

# TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

## 5/14/2015

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Thursday, May 14, 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 April 14, 2015 minutes was made by Joe Martin and seconded by Eric Simmons. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion to pay the April 2015 bills was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Correspondence and Financial Statement:** A copy of the SDAO annual report was made available to members of the Board.

A motion to approve the March 2015 financial statement was made by Tim Hamburger and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

According to the financial statement for April 30, 2015, the balance in the State Pool was \$394,341.17 and with an adjustment in checking of \$5,586.71 the final balance is \$399,927.88. The balance in the Reserve Fund is \$95,619.82.

A motion to approve the April 2015 financial statement was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Fire Chief Report:** Chief Adams reported that he spent last week in Bend at the OFCA conference and three days this week in Seaside at the LEPC conference.

An apparatus spec with True North Fire Apparatus for a new Type III engine was presented to the Board. This engine is classified as a structural type engine that can also

be used on wildland fires as a duo purpose type response vehicle. Chief recommended to the Board that we wait another year before purchasing the apparatus, this will also give us another year to build up the Reserve Fund and allow us time to review areas of the District where this apparatus would best serve us.

The new cage has been installed on the rope tower and is ready for use. Some additional railing repairs will be needed prior to full use for safety purposes.

Hydrant testing is currently underway, being performed by all staff, targeting individual water districts and now starting in on the larger Tillamook municipality. During testing we have identified a small number of hydrants that are currently offline.

Daryl is back from vacation and should be able to wrap up the phone system in the station.

There was some live fire training held in the medical office across from the hospital this last Wednesday. Due to some unknown type construction, Alan, Rueben and a small number of volunteers were up until 2 a.m. overhauling the building to ensure it was extinguished. The building will be burnt down for training this coming Sunday and then our training focus will be on wildland fires.

Chief attended the OFCA conference in Bend and discussed the following topics:

- The Volunteer 360 Taskforce presented findings on the volunteer reimbursement recommendations. Approximately 90-95% of departments in the State are now using an accountability plan, LOSAP or W-2s for their volunteers. Chief indicated that we need to review this prior to the end of the calendar year.
- Marijuana is legalized by the State on July 1, 2015. With the legalization there appears to be some controversy regarding the limits of marijuana levels in employees and their right to use the drug because State law may supercede company policy.
- DPSST discussed the background checks and fingerprinting requirements for all new and existing personnel seeking certifications in the State. The cost involved is prohibitive for smaller departments and labor intensive. This may get kicked back to the committee for further review.
- The ISO rating system has generated some concern for insurance companies with many fire agencies receiving a lower PPC score. Due to the ratings, ISO may be performing audits of the fire agencies to revisit the ratings given.

Chief attended the LEPC conference in Seaside to learn about forming a new Tillamook County LEPC as required by law. The TCFDB voted unanimously to form a LEPC two meetings ago and Chief is spearheading the movement.

The annual awards banquet was held at the Officer's Mess Hall at the POTB. Multiple awards, plaques and recognitions were given at the banquet and some very good food was eaten.

Jordan Ramis (law office) sent a letter along with Bob Blackmore, our current District counsel. Bob is leaving the firm with some other employees and creating his own.

Dave Mattison made a motion to transfer our District legal files from Jordan Ramis to Bob Blackmore and was seconded by Eric Simmons. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Chief gave an Emergency Reporting update on the OV projector to highlight occupancy data, hydrant flow testing, building inspections and data management as well as an updated library. Chief indicated that it is crucial to document and attach as many files to structures for our own protection as possible.

**Fire Marshal Report:** FM Descloux reported that Chief and Descloux attended the joint OFMA / OBOA meeting in Astoria to discuss the recently proposed legislation regarding road access, water supply and health care facilities. There was discussion regarding the fire official's role and timing for input in the planning process during plan review. There was also some concern that pre-existing partitions and / or developments should no longer have road access and water supply input as they have been established. My concern with this was that we wouldn't know where at on the property the building would be, how big it would be or where and how long the new driveway would be placed.

There was very limited discussion regarding the OBOA assuming full control of health care facilities which also include all special residential type occupancies. Just prior to the meeting the proposed legislation was pulled due to the feedback received. This particular legislation was proposed in response to one health care inspector with whom the OBOA had a personal conflict with.

There were 10 inspections completed during the month of April with the majority of those inspections performed along the Main Avenue corridor.

The inspection at the Down to Earth Artworks (head shop) business revealed that they stock the larger sized butane containers. These particular containers are the same ones used for making Hash Oil as I had briefly mentioned in my last FM report. The quantities were minimal enough to meet the lowest MAQ (maximum allowable quantity) for the specific building. With legalization of marijuana drawing near, this particular business is ready to begin sales in Tillamook.

There were 51 emergencies responded to during the month of April with the majority of those incidents being Rescue and EMS just over 78%. Good intent calls made up nearly 8% of our monthly call volume followed by fires and service calls.

A structure fire on Hillcrest Drive was slowed down by a quick thinking heating/cooling company out of Tillamook. The owner thought his attic furnace was acting up and called Haltiner's to come and service the unit. They went into the attic to find smoke and used wet towels to drape over the hot area. Fire crews arrived and advanced a hoseline to the attic access ladder but used a pressurized water can to extinguish a fire in the insulation of the attic. The cause of the fire appears to be an electrical failure in a junction box. The fire spread to the attached roof truss and burned through a member.

A chimney fire on Hawthorne was caused by accumulation of residue in the upright portion of the flue just above the pellet stove. The fire self-extinguished while fire crews were on scene. The ladder truck was used to gain access to the second floor chimney cap and a visual check was made of the interior, no further action was taken.

There was one scheduled First Aid / AED / CPR class taught at ODF for approximately 23 employees. There were supposed to be 30 in the class but many may have been out for the health screening for employees.

Non-scheduled public education tours were provided by Alan in the fire station.

Minimal scheduled training events were entered for the month as staff were trying to focus on hydrant flow testing and maintenance.

Two sprinkler plans were reviewed for the new Napa building and the new hospital medical office expansion. The deferred submittals were reviewed by Descloux prior to being issued to the building department.

**Non-Agenda Items:** none

**Concerns of the Board:** Dave Mattison indicated that the Hospital is meeting with the City to discuss future growth and expansion. The City of Tillamook is working with School District 9 to improve traffic flow on Alder between East and the Junior High School. There will be a temporary change in traffic flow with a more permanent solution proposed to be completed this fall.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rueben Descloux  
Fire Marshal

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Board Chair Debra Reeves