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MINUTES
Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting
Regular Meeting
Station 1, 7:30 p.m.
August 4, 2009



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

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

None

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion approving the July 21, 2009 regular meeting minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The quarterly meeting of the Southwest Washington Fire Commissioners Association will be held at the Fairground Fire Facility on August 20, 2009. Clark County Fire District 6 will be the host department with the guest speaker to be the State Senator Joe Zarelli.

The Board and Chiefs Green and Taylor will plan to attend.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Safety: The Board received copies of the Safety Report in their packets. It was reported that the utilization of leather firefighting boots has been a big success, and the program has now been extended to include all members upon issuance of their turnout gear.
- Parade: No activity.

It was suggested that additional committee reports be included on future agendas. This could include committees such as "County Fair", "open house", etc.

Following discussion it was the decision of the Board that such additional committee activities could best be provided by the Chief during the Chiefs Report portion of the agenda.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda.

Number of Calls Report:

<u>Calls, July 2008</u>		<u>Calls, July 2009</u>	
EMS	412	EMS	425
Fire	100	Fire	101
Total	512	Total	526

<u>Calls to Date 2008</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2009</u>	
EMS	2633	EMS	2563
Fire	419	Fire	433
Total	3052	Total	2996

CHIEFS REPORT:

Chief Green reported on July turnout and response times, noting the times continue to be following the same pattern. He noted that the District continues to attain a 90% or better arrival time of six minutes or less.

Chief Green asked if the Board desired to continue to receive these reports on a monthly basis or if the Board would simply like to be notified of any marked changes that took place. A decision was not made, however, the Chief will notify the Board if trends develop differently than currently being seen.

Liz Loomis and Alison Peters have commenced their proposals and will be in the District on August 19th to meet with individuals that may be able to provide them with input needed for their efforts.

The meeting is scheduled at Station 61 from 3 to 5 p.m. on that date. Loomis and Peters may want to have one Board member available to meet with them.

All three Board members expressed an interest in participating, so it is planned to recess the regular Board meeting on August 18th and to reconvene it at 3 p.m. on the 19th.

A new newsletter is in the first phase of completion and ready for delivery. It is planned to increase the delivery of information to the citizens from 2 to 4 times each year.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board received copies of a proposed new policy regarding the Recruit Graduation Ceremony and Promotion Recognition events at their last meeting.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the policy, with the inclusion of the President of the Volunteer Association or his or her designee being included on the committee established to implement the new policy.

The Clark County Training Program continues to move forward with attempts being made to determine facility and cost allocations expected to be needed to accommodate a joint training operation.

Station 15-1 is operated under the guidance of the Fairground Fire Facility Board. District 6 and Clark County Fire & Rescue are members of the Fairground Fire Facility Board, while the Vancouver Fire Department is not.

The three department Chiefs met with the three presidents of the unions representing the three departments. The meetings have gone well and are expected to continue on a monthly basis. The Chiefs will continue to meet separately.

Though not a part of the training program, the Vancouver and Clark County Fire & Rescue departments have been discussing automatic vehicle location authority – to have CRESA dispatch the closest units to emergencies, regardless of agency boundaries. The discussions have taken place at the County OPS level.

Their expectation would be that the host department would not even be notified of these responses into their respective limits.

Other departments have taken the position that in the event AVL were to be implemented they did want to be alerted of the response into their territory.

Progress continues toward the development of a joint training manual.

NEW BUSINESS:

Changes in legislation permits counties to implement revitalization programs in which they can identify and create projects which would be funded by the attachment of new construction funds which have traditionally been allocated to local district tax rolls.

One such program is being considered for the 179th Street / I-5 interchange and the revitalization area extends far beyond that intersection.

By adopting a resolution stating so, fire districts may opt out of having the county taking these new construction taxes for other than fire department programs.

The Board felt that the public that voted to have tax funds go toward fire department services expected that the funds would be so used.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion adopting Resolution 2009-06 to opt out of the Local Revitalization Financing program.

It may be necessary to adopt similar resolutions when future revitalization efforts occur.

Chief Green provided the Board with copies of a Fire District Bid Law Matrix which depicts the different levels that the Small Works Roster may be utilized.

The Chief was given the latitude to utilize the services of attorneys he felt would best be able to meet the needs of the District.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to hold a Special Workshop at Station 61 at 9 a.m. on September 12th to discuss items to include in the 2010 Budget.

ESCi is continuing its search of Assistant Chief candidates.

It is expected that six candidates will be invited to attend an assessment center at District 6 on October 16th with follow up interviews to be held on October 17th.

ESCi recommends that District 6 pay for the travel expense, accommodations, and per diem for these candidates.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express at 134th Street for six candidates and two ESCi representatives.

The Board decided that airline costs could be met by using the District's accumulated airline miles, that the District would pay the lodging costs, and that candidate's meals would be reimbursed based on the District's per diem schedule.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. for a session expected to last until 8:55 p.m.

Returning to Open Session at 8:55 p.m. the Chair advised the Board had discussed litigation issues and had taken no action.

ROUND TABLE:

The Clark County Fair will start on August 7th. Coverage has been arranged. The Memory Makers will provide the fair experience to several families.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The new roof at Stations 61 and 62 are completed and have improved the appearance of the stations.

A notable increase has been noted in the media coverage provided for the District, attesting to the successful efforts of Public Education Coordinator Dawn Johnson.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing payment of current bills.

Fund 6212 Fire Invoices	\$29,284.64
Fund 6242 EMS Invoices	\$24,094.80

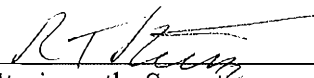
The Board seconded and unanimously approved motions authorizing its member's compensation for July.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Dick Spring, Chairman



R.T. Streissguth, Secretary