

# TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

## 5/14/2013

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, May 14<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  
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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Tim Hamburger. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion to pay the April, 2013 bills was made by Joe Martin and seconded by Eric Simmons. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Correspondence and Financial Statement:** A copy of the SDAO quarterly publication was made available to the Board along with a synopsis as presented by the OFCA through Wilson Heirgood from the Health Advisory Committee. Two other publications were submitted electronically prior to the meeting.

There was no financial statement available for the meeting.

**Fire Chief Report:** Chief Adams reported that the Budget Meeting is scheduled to be held May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Station 71 at 1900 hours. Dave Mattison is obligated to attend a City Hall meeting and will not be in attendance.

Hard copies of the proposed budget document were handed out to members of the Board a couple weeks prior to the meeting.

7149 is back in service after having a new engine installed along with brake work and some wire harness relocation by Chuck. 7215 had a catastrophic plumbing leak at the tank to pump valve. A new brass valve was installed and the engine is back in service. 7316 has had the pump removed and repaired. The pump will be installed and put back in service before the end of the work week. If the carryover looks good enough new tires may be ordered and put on 7111, our first out engine.

SDAO came and did a hearing loss analysis for db noise levels on all apparatus and equipment for Tillamook Fire. We are waiting for the written report before Chief Adams can finalize the hearing loss SOG which is required by OSHA. New ear phones with boom mics have already been ordered and put in service on all apparatus for pumper operators in preparation for the SOG.

The new TI camera is delayed due to a back order. The anticipated arrival date will be early summer.

Building construction will commence next week on the north wall of Station 71.

Our DLO, Paul Olheiser was in reviewing our training records retention, accreditation and certification. He reviews our training program every three years.

The Awards Banquet was held at the Church of the Nazarene on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The facility and food were very well received with a good attendance from fire personnel.

Chief Adams attended the OFCA conference over in central Oregon and sat in on an ISO update. The OFCA has filed a query with the Insurance Commission regarding the new rating schedule. They currently will not adopt the schedule as there are too many issues and it appears it was redesigned so that as a for profit company they can maintain control of the rates.

The 360 Taskforce roundtables are now over and they are compiling data. The best practices list will be distributed later this year. It appears that agencies providing volunteer reimbursement are reporting differently all across the state.

At the last coastal chief's meeting, it appears that many agencies are unable to attract new volunteers for their firefighter ranks. Many of the agencies with union firefighters are having the hardest time due largely in part to the disconnect between union and volunteer.

The upcoming OFDDA conference this fall will not be a joint OFCA/OFDDA conference. The OFCA has separated themselves from the joint conference, no longer sponsoring, providing staff or financial support.

The OSHA consult report has been received and reviewed. There were minimal findings that needed attention.

**Fire Marshal Report:** Fire Marshal Descloux reported that there were twenty two inspections performed during the month of April. Inspections for the month included facilities such as the Junior High School, Ashley Inn and Les Schwab Tire Center.

The Ashley Inn inspection immediately followed a propane leak in their maintenance / sprinkler room. An LPG fired water heater was venting propane with an improper

ignition sequence. Multiple violations were found throughout due to a high turnover rate in maintenance personnel.

The Les Schwab building had some electrical violations in the upstairs where extension cords were found feeding appliances and multipliers. A reinspection was performed within a couple weeks as I was told an electrician had abated the electrical issue.

The Junior High School inspection had a short list of violations regarding general maintenance, setbacks and storage. There was, however; an issue with how they were documenting their fire drills. When prompted for their annual records, the admin handed me the documentation on a single rolodex card. I forwarded copies of Chapter 4 regarding proper drilling and documentation for them to improve their record management.

Inspections were performed for all of the commercial occupancies within our district up the Wilson River including the art gallery, restaurant, RV park and plant nursery.

There were approximately 52 emergencies responded to for the month of April, up slightly from the previous month

67% of our emergencies were Rescue and Emergency type incidents including medical assists and MVAs. 46% of calls were medical assistance type calls, the majority of which were handled by staff during normal business hours and approximately 10% of our call volume was for MVAs.

The second highest percentage of calls for the month was good intent calls making up approximately 19% of our call volume.

There were two fire type calls for the month making up nearly 4% of our call volume. A chimney fire in a home on Tillamook River Road was found by a passing law enforcement unit who called in flames coming from the top of the chimney. Fire personnel extinguished the fire with a chimney snuffer and removed the fire from the burn box.

A dumpster fire up at the Averill Recycling Facility was caused by personnel cutting springs off a vehicle while on top of the dumpster. They had attempted to extinguish the fire and removed the vehicle from the bin but the fire had already dropped down into some combustibles on the bottom of the bin. Fire crews used foam to douse the fire.

There were four groups of children from a First Christian Little Clipper program which came through the fire station for fire safety education.

A fire / emergency planning session was held with employees at the Alderbrook Golf Course to discuss employees roles in assisting fire and EMS with emergencies on the golf course.

Building permits for primarily residential continue to pass through my office. Additionally, the permit and plans for the new Pelican Pub restaurant and brewery have been reviewed and found in compliance.

**Non-Agenda Items:** Four of the Directors will be present at the Budget Meeting.

**Concerns of the Board:** Secretary/Treasurer Joe Martin stated that the City gave raises to their staff and would like to see District staff receive a COLA raise too. Chair Reeves indicated that she felt staff deserved a raise based on the national COLA increase of 2.8%. The general consensus from the majority of the Board felt that a 3% raise would be appropriate for staff.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rueben Descloux  
Fire Marshal

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Board Chair Debra Reeves