

# TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

## 9/10/2013

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes for August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 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 August 2013 bills was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the July Financial Statement with corrections was made by Tim Hamburger and seconded by Eric Simmons. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Correspondence and Financial Statement:** Electronic copies of all correspondence were forwarded to members of the board. A letter from the Government Ethics Commission was received indicating that there will be a fee increase for their new electronic filing system.

The August Financial Statement was not ready for the meeting.

**Fire Chief Report:** Chief Adams reported that the DMV faxed over a copy of Vance Wetzel's driving record. The only blemish on his record was the careless driving citation issued when he wrecked the truck while working for Burden's Towing. Chief recommended that he be allowed to start driving the smaller apparatus but still be on a probationary driving period.

Last year's election fees were late.

The Audit is scheduled to happen later this fall.

Chuck came back from vacation and performed some additional maintenance on 7148. He replaced the rear brakes and drums after Burden's had replaced the wheel cylinders.

The Volunteer Association approved and ordered new rope rescue equipment to supplement and replace existing equipment.

The Volunteer Association received a check for \$20,000 from Tillamook Motor Company after the donated Plymouth was sold. The money will be used for a new EMS purchase including new AEDs and a Zoll Autopulse. Calls were made to other agencies using the Autopulse to check on performance and worthiness. All agencies contacted favored having the devices.

The station maintenance, painting and trim work should be done this week. There is one last piece of exhaust pipe left to be attached to the station.

It appears that Randy and Spike Klobas may have sold station 73.

Jason Sterling broke his left shoulder during the fire department picnic at East Elementary. As this was a sanctioned and insured event the injury was covered by workman's compensation. The Provident supplemental plan will start issuing checks during his time off from work. Chief indicated that the District should use this event to see if we are providing enough work-comp coverage for our volunteers.

Chief reviewed the OSFM software for the last week and came to the conclusion that the software is too slow and doesn't provide enough modules to support our existing data entry. Firehouse has a new dot.net program running off an entirely different platform. The new dot.net provides fully hosted software so storage is in the cloud rather than on our servers in the station. Inspection and other field data can be uploaded over the internet if accessible. Chief can also log in to our data fields remotely from anywhere he has internet access. SDAO indicated that they will fund up to \$5000 for a new computer for Jason's injury for training purposes. The computer would have FH installed and Jason who will be on light duty will be shown how to enter call data.

**Fire Marshal Report:** Fire Marshal Descloux reported that there were thirty inspections performed for the month of August including twenty regular inspections, two fire protection inspections, five sprinkler inspections and 3 special inspections (one a complaint/referral).

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.

The fairground inspections consisted of one full day of inspections followed by two follow up days which were generally wrapped up shortly after lunch time. This year there

were multiple problems with electrical overloads and power failures along the north vendor side.

There were approximately 45 emergencies responded to for the month of August, down just slightly from the previous month.

55% of our emergencies were Rescue and Emergency type incidents including medical assists and MVAs. 35% of calls were medical assistance type calls, the majority of which were handled by staff during normal business hours and approximately 20% of our call volume was for MVAs.

The third highest percentage of calls for the month was good intent calls making up approximately 17% of our call volume. Approximately 5% of these calls were controlled burning type calls not coded into the outdoor fire category.

There were five fire type calls for the month making up nearly 11% of our call volume.

A building fire was caused by an unknown incendiary device. The vacant house had no power or other sources of ignition available to start the fire. Witnesses in the neighboring trailer park indicated that they saw a vehicle leaving the area just prior to the fire. Information has been forwarded to the TCSO for further investigation and follow up. The estimated loss is deemed to be around \$47,000.

A feed truck caught fire while running inside of a cow barn. The fire was knocked down by farm workers with extinguishers and then mopped up with a bumper load from Engine 11. The cause of the fire was feed accumulation and oil (combustibles) on the engine.

The additional three fires consisted of grass, barkdust and a wildland fire on the Spit which burned up nearly an acre on the north end. The cause of the fire appeared to be a campfire in the driftwood.

The Pelican Pub Brewery is pumping out brews and preparing to open the cafeteria pending final occupancy by the County.

**Non-Agenda Items:** none

**Concerns of the Board:** Eric Simmons' aunt has a new bridge that accesses her house. Chief indicated that our large apparatus will not drive over it unless it is stamped by an engineer.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rueben Descloux  
Fire Marshal

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Board Chair Debra Reeves