

Umatilla Fire District Meeting

The October 7, 2020 meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kyle Sipe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

Present:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve made by Darla, 2nd by Jon

Discussion-

Minutes were approved unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Correspondence:

Information Items:

Chief's Report:

There was a total of 46 calls in September

26 – EMS

5 - MVC's

13 – FIRE

2 – Mutual Aid

-11 call for September 2019

+13 YTD over 2019

Chief Response: 12

Maintenance-

New electrical panel was installed, there were a few glitches but nothing to major. Overall a smooth installation.

Had a couple of maintenance items on Engine 12, after evaluation it was determined the previous accident would not have caused the issues and the insurance form has been signed off.

Training-

Engineer/Apparatus Operator

After Action Review of Labor Day Fire and EMS training

Flammable Liquid and Gas (FLAG) training

Recruitment/Retention-

We have 6 volunteers; all these individuals are active at some level. The resignations and one leave of absence we have received that I have reported over the last couple of months are from individuals that were not active in response or drill. We are continuing to explore recruitment opportunities through various avenues. The general belief in the fire service is that the pandemic is having an impact on the already shifting culture where volunteerism is concerned.

General-

We will be starting some painting projects around the stations.

Planning to do some refurbishing of Brush 13 through the winter. We will be removed everything off the flatbed, send the flatbed to get sandblasted and powder coated. Northwest Metal Fabrication is donating all or part of the work. We will upgrade the toolboxes, I am researching upgrading the pump/motor package, upgrade the plumbing and then remount everything. We will get a little body work done on the chassis as well as complete a thorough mechanical inspection to ensure everything is in excellent condition. I anticipate we can get another 5-8 years from this apparatus barring a major mechanical issue. The chassis is a 2003.

Goals:

ISO- No change since last meeting.

Policies and Procedures Update – Four SOG's entered Lexipol and 12 Company Performance Standard were developed to be used as training tools for various evolutions which generally resemble our neighboring districts and will be attached to the corresponding guidelines.

Upcoming Activities-

We are working with the schools for our usual fire prevention activities modified due to COVID.

Participating in the "Trunk or Treat" for the downtown area in lieu of the 6th Street Trick or Treat that usually takes place.

Several of us are taking time off for hunting. There will likely be less "call back" during those times as they will be out of town, etc.

Volunteer Report:

None Present

Old Business:

1. Complaint Procedure- Motion to accept with changes made during the workshop by Jon, 2nd by Mark, passed unanimously.
- 2.

New Business:

1. Life Flight- annual enrollment is due in November.

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

Steve gave out documents regarding the Labor Day fire for board review (these will be attached to the minutes)

Mark thanked the Department for their efforts during the fire.

Steve asked if the board had any topics, they would like presented to them by our paid staff, they will be assigned items to give presentations as part of their training.

Mark asked if a Citizen Academy for wildland fire had been considered (Steve mentioned he received a lot of inquiries for help during the labor day fire) Steve said he had not before but would look into it for these types of situations.

It was asked if a wildland bump vs a bachelor's degree bump on the incentive schedule might be more beneficial or in addition to. This will be reviewed.

Darla asked if Steve has looked into grants for a generator system, at this time he has not.

Jeannie and Steve have been working on and have submitted expenses to SDAO for a COVID-19 grant that is available.

Jon asked if the County has Code Enforcement, they do but have not been sending officers out due to COVID, however the city can assist if needed.

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Meeting adjourned

Kyle Sipe, Chairman

Jeannie Bowman, Clerk