

POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
Board of Directors
July 14th, 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

Chief Ben Stange
DC Frank Ehrmantraut
DC Neal Olson (ABSENT)
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 June 9th, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3) Financials:
 - 3a. Approval of Disbursements for June 1-30, 2022
 - 3b. Finance report for the month of June 2022

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

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

Director Miller – Second.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a.) **Selection of Regular Board Meeting Dates, Time, Place, and Meeting Posting Location – Chief Stange stated,** Regular Board Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm at Station 90. Meeting notifications are posted at Station 90, Independence City Hall, and Monmouth City Hall. Board agreed there was no need to change anything.
- b.) **Reminder of Insurance Agent of Record – Chief stated,** the district is insured through the Special Districts Insurance Services (SDIS).
- c.) **Reminder of Attorney of Record – Chief stated,** the District uses Local Government Law Group (LGIP), a division of Speer Hoyt.
- d.) **Designation of Legal Publications Newspaper – Chief stated,** for legally required publications, the District posts in the Itemizer Observer.

CHIEFS REPORT:

a.) **4th of July - Chief Stange stated** leading up to the 4th of July, they had a presence in the park. Chief Ehrmantraut and Chief Crafton were able to staff a First Aid Booth. The kiddos participated and there were incentives. There also were a lot of little activities. There was good feedback from law enforcement officers there, and the CERT team next to them, as well as other people who came up and had something to say after the fact. All went well.

Chief Ehrmantraut stated that they (He and Chief Crafton) were able to instruct 140 kiddos on First Aid.

Chief Stange stated Stephanie also volunteered at the booth. A lot more volunteers staffing it and taking turns. Pancake Breakfast, was mainly organized by Brian Burchfield. The “Deputy” of it was Stuart. He helped in the days leading up to the breakfast feed and the following day. He was a huge help.

Stuart stated he thought it was successful. He estimated over 1500 people were served.

Chief Stange stated that every year they learn something new. This year it was back to pre-Covid numbers perhaps even more. A few things that P1FFA started during the pandemic, was doing donations only. Some pay a little more and some pay a little less and it all works out. They also added a drive thru option. It was busier earlier this year. The parade is always a balance act. It has been observed that there aren't that many apparatuses in the parade. Because of the way the town is set up, there can't be too many apparatuses in the parade. This was because the staff and volunteers were strategically placed in several places as well as in the parade. The firefighter of the year was at the front. Parade went well. Ended the night of the 4th of July with a small fire outside of Pedee that ODF took command of.

b.) **Staffing Update – Chief Stange stated** Troy Crafton was sworn in as Division Chief Fire Marshall. Chief Crafton accepted that position two weeks ago, and was sworn in last Wednesday. Lukas Martin was promoted to B shift Captain, and started three weeks ago. Daniel Homer was hired and started three weeks ago, on C-shift replacing Lukas Martin. There is Chief Stange, Chief Olsen, Chief Ehrmantraut, and Chief Crafton, as well as Stephanie and Tirzah. We have the three shift captains, Mike Rusher, Lukas Martin, and Chad Paoli. We also have 9 Engineer Paramedics. We did receive the grant for the seasonal firefighters through the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office. We have a total of 5 that have been hired. They are working 8 am to 8 pm 7 days a week. Currently they are assigned to an individual shift. They will work through the end of August and then they will be gone. Then we will bring in two or three. The two coming on in August will be done with Paramedic school.

c.) **Notable Incidents – Chief Stange stated** a close call with an apartment fire on June 17th. On July 3rd we responded to a Fall City fire, which was a mobile home fire, and assisted. As mentioned before, on the 4th of July, went out to Pedee. This morning there was a fire in Dallas that could have been far worse than it was. PCF had at least three grass fires. There was a code save a few days ago but no updates at this time. 21 motor vehicle crashes in the last month. Yesterday there was a total of 23 calls in 24 hours.

d.) **Member of the Month – Chief Stange stated is** Travis Emerling. Every year for 4th of July Travis helps out for the whole weekend.

President Lippsmeyer asked, some odd time ago we had discussed the change of ODF boundaries. Has that moved?

Chief Stange responded nothing has happened with it. It is in their court at this point.

TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Chief Stange stated there were 344 calls in the month of June which is more than 10 calls a day.

Vice President Jeff Hamilton stated great job on the fourth. Great job to Stuart as well.

President Mike Lippsmeyer stated thank you. Thank you to everyone who was part of a very successful collection of events.

Secretary Cord Von Derahe stated good job on the calls, that's a lot. Congrats to those whom have been promoted.

Chief Stange stated he forgot to mention on September 15th there is a one day free of charge, special districts training in Salem at the convention center. The classes are each about an hour and a half long. To let him know if anyone interested and want to sign up.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to ORS 192.660(2)(d) – to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations. Will not be returning with a decision.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Lippsmeyer adjourned the meeting at 6:16 pm to go to Executive Session.

Minutes by Tirzah Romero-Reddick