



Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting Minutes 911 N 65th Avenue, Ridgefield

February 10, 2022

Present:

Commissioners Stan Chunn, Bob Johnson, Ken Ayers, Larry Bartel, David Town. Chief John Nohr. DVC Mike Jackson and Ben Peeler. Recording Secretary Kathy Streissguth.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Chunn at 4:00 p.m.

Flag Salute.

CALL FOR LATE AGENDA ADDITIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Bartel to approve the consent agenda as amended. Second Commissioner Town. No discussion. Call for the vote. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Clark County notice of public hearing on the 179th Street access and management circulation plan on February 17. Chief Nohr plans to attend. Invitation to a Cowlitz Tribe Foundation benefactor appreciation event on February 21; DVC Peeler will attend. Thank you card and challenge coin from FD6 Chief Maurer for assisting with Firefighter Killian's memorial event. DVC Milano at Vancouver Fire also thanked CCFR for assistance with VPD Officer Sahota's memorial service.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

Clark County Fire Risk Management Group

No meeting. No report.

Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board

No meeting. No report. Next meeting on March 9.

Finance Committee

No meeting. No report.

Local BVFF

No meeting. No report.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Bartel advised that former volunteer Henry Von dem Fange is on hospice.

STAFF REPORTS

2021 Year End Review

Chief Nohr advised the District responded to just under 5,000 incidents in 2021 – a 17.6% increase. Noted an increase of 10-12% in multi-unit responses. Recapped significant calls. Discussed turnover – retirements, resignations and 10 new hires. Summarized the replacement apparatus and vehicles acquired. Public assistance related to Covid vaccinations and the CARES team. Significant progress made towards financial stability.

DVC Peeler reviewed the 2021 operational statistics. Commissioner Bartel asked about the 3 to 1 ratio for mutual aid incidents. DVC Peeler advised it's related to station location. Primarily the loss of the downtown Battle Ground station. Closest unit dispatch is pulling Clark 3 to a number of calls in the area surrounding the city. There are several care homes with high call volume that are often being incorrectly triaged by dispatch as high priority. The CARES team is working with these locations to mitigate the number of calls.

A 2021 Community Risk Reduction report will be provided at a later date due to IT and data access issues.

Operations/Training/Logistics – Peeler

DVC Peeler presented the January 2022 operations report. Personnel movements – BC Leavitt to Training; BC Berg to the line. Firefighter Gratzner promoted to Captain. As the list is exhausted, a Captain promotional test will occur in March. Working to digitize all training records. Will be meeting with FD6 AC Russell to start work on the Station 151 operational plan. BC Rommel has been working with AC Newberry on the facility plan. The officer development plan is moving forward. Commissioner Chunn asked if the space we need at Station 151 will be identified by March 1 so the FFFB may draft a letter. DVC Peeler advised the existing space meets minimum requirements if CCSO needs additional time to vacate the desired spaces.

Community Risk Reduction/CARES – Jackson

DVC Jackson covered the CRR and CARES activities for January with updates on current program activities. Maddie Green will join the CRR team on March 1. She will coordinate the falls program; this position is 75% funded by AAADSW. Summarized new projects proposed and under development. DFM Taylor will be attending the National Fire Academy next week for a fire investigation training course. Commissioner Bartel advised that the Von dem Fange's were appreciative of the assistance provided by the crews and the CARES team. Board advised that Chief Nohr is acting PIO. Discussion on the need to be more proactive in getting information out to the public. DVC Jackson reported there should be an article coming out in the Reflector next week about the CARES team.

District Secretary/Chief

Chief Nohr covered the January Chief's and HR/Finance reports. Summarized calls of note. Continuing to coordinate with the County Chiefs to encourage the County Council to allow fire impact fees in unincorporated areas of Clark County. Recognized Volunteer Steve Streissguth's retirement and

Commissioners Ayers and Johnson's reelection. Shared the District's participation in the FD6 Killian and VPD Sahota memorial services. Shared a preliminary drawing of the badging to be placed on the new Rosenbauer fire engine. Noted the Ridgefield City Manager still has issues with an exit from the Hillhurst Road property. He doesn't want extra stop lights on Hillhurst. Discussed a signal controller for the existing light. Reported that AMR was at level zero quite a bit in January. The reasons were legitimate, but still a service issue. DVC Peeler is monitoring for impacts as slow ambulance response leads to longer on-scene times. Will be replacing several old iPads, including those issued to Board members. Annual harassment training will be scheduled to follow a subsequent Board meeting.

Discussed the draft MOU with FD6 for the tender response agreement to meet the WSRB water tender credit requirements. Motion by Commissioner Bartel to authorized Chief Nohr to sign the agreement. Second Commissioner Ayers. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Nohr advised DVC Jackson has done work to progress on getting fire impact fees in Ridgefield and La Center.

EMS LEVY

Discussion on staffing statistics. Reviewed the October 2021 AMR compliance report. Discussed issues related to AMR's frequency at level zero (no available ambulances). Chief Nohr advised the EMS levy money may only be used to pay for EMS related expenses such as equipment, medical supplies, paramedic salaries, benefits, uniforms and training; though it will free up money in the general fund for other needs. Streissguth worked with Jim Nelson at DA Davidson for preliminary information on bond costs for a station build. A \$7 million bond would cost approximately \$450,000 per year on a 20-year bond. Commissioner Bartel suggested we break down what additional service we will be providing at \$0.50 verses \$0.45 for the EMS levy. DVC Peeler suggested looking at additional staffing during peak call hours. Commissioner Bartel advised there is a high likelihood the proposed changes in LEOFF 2 retirement benefits will pass. They are anticipating 1,000 retirements state-wide once the changes are implemented, which will increase competition for new hires. Board requested a EMS levy presentation for the next meeting so they may make a decision on the rate. Chief Nohr advised he will not be attending the next meeting, but will have information available for DVC Peeler to present. Discussion on staffing. Additional personnel could reduce the number of units necessary to respond on certain calls.

Discussion on the need for public outreach to educate taxpayers on the EMS levy. The Board asked to see a communication plan in March.

LATE EDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

No further discussion. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.




Attest, John Nohr
Fire Chief/District Secretary




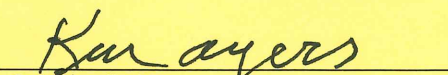
**CLARK-COWLITZ FIRE RESCUE
CONSENT AGENDA
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1. Minutes
 - January 27
2. Pre-paid Invoices
 - \$ 306,373.14 (January Payroll Benefits)
 - i. Check Nos. 22075 – 22087 dated January 31
3. Current Invoices
 - \$ 1,775.42 (FFFB Fund 6254)
 - i. \$ 101.04 Check No. 100278 dated February 10
 - ii. \$ 1,674.38 EFT 197 dated February 14
 - \$ 68,948.68 (CCFR General Fund 6228)
 - i. \$ 30,266.02 Check Nos. 100279 – 100318 dated February 10
 - ii. \$ 172.23 EFT 195 dated February 8
 - iii. \$ 31,928.79 EFT 240 dated February 14
 - iv. \$ 6,581.64 ACH 238 – 239 dated February 11
4. Voided/Destroyed Claims Warrants
 - None
5. January Use Tax
 - \$ 1,176.68 (CCFR) due February 25
6. Payroll
 - January 1 – 31 paid January 31
 - i. \$ 657,219.48 Gross
 - ii. \$ 439,288.27 ACH net
 - iii. \$ 1,511.38 Payroll Warrant net
 - Check Nos 22066 – 22074
 - iv. \$ 0.00 Payroll VOIDED
 - v. \$ 83,785.55 941 Tax Deposit paid January 31


Commissioner Stanley Chunn – Chair


Commissioner James R. Johnson – Vice Chair


Commissioner Larry Barker


Commissioner Ken Ayers


Commissioner David Town