

TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

6/11/2013

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, June 11th, 2013, at 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Fire Station, 2310 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

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

Directors Absent: 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 minutes for May 14th, 2013 was made by Tim Hamburger and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Bills: Chair Reeves asked why there were two checks issued to Wilson-Heirgood for the same amount. Chief Adams indicated that it was for two separate policies, one for supplemental work comp and the other for supplemental accidental death and disability. A motion to pay the May 2013 bills was made by Tim Hamburger and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Correspondence and Financial Statement: A copy of the Local Focus from the League of Oregon Cities was made available to the members of the board.

There was no financial statement available for the meeting.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Adams reported that the budget sheets were ready but they will need to be adjusted again. Seven sets of turnouts were going to be paid for out of this year's budget, but it appears that they will not arrive until after July 1.

The Budget Hearing is scheduled for next Thursday, June 13 at Station 71. The numbers (documents) will be made available to the Board by Tuesday night showing applicable line item changes.

7149, the new rescue has a new hard starting problem. Chuck thinks that there may be a glowplug problem or firefighter error, not letting it cycle before starting. If the problem persists we may be taking it back for additional repair.

Alan sent an email to Wilson-Heirgood requesting results from the hearing test on our powered equipment. We have not yet received a response which may be in part to an illness with one of their employees.

Hose testing is scheduled for this Thursday.

The building maintenance has begun on the north wall of the station. There is substantial dry rot repair to be performed prior to sheathing and covering with new siding.

ISO called and indicated that they will be coming to the station to complete their review of the District on June 24th. It sounds like the representative from ISO will only be here a few hours to wrap things up. OFCA is still waiting to hear about their ISO grievance filed at the state level.

Not much word yet from the 360 Task Force regarding volunteer reimbursement.

The brush engine in Cape Meares is in dire need of replacement. The chassis is aging and the box is ready to fall off the frame entirely. Chief Adams recommend that we look at options during the 2013-2014 fiscal year and spread out the chassis and tank package purchase as well as “building it” in house.

The District revenue does not currently support the ability to replace our larger emergency fleet vehicles. We would have to pass a bond levy to purchase and replace our aging fleet vehicles like Engine 15 in Pleasant Valley and Engine 14 in Cape Meares.

Fire Marshal Report: Fire Marshal Descloux reported that there were fifteen inspections performed for the month of May including one re-inspection of Les Schwab after some electrical abatements were performed.

Three large building inspections were completed including Werner Gourmet Meat Snacks, Liberty Elementary and East Elementary.

Werner Meat is inspected quite frequently by the Department of Agriculture. This frequent follow up made for an inspection with very few OFC violations. The most severe violation was for upright pressure vessels not secured. They were chained up while I was in the room.

Liberty Elementary was found to be in good shape with only one exit door / passageway partially blocked in a teacher’s room. The “clutter” was removed and exit access way reestablished. A couple of doors required more than 15 lbs to open, maintenance was advised to have repaired. A dead extinguisher was found in a classroom and taken care of the following day.

East Elementary still had violations regarding household furniture in the classrooms which does not meet the specific flame propagation requirements of the OFC. They missed one month’s fire drill and had taped some breakers in the on position.

There were approximately 39 emergencies responded to for the month of May, seeing a significant decrease from April.

67% of our emergencies were Rescue and Emergency type incidents including medical assists and MVAs. 36% of calls were medical assistance type calls, the majority of which were handled by staff during normal business hours and approximately 13% of our call volume was for MVAs.

The second highest percentage of calls for the month was good intent calls making up approximately 21% of our call volume.

There were two fire type calls for the month making up nearly 5% of our call volume both were waste receptacle type fires.

Chief Adams interjected that a fire alarm at the Tillamook Regional Medical Center was caused by a patient who stepped into an adjacent room to smoke a cigarette inside the hospital. She called Chief Adams at the station to apologize and indicated that she would also like to apologize to the board.

The first dumpster fire happened during the early morning hours at East Elementary. The fire did not spread to the building or any adjacent properties. Eye witnesses claimed to have seen two young people fleeing from the area around the time of the fire. Police are following up on the matter.

The second waste receptacle fire happened outside the Kilchis House. A cigarette disposal container caught fire under the tree where it was placed.

There were four fire safety assemblies held at both Liberty and South Prairie Elementary.

Liberty scheduled an AM and a PM assembly to capture the different classes during the day. Approximately 260 students were in attendance.

South Prairie scheduled two assemblies one for 2nd and one for 3rd grade on different days. The assembly held on a Friday was challenging due to the schools almost "out" feeling they all had. The next assembly went much smoother with an older class, even though it rained on us while we showed them E11.

I attended a two day Juvenile Firesetter Intervention Specialist training class hosted by TVF&R in Sherwood. The class covered how to deal with juveniles who have or are starting fires. Certifications aren't issued until after (2) interventions are performed with our local OSFM deputy, Tad Pedersen.

There has been some road access and water supply reviews come through the office along with the normal City Zoning permits.

The Pelican Pub construction is underway and I continue to receive calls regarding code enforcement.

Non-Agenda Items: none

Concerns of the Board: none

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rueben Descloux
Fire Marshal

Board Chair Debra Reeves