

## **MASON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 4**

Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2018

Chairman Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. Present: Commissioners Bennett, Hirschi and Plews were present. Lisa Brengan was present as minute-taker.

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Plews **MOTIONED:** to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2018 regular meeting  
**SECOND:** Commissioner Hirschi. Unanimous vote. **Motion passes.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Lisa was able to successfully get the commissioners all moved to the hotel of choice for the WFCA conference in October. Commissioner Plews reported that he checked with the County regarding permitting for the new reader board, permits & application should cost \$300.

### **CHIEF'S REPORTS:**

#### **AC Jenkins:**

- Most members have their ID cards now.
- BC Seals is due back in District 4 area late this evening from Grass Valley Fire. He had a successful Mobe as STL and has everything checked off in his task book now. Awaiting final approval.
- Marcus Burns and Jeremiah Miller are back from the local Mobe as of yesterday. Eventful mobe.
- Total incidents through August 15, 2018: 878
- Total incidents through August 15, 2017: 790
- Total transports through August 15, 2018: 98
- Total transports through August 15, 2017: 41
- Everyone has been great stepping up and filling in empty shifts due to Mobe requests.
- Working on a program with personnel at Squaxin Museum to help with cultural awareness on calls to the tribe. For new personnel especially but also current.
- Chief and I met with CEO of LCC for possible use of a banquet or meeting room available Nov 17 for guest speaker Mark VonAppen.

#### **Chief Burbridge:**

- Task Force update: Met for the second meeting. Reviewed additional fires in the county. The task force has a couple of cars and subjects of interest. There should be media release soon, seeking the public's help. Dare I say the frequency of fires has dropped.
- BC Seals (as of 8/9/18) is in Spokane as a STL-Trainee. This should complete his task book. The local pre-positioned strike team completed their mission Monday evening.
- The brush units are performing well, the new Ford 450 has received good reviews from the crews. With this busy season, there have been several hires of brush units and tenders.
- Good meeting with Mark West regarding Mark VonAppen (National speaker) we look forward to partnering with Little Creek with this venue. Linda can expand.
- Annette McGee passed away Tuesday (8/7/18.) The family has asked District #4's attendance. The funeral is going to be at St. Edwards on West C Street 8/17/18, Friday at Noon for the viewing and 1300 for the service. A short procession to Memorial Park. Padre has been with the family. Linda will be the lead for the district. I am sad to miss her service, she was a jewel.
- A three-day SCBA maintenance class has been completed. John Sliva, David Dodge, and Angus Carpenter are now certified to perform repairs and testing on the new Draeger. Socially, it was a rare time to have four districts together. 4/12/13/16 chiefs and staff enjoyed each other's company.
- Consideration from the board to change the Storybrook agreement to a simple automatic mutual aid response. The agreement is approximately \$2200 per year. After polling the chiefs, other than a Gallagher Rd. issue, that was recently terminated between FD #13 and #16, I am unable to find an agreement between districts paying for automatic response of general fire and BLS service. There are agreements for ALS service to another fire district.

- Another issue: The chair brought up the West County where S/R 108 leaves Mason Co. and Boundary Rd. accesses additional Mason County residents. The 911 MSAG (Master address) shows the parcels on the map (shown in previous email) assigned to McCleary for fire response, FD #13 and MCMO for aid response. I confirmed, through the county website/GIS, these residents pay FD #13 fire and EMS tax. This needs additional research with the legal description, and possibly another response agreement. A side note, 10-mile response from Sta-44, and an 18-mile response from Sta-13-1 to serve that area.
- Impact Fees and Opioid issues are still on the table, pending future meetings.
- The reserve ambulance has been returned. FD #16 is interested in purchasing to continue their BLS transport program.
- There was a county-wide meeting to address appropriate medic unit versus BLS ambulance use and response. The bulk of the meeting was met with resistance from one ALS agency (5.) Dr. Hoffman continues to encourage fire districts to join forces and stand-up a more robust BLS program. This subject was initiated at a recent EMS Council meeting. I do not foresee the existing system changing. My understanding of the committee was to create a feasibility study for a county-wide medic one system. My short answer is a petition to the people, for a vote, for a third-party gov't system. More meetings will continue with fire districts that have a vision, basically the left side of the county.
- Work weeks are hanging around 70 hours. I'm looking forward to cooler weather!!

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**IAFF update:** If all goes as planned, commissioners will ratify the contract as a board at the regular meeting on September 5. Hirschi may need to phone-in to that meeting, he will let us know as we get closer to the date.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Anette McGee's funeral will be held on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>; Paul Christian's wedding is August 18<sup>th</sup>, members & staff are encouraged to attend both events.

County Fire Commissioners meet next on the first Thursday in October (October 4<sup>th</sup>).

Today is Jeff Hanes last day with Mason 4; the commissioners wished him well.

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.  
Minutes prepared by: Lisa Brengan