

TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

3/11/2014

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, March 11th, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Fire Station, 2310 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

Directors Present: Debra Reeves, Board Chair
Joe Martin, Secretary/Treasurer
Dave Mattison, Director
Eric Simmons, Vice-Chair
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 minutes for February 11th, 2014 was made by Joe Martin and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Bills: A motion to pay the February 2014 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: The February financial statement was not available for the Board Meeting.

The January financial is being corrected to reflect the errors found during last month's meeting. The January and February financials will both be ready for approval at the April meeting.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Adams reported that we have been extremely busy with call volume and training, both internally and for the general public.

Budget figures are looking favorable for next year's budget. It appears that we will have enough going into the Reserve Fund along with enough monies available to make the three final payments on the new Rescue unit too. Chief Adams anticipates a \$300,000 cash carryover for the next budget cycle.

As Chief is early in the budget process, he has not looked at the national COLA averages for personnel wage adjustments. He did recommend that the Board not exceed 3% for personnel though.

Our old Rescue 49 unit has been for up for sale at the True North apparatus lot. We have received an offer for \$4,500 even though the original set sale price was \$5,000.

A motion to sell the old Rescue 49 unit for \$4,500 was made by Tim Hamburger and seconded by Eric Simmons. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

One of the large batteries on the generator dropped a cell and exploded in the room. There was no damage to the building other than battery acid all over the walls.

EMR training is underway for Chuck and our Cape Meares firefighters. Fire extinguisher, 1st Aid and CPR training are underway with an extremely full calendar.

The web site is up and running with some burn permits already being processed.

We are still waiting on the official ISO report before we issue a press release regarding the new rating schedule for the District.

There are no significant health care cost increases with the actual rate increase looking to be right around 6.71% according to the MODA renewal offer.

A motion to accept the renewal offer from MODA was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

The Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for May 15th and the Budget Hearing on June 19th.

Fire Marshal Report: FM Descloux reported that there were thirty inspections performed for the month of February including twenty four regular inspections, fire alarm inspections, sprinkler inspections and more.

Fire protection, alarm and sprinkler system inspections are third party vendor annual inspections with full reports submitted to my desk. The protection inspections are generally hood suppression type inspections and annual maintenance.

Regular inspections for the month included mostly buildings located along First, Second and Third Streets in the downtown area. Four scheduled inspections performed in conjunction with OSFM at the Trask River High School, Camp Tillamook Vocational Building, Camp Tillamook and Tillamook Youth Correctional Facility.

Additional inspections for assembly purposes were performed as identified as plan review and building consultation respectively.

There were approximately 67 emergencies responded to for the month of February proving to be an extremely busy month.

67% of our emergencies were Rescue and Emergency type incidents including medical assists and MVAs. 52% of calls were medical assistance type calls, the majority of which were handled by staff during normal business hours and approximately 7% of our call volume was for MVAs.

The third highest percentage of calls for the month was good intent calls making up approximately 15% of our call volume. Approximately 12% of our calls, the fire department was cancelled en route on.

There were five fire type calls responded to during the month making up approximately 7% of our call volume with two structure fires, a chimney fire, heater fire and car fire.

The first structure fire occurred in a house along McCormick Loop Road. The fire started behind the fire place in a structural framework accessed through a closet space. It appeared that the burn box failed and the heat and fire spread to the combustibles. The family was displaced by the fire and put up in a hotel by Red Cross for the night. Estimated losses for the house were deemed to be well over \$30,000.

The second structure fire occurred in the Fern Restaurant and Lounge. The fire started behind a deep fat fryer in the kitchen. It appears that the LPG line was not attached correctly to the fryer and the leaking LPG gas caught on fire during operations. There was minimal fire damage to the sheet rock / wall covering behind the fryer and the attached LPG gas line.

A propane powered space heater being used in the Rental Center caught on fire when the internal fan used to distribute heat stopped working. The localized heat not able to dissipate caught the painted surface and some electrical wiring on fire. They were quickly extinguished and the center was ventilated to remove the smoke.

A chimney fire in a house on Elm Avenue was extinguished by fire personnel utilizing the ladder truck for access. There was no fire extension or smoke damage to the house.

Fire crews responded to a vehicle fire near Deer Road. The driver drove home on a flat tire which caught the engine compartment on fire. He became agitated and used a blunt instrument to break out the glass in the vehicle. His father stated he had a head injury and has not recovered mentally.

CPR training was provided for a small group of around twelve adults from the community of Cape Meares. The training also covered basic first aid and AED use.

Fire extinguisher training was provided to the safety committee at Hampton Lumber. Full fire prop use and classroom education was provided.

NAPA submitted plans to my office for the new single story 10,188 square foot mercantile building with mezzanine. The building is to be built with an NFPA 13

sprinkler system and NFPA 72 compliant fire alarm system. The project is slated to begin by the first of June.

Non-Agenda Items: none

Concerns of the Board: none

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rueben Descloux
Fire Marshal

Board Chair Debra Reeves