

POLK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.1
Board of Directors
February 10, 2022
6:00pm – Central Station
Location: 1800 Monmouth St., Independence, Or 97351

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Meeting ID: 885 0155 8202 - Passcode: 707682

President Mike Lippsmeyer	Chief Ben Stange
Vice President Jeff Hamilton (remote)	DC Mike Mayfield (remote)
Director Curtis Cole	DC Neal Olson
Director Dan Miller	Office Admin. Stephanie Hale
ABSENT:	Office Assistant Mary Carlson
Secretary Cord Von Derahe	

President Lippsmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lippsmeyer stated anyone wishing to address the Board to please sign the sheet on the back table with your name and topic that you would like to discuss.

He added the Meeting Minutes will be recorded and kept for 60 months.

Open for public comment on any of the agenda items.

President Lippsmeyer – Brought to attention in the Board Meeting Minutes for January that on page 2 there is a comment by him that sounds like he was against the proposal from the Department of Forestry in reference to the District support. He stated that was not his intention.

Chief Stange – Stated that the comment will be cut.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1) Board Agenda
- 2) Approve January 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 3) Financials:
 - 3a. Approval of Disbursements for January 1-31, 2021
 - 3b. Finance report for the month of January 2022

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

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

Director Miller – Second.

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

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY PROMOTED ENGINEERS:

Chief Stange recognized Joshua Dalrymple, Evan Allen and Alex Rose, Firefighter/Paramedics on A Shift, as individuals that have not only earned the level of Engineer but also trust and respect from fellow firefighters. Chief Stange read the Oath and Captain Rusher presented the three with their Engineer Badge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) **COVID – 19 Update and Impacts:** **Chief Stange** stated COVID cases continued to impact our staff over the past month. He added that certain measures put into place seem to be protecting our staff and volunteers from on-site exposures. Chief Stange stated the CDC

has several options for health care providers to choose from when it comes to how restrictive they need to be on workplace exclusion. Chief Stange attached a copy of our current work restriction SOG.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Annual Report – Chief Stange** presented a PowerPoint on 2021 Year in Review. He presented graphs showing Annual Call Volume, EMS Call Volume by Quarter, and Transports vs Refusals. Chief Stange reported on EMS and Structure Fire Response, Number of Responders per calls and explained other standards compared to Statewide. Chief Stange reviewed our 16 new members: 1 Office Administrator (Stephanie), 2 Part-Time on-call Paramedics, 3 Residents and 10 Home Responding Volunteers. Chief Stange also stated that four from the 2021 academy did not complete their year, one long-term volunteer resigned, three former residents and part-time paramedics or home responding volunteers resigned due to new full-time employment in the fire service. He added two home responding volunteers resigned due to moving out of district for work and two home responding volunteers from station 90 were terminated due to lack of participation. Chief Stange announced top responders and stated that 16 home responders had over 52 individual drills last year.
- b) **Appointment of Budget Officer –**
Director Miller – I move to appoint Chief Stange as Budget Officer for the fiscal year 2022-2023.
Director Cole – Second.
President Lippmeyer – All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
Chief Stange reviewed dates on the Budget Calendar that each Board Member had.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

- a) **Hiring Update – Chief Stange** Stated last month's Civil Service Committee meeting approved the posting for the EMS/Logistic position and Fire Marshal position approval. Chief Stange added that the Office Assistant position will be posted in a couple weeks.
- b) **Rescue 141 In Service (SW Polk) – Chief Stange** stated Rescue 141 is an ambulance out of SW Polk Rural Fire District. He added the ambulance is licensed with Oregon State but currently has no ASA. The ambulance has been busy with transfers and helps with rescues.
- c) **Assistance with St. Paul Fire District – Chief Stange** stated with the fatality of the Volunteer Fire Fighter in St. Paul several shift members and volunteers have been helping out in St. Paul volunteering their time to cover EMS calls and other calls. He added that this Saturday is the service and we will be assisting their agency.
- d) **Updates on EMS Purchases – Chief Stange** stated we have received the mCPR and we have switched over from ERS to ESO for chart reporting.
- e) **SAFER Application Submitted – Chief Stange** stated our application has been submitted for 6 new positions. He added that awards on the SAFER Grant probably will not be announced until after June 2022.
- f) **Annual Awards Banquet – Chief Stange** announced that March 5, 2022 is the banquet and this year the banquet is being limited to the members and their guest only.
- g) **Recruit Academy – Chief Stange** stated the Recruit Academy began Feb. 2, 2022 and has 7 active members.

- h) Notable Incidents – Chief Stange** stated we had 2 car fires, Hwy 99 S and Stapleton, and an electric scooter vs car.
- i) Member of the Month – Chief Stange** stated that Chief Olson was the Member of the Month. Chief Stange added he managed to run 24-911 calls and organized the recruit academy while Chief Mayfield and he were gone.

TOPICS FOLLOWING THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA – Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – President Lippsmeyer introduced Jackie Shellito.

Jackie Shellito stated that she had some concerns that the District was not following the protocols of COVID. Ms. Shellito stated she is considered high risk. Ms. Shellito was exposed from a volunteer who was not required to test or quarantine and continued to respond to calls. She stated that she did get COVID and pneumonia. She feels the District is not following the CDC guidelines. Ms. Shellito would like to see on the District's Web page their stand in regards to how they handle COVID restrictions.

President Lippsmeyer – Thanked Ms. Shellito for her comments and concerns.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – No Board Member comments at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to ORS 192.660 if necessitated by business. None Anticipated

ADJOURNMENT – President Lippsmeyer adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:43 pm.

Minutes by Mary Carlson.