



Clark County Fire District 6

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MINUTES

Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners
Board Workshop
Station 61, 8:05 p.m.
March 17, 2015

Members present: Chairman Lothspeich, Commissioner Bloemke, Commissioner Collins

Workshop called to order.

Volunteer Program – Chief Newberry recounted Volunteer Program highlights for 2014.

Of the 2014 goals, all Volunteer members were included in Active 911 and Callback Staffing Solutions. Apparatus drivers were increased to 8, Squad drivers to 12 and Rescue 151 drivers to 15.

2014 Stipends were \$16,488, with Clark County Fire & Rescue paying 40% (\$6,595) and District 6 paying 60% (\$9,893).

Volunteer personnel, which totaled 42 in February 2014, was at 35 in February 2015.

In addition to responses to calls, the Volunteers provided public education and relations activities at 20 different events in 2014.

Fire Engines For Operational Deployment – Staff recommends the District continue to maintain 7 engines in service. With the arrival of 2 new engines later this year, it is planned to move E65 to Station 151 and surplus E67 either through sale or offering it to another local fire agency.

Rehab 61 costs about \$2,300 a year to maintain. While it is getting older it still has the capability to carry a considerable amount of necessary equipment. There are currently 7 or 8 drivers certified to operate the unit.

Nothing was decided whether to keep or surplus the vehicle, other than it does serve a purpose and costs little to maintain.

The Washington Survey and Rating Bureau changed District 6's rating from a Class 3 to a Class 4. This possibly may cause some of the District residents a slight increase in insurance premiums. The steps necessary to return to a Class 3 are very costly.

The main issues are the lack of a truck company in District 6 and the personnel costs to staff the apparatus.

The Board was apprised of a number of remedial steps that would lessen the number of deficiency points the District received, but even if all of these were addressed, the rating would not be upgraded.

The Board asked staff to decide areas that could be addressed to improve the District's ability to serve the community and suggested staff determine the number of current department members that do not presently hold a Firefighter 1, 2 or 3 certification.

The Board was provided with a copy of a study regarding the current status of all District 6 vehicles and the committee recommends vehicles be replaced as follows:

- Custom cab pumpers - 20 year. 15 years front line, 5 years reserve
- Commercial cab support - 25 years
- Commercial cab light - 20 years. 10 years front line, 10 years reserve. 15 years if used front line
- Light passenger response - 10 years front line, 5 years admin
- Light passenger admin - 15 years
- Trailers - 25 years
- Other support equipment based off individual need

Additionally, the Board would like the Apparatus Committee to make recommendations regarding apparatus replacement in the upcoming year by September of each year.

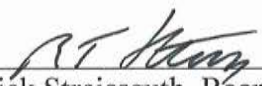
No action was taken during the Board workshop.

Workshop adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Lothspeich, Chairman



Dick Streissguth, Board Secretary