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## MINUTES

Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Workshop  
Station 61, 8 a.m.  
May 2, 2009



Members present: Chairman Spring, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Bloemke  
Meeting called to order.  
Commissioner Collins led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair advised that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss a number of items, and that no action would be taken by the Board.

EMS – Plans continue to place an EMS measure on the ballot in 2010, to provide for continuation of the current EMS levy which will expire that year. The Board was provided revenue projections for years 2010-2016.

A Finance Committee has been formed to study the EMS program, the length of levy to be sought – 1 to 6 years or a permanent levy, and the levy rate that might be needed to continue providing ALS services in the district.

Some agencies have sought the services of a consultant to assist in formulation of informational material regarding the program. Chief Green will look into the availability and cost for someone to provide this service. He also will re-determine the requirements for passage of an EMS levy.

The Board will need to determine whether the 2010 levy proposal will be run in the fall primary or general election.

Promotion of three officers – Staff provided the Board with cost estimates to add a fourth Captain to each shift.

Utilizing an officer on each engine would mirror the staffing utilized by most other fire agencies in the Portland/Clark County area. These agencies have pointed out that accountability and consistency are much improved by this industry standard for staffing, and provide for improved safety.

The Board indicated it would support the desire to convert three Firefighter or Firefighter/Paramedic positions to the Captain level and asked the Chief to bring the proposal to them for action at the next Board meeting.

Station 61 public meeting room - Storage problems and staffing changes have again pointed out the need for additional space for fire department use.

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It was suggested the south wing small meeting room might be better used for logistics and the company store, freeing up one, and possibly a second office for use.

Doing so would create the loss of the small meeting room, which has been made available for public use when not utilized by the department.

The modification would provide a short term fix for space.

The Board indicated that department's needs for space must come first and stated the Station 61 space utilization was up to Chief Green.

Station 15-1 Resident Program – The current cost to Fire District 6 for the Station 15-1 program is approximately \$100,000 per year plus some \$9,600 in volunteer stipends.

Since Fire Districts 11 and 12 merger into Clark County Fire & Rescue, Clark County Fire & Rescue has indicated it will not contribute toward reimbursement for Fire District 6 volunteer stipends even though many Station 15-1 calls are in to their district.

Additionally, District 6 and Clark County Fire & Rescue are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain the residency program.

An ESCi study of the feasibility of utilizing Station 15-1 as a regional training facility still has not been received. It is expected to be presented to department administration in the next week or so.

The Board stated it felt a meeting with the Clark County Fire & Rescue Board might be necessary to discuss the 15-1 program.

Assistant Chief/Operations – Chief Green has been in contact with ESCi, regarding the possibility of using their services to search for Assistant Chief candidates.

ESCi does provide this service which includes advertising for and assessment of candidates, and then refers their top recommendations to the department for interviews. Some departments include observing candidates in a social setting, which includes participation from internal and external stakeholders.

Chief Green will provide additional information for the Board to consider at a future Board meeting.

Communication with the Board – The Board asked that staff provide its members with direct phone messages when “hot button” topics exist. This will ensure that Board members are informed even if e-mails, etc. don't get seen immediately.

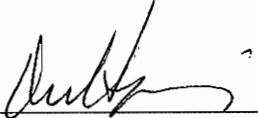
Strategic Plan Update – Little change was reported since the last quarter's update.

Public Education Coordinator – The exam process for the selection of the public education coordinator has led to an offer of employment having been made to Dawn Johnson upon her completion of certain exams and background checks.

The Board indicated it might wish to visit with her during a Board meeting public session.

Workshop adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Spring, Chairman



R.T. Streissguth, Secretary