

TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

5/13/2014

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

Directors Present: Joe Martin, Secretary/Treasurer
Eric Simmons, Vice-Chair
Tim Hamburger, Director
Debra Reeves, Board Chair
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 April 8th, 2014 was made by Joe Martin and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Chair Reeves and Director Mattison were not at the last meeting and abstained from voting. Ayes were received from the other members present and the motion carried.

Bills: A motion to pay the April 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: Chief Adams forwarded electronic copies of all correspondence.

According to the financial statement for April 30th, 2014 the balance in the State Pool is \$391,258.72 and with an adjustment in checking of \$2,278.63 the final balance is \$393,537.35. The balance in the Reserve Fund is \$87,033.72.

A motion to approve the March financial statement was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Joe Martin. Discussion revealed an error on the financial statement.

Eric Simmons and Joe Martin moved to rescind their motion to approve the financial statement.

A motion to approve the March and April 2014 financial statements subject to verification and correction of the medical expense numbers was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Adams reported that he attempted to take two weeks of vacation after FM Descloux got back but came in for calls and budget preparation.

The budget documents were delivered to nine board and budget members by FM Descloux. The electronic versions were not able to be sent.

The District received the check for the old Rescue 49 from True North. We will also be reimbursed for the insurance we had to put on the Rescue in order to drive it from Tillamook to the valley.

Chuck has started maintenance on the apparatus.

The broken hydraulic spreader off Truck 31 has finally been returned and placed back in service after nearly 3 months.

There have been some new pagers ordered and a handful just returned after some needed repair. There shouldn't be a shortage of pagers for any time soon.

There was some live fire training performed in the old Aufdermauer home next to Debbie D's. The weather did not cooperate with rainy windy conditions.

There is DPSST training scheduled to be held here at TFD most of the month including last week's traffic safety, this week's mayday training and fire fighter rescue at the end of the month.

The four firefighters completed the EMR (medical responder) training and are now certified by the State. We still need to get standing orders from Dr. Bowman.

Chief Adams attended the Oregon Fire Chief's Association conference in Bend last week. The format changed up a little to some 45 minute presentation blocks. A good presentation on active shooter situations was made by some people from the Hillsboro area.

The 360 Taskforce is winding down after much discussion about volunteer reimbursement. During the process many departments changed over to W-2 reporting and in turn PERS has gone after those agencies for 20 years worth of back payments and employee contributions. The final recommendation is for a total accountability system but our attorney still recommends that we continue to issue 1099s.

The ISO Taskforce has calmed down and appears happy with the changes and new representation at the local level. The new rating system also seems to give better ratings to fire agencies.

There were approximately 90 people in attendance for our annual banquet dinner. Awards for Firefighter, Rookie, EMT and Officer of the Year were presented accordingly along with plaques for some 10 and 15 year veterans. The food was good and our caterer announced that she would not be doing any more catering jobs.

SDAO announced that annual membership dues are going to be reintroduced at just a little over \$1,000. They plan to offset their dues with some lower insurance rates. There is also a new SDIS Joinder to Trust Agreement to sign which will allow us to participate in the SDAO program.

A motion to approve and sign the May 13, 2014 SDIS Joinder to Trust Agreement was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Dave Mattison. Discussion followed with a question as to why we have to sign the new agreement? What are the new dues going to be? Chief Adams said the agreement allows us to participate next year in the SDAO's SDIS program. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

The Budget Meeting is scheduled this Thursday at 1900 hours.

Firehouse has not been corresponding or even returning any phone calls. They currently have the contract on file which our attorney reviewed but have not discussed anything further with us. Even tech support has not been very helpful, not returning calls and then when attempting to fix an issue cut Chief Adams off telling him his time limit was up. Chief is going to begin looking at new reporting software vendors yet again, in anticipation that we might switch.

Fire Marshal Report: FM Descloux reported that there were eighteen inspections performed during the month of April with the majority of those inspections performed in the core area of town.

Additional inspections included fire protection, sprinkler system, building occupancy and consultation type inspections. Most consult inspections for the month were for code requirements concerning facility upgrades.

There were approximately 64 emergencies responded to for the month of April making it one of our busier months this year.

71% of our emergencies were Rescue and Emergency type incidents including medical assists and MVAs. 50% of calls were medical assistance type calls, the majority of which were handled by staff during normal business hours and approximately 8% of our call volume was for MVAs.

The second highest percentage of calls for the month was for good intent calls with the majority of those for being cancelled enroute.

There were four fire type calls for the month including one building fire, car fire, chimney fire and a structure other than a building.

The structure fire occurred in Koko's Restaurant, starting in the kitchen / entry way wall space void. Cause of the fire was improper setback from the LPG gas burner stove to the wall. There was an estimated \$80,000 in damages caused by the fire.

The porch fire at Tillamook RV Repair caused an estimated \$5000 in damages. The cause of the fire was undetermined but there was a chiminea in the area of origin and an unused extension cord.

A chimney fire on Long Prairie road was investigated by fire personnel and found to be self extinguished prior to arrival. Fire crews removed the fire from the burn box.

A vehicle fire in an older S-10 Blazer was started by a short in the fuse panel under the dash. The estimated vehicle loss due to the fire was \$800.

Fire safety presentation tours were given for two groups of Kindergarten aged children totaling nearly 80 between the two groups.

Fire extinguisher training was provided to eighteen students from TBCC / THS enrolled in the health occupations class.

Smoke alarm testing and inspecting was performed for a newly licensed day care facility on Nestucca.

There have been a handful of residential road access and water supply permits that have come across my desk.

Non-Agenda Items: Shilo property bought by Laviolettes is not in our District.

Concerns of the Board: With the possibility of Chief Adams retiring within the next few months to next few years, the Board would like to meet to develop a plan for transitioning in a new Chief. The organization is strong enough to survive the change but the Board would like to start seriously looking at how to approach the process.

The apparatus is another concern with some apparatus needing some repairs or replacement and cycling first out apparatus into our satellite stations. The new Rescue 49 will be paid off this year so there will be some monies put in the Reserve Fund to slowly build it back up. A bond for apparatus purchase and replacement will be needed for the big money items.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rueben Descloux
Fire Marshal

Board Chair Debra Reeves