



Draft Business Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2020

BVFF Committee: Molly, Chief Andrews and Karen (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance.

There were no BVFF charges to approve.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm on video conference using Zoom app, with a link posted for public access. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, and Commissioners Michelle Adie, Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Division Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Rob Thurston, Captain Brandon Vargas, Captain Joe Simmons, Lieutenant Schuyler Murphy and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder). Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample was having technical issues and was not able to join the meeting.

Public Commentary: No public

EXECUTIVE

The district will continue to delay on the appointment of a MSA for now. Pete, Joe and Corey are sharing those responsibilities in the interim.

Fires continued to raise havoc in our state as well as all the West Coast. After weather helped our fire conditions the state sent several teams to help California. We sent two brush engines and one Team leader. One brush engine experienced a fuel tank failure on the last day and is being repaired in CA. We elected to fly the crew home and will have to send two people down to CA to pick up and return the apparatus when it is repaired. All Crews are back from deployments as of this writing.

September did have a slowing of local responses with only 102 calls. October began slow also until yesterday's wind storm.

We will have a preliminary budget meeting with senior staff following the election results. Until then we would be figuring two budgets one without and one with passage. There is still time following the election to plan the budget and get needed information to the county.

Jarrod has set up a tentative date for this year's staff retreat for January 9th. We will be having it at the same location as last year in Woodinville. Thank you for Support Services for setting up the venue and reservations.

OPERATIONS

The drone program is going well and we have logged a lot of flight time doing videos of training

evolutions and on various calls. We are still getting the word out to other agencies to request us if they are in need of our drones. We have deployed on multiple calls with SCSO to help track subjects that have run from them and/or that are missing in the woods.

We will be applying for the PPE Grant in the next week or so, it is due by the 13th of November.

The new SCBAs arrived on the 8th of this month and training and fit testing will begin this week. The hope is to have the packs operational and on the trucks by the end of this month or the beginning of next month. The old SCBAs will be maintained and will be utilized for training purposes only.

I have an estimate to remodel station 54, and make repairs to the kitchen and dayroom areas at Station 53 for the commissioners to review. The hope is to discuss this and decide on a funding plan to pay for the needed work at the stations.

SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING

We, along with most of the county, are switching to a new host for training, Vector Solutions. With this we will also be switching our scheduling to the same company. Current department training is still not back to normal and we continue to massage the layout adapting to COVID.

The FF1 academy is halfway through and we have dropped another individual due to being absent. We are looking at a possible virtual graduation with current COVID rates. After this year's academy we will be switching to a spring academy starting in April, due to easier staffing and logistics.

The EMT academy has just announced their pre-application opening and we have 3-4 people signed up so far. The EMT academy will run from January 5th through to the end of March.

The burn facility is operating as normal with several agencies utilizing the facility. We continue to place our burn schedule online so that neighboring properties can access our burning schedule and are trying to coordinate with PUD to increase the water pressure for the dead-end hydrant.

EMS

Joe, Pete and Corey are working on some responsibility sharing as we move forward with temporarily without and MSA. We continue to have about 94% coverage of shifts.

Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review. The financial and accountability audits are in progress.

Budget

Currently at 83%

Minutes: Molly moved to approve the September minutes. With a second from Leigh, the motion passed unanimously.

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Vouchers: Bill moved to approve vouchers 436 through 485 for \$142,200.45. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll: Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$200,318.73. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

AC Walters will bring an estimate next month for the remodel of Station 54 and repairs to Station 53. Lawhead is working on a plan for the remodel. Station 53 will be three repair projects of the bathroom, the kitchen, and the bedrooms in the precinct building, with a goal of 24/7 staffing at the station.

Various funding options were discussed, including possibly a non-voted bond. The aid cars will be paid off so it would be feasible to have another bond payment.

Next meeting November 11 (Veterans Day) probably on Zoom again.
Adjournment 8:26 pm

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