

TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

7/14/2015

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Fire Station, 2310 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

Directors Present: Eric Swanson, Director
Debra Reeves, Board Chair
Eric Simmons, Vice-Chair
Tim Hamburger, Director

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.

Introductions: Chair Reeves allowed new Director Eric Swanson to introduce himself to other members of the Board. Eric has a solid background in emergency services with a history of working for a Board and indicated that he is here to support the District.

Minutes: A motion to approve the June 9, 2015 minutes was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the June 18th, 2015 Budget Minutes was made by Tim Hamburger and seconded by Eric Simmons. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Bills: A motion to pay the June 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: All correspondence was forwarded electronically prior to the meeting.

According to the June 30th, 2015 Financial Statement the balance in the State Pool is \$330,724.16 and with an adjustment in checking of \$8,693.85 the final balance is \$339,418.01. The balance in the Reserve Fund is \$95,682.15.

A motion to approve the May 2015 Financial Statement was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Eric Swanson. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the June 2015 Financial Statement was made by Tim Hamburger and seconded by Eric Swanson. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Adams reported that with 102 emergencies responded to last month, it was officially the busiest month on record.

The Workers Compensation rate was reduced from roughly \$7,000 a year to \$4,000 a year by moving some of the volunteers from active combat firefighter to support roles.

Chief has signed the agreement with Spartan for the new Type III fire apparatus scheduled for 2016. The inflated purchase cost coincides with the delivery date based on projected rate increases over the next couple years. The anticipated date of delivery will be no sooner than December 2016. Chief recommended that we not lock in a financing rate until just prior to taking delivery of the apparatus to avoid interest charges. Exact figures and costs should be finalized after the pre-build at the factory.

There was some minor damage to an undercarriage emergency light on E11 due to terrain and lack of ground clearance. Chuck is replacing the damaged light.

After hose testing, we lost some more fire hose and Chief indicated we will look closely at stock to see if we need to purchase some more hose.

Chief ordered some new turnouts from another fire service vendor at a reduced cost. The Innotech turnouts provided a comfortable fit and will be here in 6-8 weeks.

The wildland PPE was ordered but due to a standard change, the apparel was not being produced. This pushed back the anticipated delivery date by nearly 8 weeks.

Chief provided some training to the Nehalem Bay Fire staff on Emergency Reporting. After the training, they purchased the program for their agency. Chief indicated that if more departments use it we could save some money with some integrated CAD for call times.

Oregon Lifeguard has borrowed our Zoll Autopulse for a patient transfer over the hill to a Portland area hospital.

There were 4 verbal warnings issued by Chief Adams for illegal fireworks on July 4th.

A new 3 year lease was presented by our landlord at Station 73 and signed by Chair Reeves.

Chief reviewed and commented on the City of Tillamook water plan review. During our flow testing we have found 8 hydrants out of service and that report will be given to the City for maintenance. The ISO review of the City's water system scored low on testing and maintenance, not on hydrant distribution.

Chief is finalizing a LEPC presentation to distribute to stakeholders in the District. With distribution a meeting will be held and recruitment of people to participate in the LEPC will be sought after.

Fire Marshal Report: FM Descloux reported that there were 36 inspections performed for the month of June including firework stands and tents at Fred Meyer (two) and Safeway. The final tent inspection for the firework sales in the Sporting Goods parking lot occurred on July 1 which will be reflected in the next report.

The Tillamook High School graduation inspection in the Sue Durrer Barn at the Fairgrounds was completed on Friday the 5th. I found that the riser in the sprinkler room had a small leak but appeared to be fully functional. A work order was passed on for the upcoming annual service.

A state license renewal inspection was completed at the Head Start facility shared with TELC. There were no deficiencies noted.

The majority of inspections performed were in the core area of Tillamook with some outlying building on the north end of town.

There were 102 emergencies responded to during the month of June with the majority of those incidents being Rescue and EMS just under 70%. Fire calls made up the second largest percentage of our call volume just under 10% followed by good intent and service calls.

There were 10 fires for the month with 5 of those being bark dust fires. A grass fire happened along the median near Olsen Road and a brush pile fire was extinguished along the ridge near Wapiti Road.

Two separate vehicle fires occurred during the month with the first in a Dodge Caravan. The fire started in the engine compartment after the driver heard a “pop” come from under the hood.

The second vehicle fire occurred in a Toyota Tacoma near the Serenity Club. The fire appeared to have started inside the passenger compartment surrounded by suspicious circumstances. The investigation was forwarded to the local city police.

Tillamook Fire District sent two apparatus and assumed command for a second alarm fire in Bay City. There were three fire agencies on scene for a double wide heavily involved as well as two exposures; the garage and an RV. The FIT team responded the following day to assist with the fire investigation and the area of origin was located. The insurance company will decide whether or not to pursue having the electrical system rang out by an electrical engineer and there are samples headed to the lab to check for flammable liquids.

There were approximately 24 calls which overlapped each other indicating multiple calls at one time during the month. This accounted for approximately 24% of our call volume for the month.

The average response time for the entire District for EMS calls was 8 minutes and 26 seconds with an average enroute time of 3 minutes and 07 seconds.

The average response time for the District for fire calls was 7 minutes and 59 seconds with an average enroute time of 2 minutes and 59 seconds.

Our average on scene time for the month was approximately 24 minutes and 31 seconds.

The response times reflect the entire District (clear to the summit) and not just the city proper.

There was one THS after hours class fire safety presentation put on for approximately 10 young adults. A fire extinguisher class was added to the presentation for them to practice.

An early AM fire safety presentation was delivered to the staff at the Tillamook County Health Department. Due to time constraints, demonstration was given for fire extinguisher use but no time allotment for practice.

A full home fire safety and fire extinguisher presentation was delivered to approximately 30 seniors and a small handful of middle aged emergency radio operators. The class was large as many of the participants brought their spouses to sit in on the free training. The after-hours program was from 1900-2100 hours at 911.

A small group of roughly 7 5-6th graders participated in some home fire safety education with fire extinguisher use in house during normal business hours.

The Tillamook County FIT Team was just gathering at Station 71 for some internal document review when (2) back to back emergencies interrupted the meeting. This was the second meeting attempt in (2) months for members to meet, train and discuss investigation forms with no meeting being held. The agenda for this month's meeting on July 8th, 2015 remains the same.

There has been a significant increase in residential road access and water supply permits that have been coming through the office. There is also a small increase in commercial construction being reviewed.

Tim Hamburger asked about inspection frequency and scheduling noting that the last couple months showed an increased number over the prior. When the District changed over to ER, the occupancy database had to be rebuilt. The inspections are being added after being performed and scheduled to occur over the next 6 years. This is reflected in the daily homepage of ER indicating that there are scheduled inspections for the month.

Non-Agenda Items: none

Concerns of the Board: Chief would like the Board to get together with Eric Swanson to look at strategic planning for Chief's successor. To stay progressive and ensure the District is on the right path, he encouraged the Board to start in on the strategic planning next month.

Eric Swanson is currently working on a comprehensive plan for the hospital and shared how it would have some very applicable use for the District concerning the Chief's position.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rueben Descloux
Fire Marshal

Board Chair Debra Reeves