you for the high level of service and care that you demonstrated. You saved the life of a member of our community. We are thankful for you and proud of your performance.' Chief Stange then handed them each a Life Saving Challenge Coin.

A Brief Recess was held at 6:07 pm and the meeting was resumed at 6:14 pm.

b.) High Frequency Users – Chief Stange presented, a slide show. It was titled “Super User Data February 1, 2022-September 1, 2022”. (Reference attached slideshow) In this slideshow Chief Stange explains with relevant data how super users/high frequency users impact the district. Chief Stange explained how there was an on going conversation with CCO and Pacific Source on how to efficiently lower the numbers of high frequency users.

President Lippsmeyer - asked, how much of the percentage of 'super users' are consuming our expenses?

Chief Stange – answered 20% of the EMS call volume, which is far less than 1% of the population.

President Lippsmeyer - asked, has CCO seen this? Can we charge them back for frequent flyers?

Chief Stange – answered, they know parts of this. Haven't been able to set up another meeting on the financial part of it.

Vice President Hamilton – said, I assume the transport numbers for these people are low.

Chief Stange – responded, these billings, except for pretty invasive procedures, all these numbers are for transports.

Secretary Derahe – asked, how many of these calls are transported?

Director Cole – stated, he would also like to see the transport numbers.

Chief Stange – answered, he didn't have the numbers on hand but would be able to get those to the board.

Director Cole – asked, I assume we are getting reimbursement for some of those transports right?

Chief Stange – answered, yes.

President Lippsmeyer – asked, how much that operating levy are the cases consuming?

Secretary Von Derahe – asked, and if after 5 times [calls] we can bill them?

Chief Stange – answered, yes, that resolution passed a while ago. However I am uncomfortable doing so without the board reviewing the resolution.

Secretary Von Derahe – stated, there is a need to continue this discussion since the call volume has increased.

c.) Staffing Update - Chief Stange presented, a slideshow on the current staffing update.

(Reference attached slideshow) In this slide show he explained the timeline of data, population growth, incident numbers, line staff, projections by 2034, and pursuits for increased staffing

President Lippsmeyer – asked, theoretically we would be going up for a levy at the same time as the County goes up for a levy, so the public would see those at the same time?

Chief Stange – answered, yes.

Vice President Hamilton – stated, the Board should starting working on the levy sooner than February. More time is needed to better educate the public and generate numbers and have multiple scenarios prepared.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a.) **Vitae Springs Fire – Chief Stange stated**, there was a fire on September 9th, dispatched around 5pm. There were a total of 28 people, both career and volunteer available both at the station and at the fire for assistance. Some crews were up on Vitae Springs Rd. for 24 hours. At the same time on that night, there was also a fire in Salem on Bell Rd. We also sent some folks over there. It made for a very busy weekend.
- b.) **Polk County Task Force Mobilization – Chief Stange stated**, there was the Miller Rd. Fire, which was a 110 hour deployment. Frank Ehrmantraut, Austin Champ, and Brian Birchfield went to that and took a Type 3 Engine and a Type 1 Tender. Mike Rusher, Brian Birchfield, and David Johnston went to Rum Creek Fire. That deployment was for 156 hours, they also took a Type 3 Engine. They then went to the Double Creek Fire for another deployment of 156 hours. Appreciation for their hard work.
- c.) **Wildland FF Fatality – Gerardo Rincon – Chief Stange stated**, he died in a fire in Idaho. We worked with Corvallis in meeting them, and receiving him and continuing the procession. It meant a lot to his family and friends. We are honored that PCF was able to pay respects in that way.
- d.) **EE Wilson Training Burn – Chief Stange stated**, 7 fire fighters for training set.
- e.) **SDAO Summer Conference – Chief Stange stated**, that Stephanie Hale went to this year's SDAO Summer Conference. It went well.
- f.) **OFSOA Conference – Chief Stange stated**, Stephanie Hale also went to the OFSOA Conference and was nominated as Communication Chair starting November 1st.
- g.) **Mass-Event Tabletop - Chief Stange stated**, the Inter-Agency Tabletop Exercise was in reference to school shootings. A gentleman from Willamette ESD led the table top. Chief Olson and Chief Ehrmantraut were in attendance. Administrative staff from Independence Police, Monmouth Police, Central School District, and the School Resource Officer were also in attendance. This covered more of the administrative aspect of a school shootings, and what communications will look like.
- h.) **Chief Brumfield Retirement – Chief Stange stated**, the fire chief of Dallas Fire announced his retirement on December 29th of this year.
- i.) **New Chaplain – Seth Baker – Chief Stange stated**, there is a new chaplain, he is a chaplain at Four Square Church on D st. in Independence. He will be joining our chaplains to help support us.
- j.) **Ambulance Purchase Update – Chief Stange stated**, on December 4th of this year the chassis arrives and work will begin.
- k.) **Big Tree in Front of Station 90 – Chief Stange stated**, a botanist came out to look at the tree and took core samples to properly diagnose the tree's health and see if it is salvageable.
- l.) **P1FFA Family Fun Day – Chief Stange called**, on Marie Hardwick to speak on the event. **Marie stated**, that the event went well, and it was a great turn out. Recruits helped with the obstacle course. It was a good day.
- m.) **Notable Incidents – Chief Stange stated**, there were a total of 15 motor vehicle accidents and a gas leak on South 5th St.
- n.) **Member of the Month – Chief Stange stated**, Bo Camero is the Member of the Month for October. He has been a volunteer with PCFD No.1 for 4 years.

TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA: Chief Stange stated that the PCFD received a Community Partnership Recognition Award from the Central School District presented at their Board meeting. A and C shift went and had lunch with the children at Independence Elementary School and Ash Creek Elementary School, to celebrate National School Lunch week. Whilst there the crew received

information from the head food service person on how they get their food and requirements that need to be met. After lunch there was recess which they also partook in and spent time running around with the kids. The District is well represented at the schools.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Vice President Hamilton – stated, great work from the staff. September can be a crazy month for those in fire service.

Secretary Von Derahe – stated, good job on the code save and all the other calls.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to ORS 192.660. If necessitated by business. President Lippsmeyer stated the need for an executive session. Will not be returning with a decision.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Lippsmeyer adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm

Minutes by Tirzah Romero-Reddick