

TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

3/10/2015

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Fire Station, 2310 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

Directors Present: Joe Martin, Secretary/Treasurer
Debra Reeves, Board Chair
Eric Simmons, Vice-Chair
Dave Mattison, Director
Tim Hamburger, Director

Staff Present: Rick Adams, Fire Chief
Rueben Descloux, Fire Marshal

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Debra Reeves.

Minutes: A motion to approve the February 10, 2015 minutes was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Bills: A motion to pay the February 2015 bills was made by Joe Martin and seconded by Dave Mattison. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Correspondence and Financial Statement: The February 2015 financial statement was not available for the Board.

Copies were made available of the League of Oregon Cities' Local Focus, SDIS 2015 Best Practices and a schedule from SDAO regarding upcoming health and dental program meetings in the state. Eric Simmons has attended a local area conference which secured a 2% discount with SDIS out of a 10% total available.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Adams reported that budget figures are being moved into place for the draft budget. May 14, 2015 is the date proposed for the first budget meeting. Chief is waiting on quotes and feedback from the SDAO health care proposal before the budget draft proposal.

Jeff Weber from True North Fire Apparatus met with Chief to discuss a new urban interface style fire pumper. We will be looking more closely at the District and access issue numbers to see if they will justify the new apparatus.

The communication company Chuck has been working with has found that the mobile repeater we are looking at purchasing will work on one of our licensed frequencies. The drawback is that it will not work in a simplex mode as we would like.

The rope tower project out at TCSO costs are coming in around \$6,000. TCSO has earmarked \$4,000 for the project regardless of the budget concerns. Chief will check with the TCFDB about contributing the remaining \$2,000 for the project.

Daryl and Sysco have been working on the new phone system which was purchased back in November. There were some issues on the vendor side that Daryl was attempting to straighten out so the system could be put in service.

Tillamook Regional Medical Center has donated the medical office building at 1015 Third Street for fire department training. After a building survey, Chief is confident that we can provide some excellent training over the next two months with a final weekend live fire event.

Chief attended the OFCA roundtable meeting in Salem recently to discuss some new developments. There were approximately fifty chiefs from across the state making this a large meeting. The volunteer reimbursement issue is still a hot topic with departments split on W-2s vs 1099s. There does not appear to be a resolution in sight. There are fire departments in eastern Oregon who are carrying firearms on their being or in their fire apparatus. This has stemmed from the lack of law enforcement due to limited funding. DPSST will not condone this kind of action, let alone even discuss it. State legalized marijuana goes into effect on July 1, 2015. The District policies are already in place prohibiting drugs and alcohol which protects the District. DPSST rule changes effective January 1, 2015 include background investigations, not checks, of all new registered firefighters with the state. Fingerprinting is another requirement of all fire personnel prior to being issued certifications by DPSST. Chief indicated that we will probably condense the recommended background investigations and only apply for certifications for those individuals who want a certification.

The TCFDB voted to approve a LEPC for Tillamook County. The commission will include members from local fire agencies, industry and business members to prepare for and mitigate large scale events. Chief indicated that he will not begin working on the LEPC until after the budget process.

The annual fireman's banquet is scheduled for April 25th, 2015 at the Officers Mess Hall. Social hour begins at 1700 hours and dinner follows at 1800 hours.

Fire Marshal Report: FM Descloux reported that there were 19 inspections completed during the month of February with the majority of those inspections performed along the Main Avenue corridor.

School inspections were performed at East and Liberty Elementary, Wilson River School and the NW ESD building. The Tillamook Junior High School was also inspected but will not show as a completed inspection due to a minor electrical code violation. Once abated this inspection should show on the next completed inspection list.

There were 42 emergencies responded to during the month of February with the majority of those incidents being Rescue and EMS just over 71%. Good intent calls made up nearly 12% of our monthly call volume followed by fires and service calls.

The first fire was in a loader at the Hampton Mill. A small fire was found under the air cleaner after it was removed, extinguished by personnel.

The second fire was a mutual aid fire in Bay City. A travel trailer fire was found on arrival and had caused damage the adjacent structure.

The third fire was a vehicle fire on KFC hill. An engine compartment fire was found on arrival and extinguished with the bumper load from E11. Traffic was diverted by law enforcement and the cause of the fire appeared to be electrical in nature.

There were multiple groups of children that came through the fire station for public education including the 1st and 2nd grade class from 7th Day Adventist School and another group with multiple ages from Kindergarten through 5th grade. CPR / AED and First Aid classes were provided for two groups of employees from the City of Tillamook and another large group from the Tillamook County Public Works office.

There have not been any scheduled plan review meetings for the month but there have been a handful of inspections and notice of administrative review correspondences.

Non-Agenda Items: FM Descloux received an email from the TCSO dive team indicating that they would provide insurance for rescue diver training through their SAR affiliation.

Tim Hamburger asked how the daytime District responses with the ambulance were impacting the department. It appears that EMS are requesting fire to correspond more frequently than in times past.

Chief Adams indicated that the workload and being on call nearly seven days a week has him considering retirement at the end of the year. Chief has been jumping additional nighttime calls to eliminate fire department page outs by EMS as noted by Tim Hamburger as aforementioned. Even with fifty volunteers on the roster, Chief is still covering the station due to the uncertainty of our fire fighters responding at all.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rueben Descloux
Fire Marshal

Board Chair Debra Reeves