

# TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

## 9/9/2014

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at 5:15 p.m. at the Tillamook Fire Station, 2310 Fourth Street, Tillamook, Oregon.

Directors Present: Joe Martin, Secretary/Treasurer  
Tim Hamburger, Director  
Debra Reeves, Board Chair  
Dave Mattison, Director

Directors Absent: Eric Simmons, Vice-Chair

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 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes 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 August 2014 bills was made by Dave Mattison and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Correspondence and Financial Statement:** The August 2014 financial statement was not ready to be presented.

A motion to approve the July 2014 financial statement was made by Dave Mattison and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were approved from all members present and the motion carried.

**Fire Chief Report:** Chief Adams reported that we received a work compensation refund from SDAO in the amount of \$1,940 along with an \$824 credit for our annual review. The two amounts combined nearly covers our entire work compensation payment for the year.

A battery exploded in 7112 upon starting during drill night last week. The battery was replaced along with the other three from O'Reilly's Auto Parts the same night.

The parking lot has been seal coated again and the total amount was nearly \$2,000 to finish. Chief may entertain some quotes for tearing up the parking lot next year and having it repaired and repaved.

Training for the last two weeks has been held out at the POTB. Auto extrication training has been ongoing with multiple sets of tools and crews.

There will be Board member training held here on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A BBQ will start off the training at 1730 hours with either Chief Adams for FM Descloux attending. A 2% credit is available from SDAO if all five board members attend the training.

Chief Adams spoke with our Station 73 landlady, Sally. She apologized for not knowing about the “quiet time” language in her lease agreement that she had presented. Chief and her will meet to discuss the station’s future lease after he returns from vacation. There are a handful of Cape Meares’ residents who are keeping a vigilant watch on available sites for a future fire station if needed.

Century Link has not followed up with Chief Adams regarding the new phone system. Scott met with Chief after the last board meeting but no follow up thereafter. Tim Hamburger stated he will follow up with some representatives.

Aaron Burris made a request to Chief Adams regarding the use of the fire station apparatus bays as a back up site to host the next City of Tillamook movie night. Chief and the board are open to the use so long as there are fire department members present.

The August emergency run numbers have surpassed all previous busy months for volume. The significant increase in numbers is impacting the volunteer budget. The increase can be attributed to the rising number of medical calls related to ambulance hospital transfers. When an ambulance is on a transfer fire departments are responding to emergencies while another ambulance might be responding with an increased travel time from somewhere else in the county. The future of fire department EMS paging will be discussed again at the next TCFDB meeting.

**Fire Marshal Report:** FM Descloux reported that there were fourteen inspections performed during the month including two state license inspections for schools at both Seventh Day Adventist School for the after hours program and Tillamook Early Learning Center. The Adventist School has some annual maintenance requirements and they have contacted the appropriate vendors. TELC had violations concerning storage height and a fire door that would not close upon magnetic release. Additional inspections included all five buildings associated to the Sacred Heart Parrish properties and local surrounding businesses.

The inspection application with the mobile hot spot is becoming easier to use but can prove cumbersome with internet / data slow down times. Data entry in the field can take up to five minutes or more to transfer for inspection purposes, extending my on site time. This will not be an issue for the next round of inspections at the same locations.

There were a total of eighty five (85) emergencies responded to by fire personnel during the month of August. The majority of these incidents were Rescue and Emergency type

calls making up 66% of the total volume. Forty three of these were medical assistance type calls making up 51% of the monthly runs.

There were three fire type incidents for the month including one building fire, a car fire and a motorcycle fire. The motorcycle caught fire at the fuel pumps and was quickly extinguished by employees. A faulty fuel line was the cause of the fire. A Volkswagen Golf had a small fire which occurred in the engine compartment. Fire crews had minimal smoke showing upon arrival and overhauled the fire area with a hose line. The building fire happened on Gould Avenue due to occupant error. The RP was using a weed burner alongside the house when the fire flared up, running up the cedar siding and spreading to the cedar shake roof. Minimal fire damage was caused as water was immediately applied to the fire and fire crews did not have too much overhaul to perform upon arrival.

Chuck and I took a fire engine to Champion Park Apartments during one of their tenant BBQs. We were able to hand out fire safety information to the children and a Hispanic target audience who seemed eager to receive the Spanish pub-ed materials that I had brought for dispersal.

There have been an increase in permit reviews for new and existing residential along with a small number of pre-application meetings at City Hall for additional commercial growth.

**Non-Agenda Items:** There is concern about the increased number of unauthorized burning calls being handled by fire personnel. Should the District pass an ordinance allowing violators to be cited for offenses is a question posed by many of the Board members. Currently violators are given a warning unless repetitive offenders, then ODF is requested to issue a cite to court. Solid Waste is involved on occasion when the burn piles consist of wet garbage or other non-permitted commodities.

**Concerns of the Board:** Chair Reeves asked if we could distribute information to local media regarding the continuation of the burn ban closure until further notice.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rueben Descloux  
Fire Marshal

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Board Chair Debra Reeves