

## **Umatilla Fire District Meeting**

The November 4, 2020 meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kyle Sipe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

### **Present:**

Jon Lorence, Fred Sheely, Kyle Sipe, Darla Huxel and Mark Keith via phone

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve made by Jon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred

Discussion-

Minutes were approved unanimously.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Correspondence:** Bill list, no bank statement due to date of meeting with have at the December Meeting

**Information Items:** Audit information status

### **Chief's Report:**

There was a total of 55 calls in October

37 – EMS

4 - MVC's

9 – FIRE

5 – Mutual Aid

-8 call for October 2019

+5 YTD over 2019

**Chief Response:** 14

### **Maintenance-**

No Significant Maintenance

### **Training-**

Flammable Liquid and Gas (FLAG) training which included a prop and instruction from DPSST

Car Fire Prop, also provided by DPSST

Ladder refresher training

Building Construction instructed by an outside instructor

EMS-Secondary assessment/shock treatment

### **Recruitment/Retention-**

We have received 2 applications over the month; however, one was from the UCFD area, so we explained the difference and they were going to talk with them. We explained they were still welcome to apply if they would like but as a courtesy talk to them first. The second was from Plymouth WA. They are looking for more call volume and interested in EMS however they have not taken their national EMT test and therefore do not have their Oregon certification. We advised them once they attain those, we would be happy to discuss options.

### **General-**

I am looking at a program for the volunteer/POC staff that would possibly allow for people that live outside of our district to be volunteer /POC. It is a point system in which the individual must maintain a certain number of points to maintain good standing. They attain points through call response, drills, and/or staying in the station overnight. One of our paid staff presented the overview of this. I find it intriguing, so I am looking into it further. Once I have a full understanding and we determine if it is plausible for us, I will present this to you for consideration.

The Umatilla Volunteer Firefighters Association participated in the Trunk or Treat, it was a great turnout.

We will be starting a contest for our followers on social media and webpage. There will be questions related to fire extinguishers posted each week. Those that are correct will be put into the "hat". Each week is an opportunity for another entry. At the end of the contest, I believe the week before Christmas, we will draw three winners who will get a home fire extinguisher. This is to highlight fire safety in the home/kitchen and engage our followers.

I was contacted by a media group out of the Portland area that is looking to do a documentary on the Labor Day fires throughout the state and they heard about our fire. They stated they have quite a bit of footage from those that posted, they asked if I would be willing to be interviewed if they move forward with the project. I advised I would check with the Board and get an official OK for this. I advised them that there were many facets, organizations, and people that were instrumental in the event. They asked for that information which I provided so some of those individuals may be contacted. If you see a problem, please let me know. They indicated the interview portions would not take place until the spring if they move forward with the project.

### **Goals:**

ISO- I have sent some questions to the representative that I have regarding the evaluation. I am awaiting some feedback.

Policies/Procedures update- Two more SOG's have been reviewed and ready for editing/input into Lexipol.

**Upcoming Activities-**

We are planning for our annual dinner to determine date, place, etc. I am anticipating around December 19<sup>th</sup> timeframe.

**Volunteer Report:**

None Present

**Old Business:**

1.

**New Business:**

**Items not on Agenda Open to Public, Board and Staff Participation:**

Update on Complaint Procedure Form

Would like a presentation of the website for review or additions.

Do we have a Leave Request Form? Jeannie will format one for future review.

Fred asked if the Chief has been authorized to give an interview regarding the Labor Day Fire, no one had any objections to this.

Christmas Banquet meeting status update at next meeting

**AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM

**Kyle Sipe, Chairman**

**Jeannie Bowman, Clerk**