

TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

11/13/2014

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, November 13th, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Fire Station, 2310 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

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

Directors Excused: Dave Mattison, 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 October 14th, 2014 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 October 2014 bills was made by Joe Martin and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Correspondence and Financial Statement: The October 2014 financial statement was not ready to be presented.

A motion to approve the October 2014 financial statement was made by Tim Hamburger and seconded by Eric Simmons. Ayes were approved from all members present and the motion carried.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Adams reported that the final report has been sent to the Auditor. Pat is still waiting on the fixed asset list from the book keeper for finalization.

Looking at our latest tax summary Chief Adams is confident that we have an additional \$15,000 growth which puts our total budget figures around \$680,000.

Our net tax is no longer the highest in the county as our growth is very slow. Netarts, Nestucca and Nehalem Bay have more revenue coming in then we do with their higher tax rates. As our call volume increases current staff is being taxed but our revenue may not support hiring additional staff.

The volunteers voted to spend money on new cordless tools and a mobile repeater to be installed in Rescue 49 for use up the Wilson.

The battery powered cutter on Truck 31 has been repaired and the two outside parties have agreed on who is going to pay for the repairs. Our vendor will deliver the tool after an in-service with staff is completed.

Brad Reiff has retired his position and equipment after 40 years with the fire department.

The new firewall and switch have been installed and are working properly with higher speeds and access.

SDAO has granted Tillamook Fire District the full 10% discount due to Board member participation in all necessary training events.

Chief Adams presented a Volunteer Performance Standard and a Progressive Discipline Policy for Board approval. A small advisory committee was formed with two staff and two volunteer officers to oversee the new process.

A motion to approve the Progressive Discipline Policy and Volunteer Performance Standard as presented was made by Tim Hamburger and seconded by Eric Simmons. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Fire Marshal Report: FM Descloux reported that there were twenty three complete inspections performed during the month of October with the majority of inspections performed in the core area of Tillamook. These were inspections requiring no follow up or reinspections. An additional twenty one incomplete inspections (requiring abatement) are also pending.

Some of the inspections for the month included fire protection system inspections.

There were a total of sixty four (64) emergencies responded to by fire personnel during the month of October. The majority of these incidents were Rescue and Emergency type calls making up nearly 61% of the total volume. Twenty six of these were medical assistance type calls making up 40% of the monthly runs.

There were two building fires and one vehicle fire responded to during the month making up just under 5% of our call volume.

The first building fire was located at 1250 McCormick Loop Road. Fire crews thought it was a chimney fire but found fire in the attic and wall void space. Cause of the fire was accidental.

The second building fire was down in Pacific City in a commercial building. 7111 responded with a crew from Tillamook and was cancelled in PC. Fire crews covered Station 87 in Hebo until released by their command.

The vehicle fire happened on Bewley Creek. The driver saw smoke coming from under the hood / fender of his F350 Diesel Ford pickup. He parked in his driveway when the vehicle fire began to grow. Ford recalls for this make and model indicate that a short between the battery ground and chassis has started numerous fires in the exact same location as where this fire had started.

October is fire safety month and Alan and I found myself extremely busy with fire prevention education. We had multiple Head Start children groups through the station, fire extinguisher training for Head Start employees and TCCA staff, two assembly presentations at Liberty Elementary, First Aid and CPR training for TCCA staff and another fire extinguisher class for School District 9 kitchen staff.

There have been very few permit reviews performed during the last month.

Non-Agenda Items: none

Concerns of the Board: none

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rueben Descloux
Fire Marshal

Board Chair Debra Reeves