

# TILLAMOOK FIRE DISTRICT

## 8/13/2013

The regular monthly meeting for Tillamook Fire District was held on Tuesday, August 13<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 July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 was made by Eric Simmons and seconded by Joe Martin. Ayes were received from all members present and the motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion to pay the July 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:** Electronic copies of all correspondence were forwarded to members of the board.

According to the financial statement for July 2013, the balance in the State Pool is \$253,099.50 and with an adjustment in checking of \$2,847.65 the final balance is \$250,251.85. The balance in the Reserve Fund is \$70,115.85

There was a clerical error with the July financial statement where the reserve fund balance was not carried down to the appropriate balance line. Chief Adams stated that we will get a revised copy with the correction made for the next board meeting.

The June financial statement was made available for the board to review and sign.

**Fire Chief Report:** Chief Adams reported that the new Rescue 49 apparatus has been operating accordingly since its new engine was installed a couple months ago. The old Rescue is still in the parking lot and Chief Adams recommends that we either sell it with a sign, open it up for bid or get ahold of Jeff Weber and look at a consignment sale.

Dave from Wilson-Heirgood found the missing noise level data and forwarded it to Alan for our records.

There are new tires all the way around on Engine 11 and Truck 31 will need new tires soon. The Toyo tires seem to handle driving down the road better than the Hankook tires that we put on Engine 12.

The suburban had the left rear tire assembly start smoking and eventually seize up while responding to a call. Burden's repaired the wheel assembly and then Chuck replaced the brakes and drum once he got back from vacation.

One of the resident volunteers backed into staff vehicle 7192's front end. There was approximately \$1,600 in damages repaired by E&E Autobody. The vehicle also had new tires put on all the way around after suffering a flat tire while on the Bay Ocean fire.

The building siding is speeding up now that we are putting on the Hardi board siding. The new windows are installed and trim boards are being put back on.

Staff attended a two hour OSFM Oregon Fire Bridge training session here at the station. The new software was being looked at to replace our existing FH Software. Chief wasn't sure that it could fit or meet all of our current reporting / documenting needs. The program is web based which would also allow us to access it from anywhere we might have internet access.

There are new federal requirements for agencies participating with HRA-Veba accounts. A second account is required for any employee who might not want to utilize the group medical insurance plan. As all four staff have the same plan, this won't pose an issue with us.

One of our volunteer's wives asked if she could have affiliation with Tillamook Fire District so that she could keep her EMT-Basic certification. This would also enable her to do ride alongs with the ambulance to keep her skills up. Some of the drawback with allowing non-participating affiliation is that the District would still have to pay work-compensation and be liable for any injuries causes or incurred by the individual. The Board agreed with the Chief that we not allow the individual affiliation.

**Fire Marshal Report:** Fire Marshal Descloux reported that there were thirty two inspections performed for the month of August including fourteen regular inspections, two fire protection inspections, one fire alarm inspection, six sprinkler inspections and nine consult type inspections.

Regular inspections were performed mainly in the core area of town but also included the Fairgrounds (prior to Fair) and in Dickie's Second Hand store which is only open seasonally.

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.

There were approximately 55 emergencies responded to for the month of July, down just slightly from the previous month.

47% of our emergencies were Rescue and Emergency type incidents including medical assists and MVAs. 34% of calls were medical assistance type calls, the majority of which were handled by staff during normal business hours and approximately 11% of our call volume was for MVAs.

The second highest percentage of calls for the month was good intent calls making up approximately 27% of our call volume. Approximately 9% of these calls were controlled burning type calls not coded into the outdoor fire category.

There were seven fire type calls for the month making up nearly 13% of our call volume.

A building fire was caused by a water heater malfunction. The fire spread through a cabinet into a wall space. Fire loss amount is estimated to be around \$3,000.

A lawnmower caught on fire while a female driver was mowing a field of tall dead grass. She drove the mower to a neighbor's well kept lawn before jumping off. It appeared that grass clippings caught fire and burned up the plastics in the engine compartment. Estimated loss for the lawn mower was around \$500.

The additional five fires consisted of grass, barkdust and waste, not causing any financial losses.

There was one fire safety presentation performed at the YMCA Fun Club for approximately 12 children participating in the summer program.

Permits are slow, granted I had to pull one to side my house.

**Non-Agenda Items:** none

**Concerns of the Board:** It has been one year since resident FF Vance Wetzel was placed on driving probation due to his vehicle accident. The Board would like a copy of his current driving record to review at the next meeting so as to decide whether or not to lift his driving restriction.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rueben Descloux  
Fire Marshal

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Board Chair Debra Reeves