

Spokane County Fire Protection District 8
Minutes of Regular Commissioners Meeting
January 13, 2009
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chair Hesse at 6:00 p.m. Present were: Commissioner Gregory Hesse, Commissioner Jonathan Ferraiuolo, Chief William Walkup, Deputy Chief Tony Nielsen, Deputy Chief Lonnie Rash, Administrative Assistant Carol Trescott, members of the District, and members of the public. Commissioner Boling's absence was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chief Walkup submitted the following additions to the Agenda:

- Executive Report, F. Safer Grant
- Executive Report, G. Joint Legislative Workshop
- Executive Report, H. Captain Lightfoot Retirement
- Executive Report, I. District 11 Mutual Aid Agreement
- An Executive Session for discussion of matters of personnel performance as it relates to award selection for the annual commissioners award

Motion: Ferraiuolo/Hesse to approve the meeting Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Ferraiuolo/Hesse to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Oath of Office – Chief Walkup introduced Lt. Steven Bailey and Lt. Jacob Hebden. Both Bailey and Hebden participated in a substantial testing process and were promoted to the rank of lieutenant on January 1, 2009. Derrick Kern participated in the same promotional process and will assume the duties of lieutenant when he returns from military active duty service.

Chief Walkup administered the oath of office to Lt. Bailey and Lt. Hebden; Deputy Chief Nielsen presented the two lieutenants with their badges and lieutenant helmets.

A short recess followed to allow for pictures and refreshments.

B. Emergency Declaration, Station 81 – Chief Walkup previously contacted each of the commissioners on December 22, 2008 to inform them of water damage which resulted from pipes that froze and burst in the ceiling at Station 81. Under an emergency declaration, immediate repairs were necessary in order to keep the facility operating. Each of the three commissioners authorized the Fire

Chief to commence the immediate repairs to the facility. The Chief asked the Board to take formal action on their previous declaration.

Chief Walkup reported the repairs were complete but said it appears the building may have not been insulated properly at construction. The District is currently undergoing a process to ensure the same exercise is not repeated.

Motion: Hesse/Ferraiuolo to authorization Chief Walkup to make emergency repairs at Station 81 as necessitated by water damage at the facility. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

A. Station 82 Update – Chief Walkup reported work is once again moving forward at Station 82. Because the project contractor, Belfor Construction, is in the restoration business, work was stopped for a period of time as they attempted to shore up other buildings in the area that had collapsed under heavy snow load. Chief Metzger met recently with Belfor’s project manager to share the District’s concern that the work at the station needed to be completed.

Chief Walkup said the gutters should be finished within the week which would allow the siding contractor to install the metal siding. The exterior should look substantially complete in the near future. The Chief reported Station 82 also suffered water damage as a result of December’s cold weather. Portions of the front reception and conference areas were again removed, dried out, and re-sheet rocked.

B. PDC Reminder – Chief Walkup reminded the commissioners their Public Disclosure Commission filings are to be submitted by April 15, 2009.

C. Potential Budget Amendment for 2009 – Chief Walkup informed the Board there is a potential he may request a budget amendment at some point in the year. Last September and October, at the time the 2009 budget was developed, it was thought construction at Station 82 would be complete. The Chief said the construction expenses were allocated for in 2008, and if needed, can be expended out of cash-carried-forward monies.

D. Commissioners Award Reminder – Chief Walkup asked the board to make their selection for recipient of the Commissioners Award for the District’s annual awards banquet in February.

E. February Meeting Date – Commissioner Hesse requested the February regular Board of Fire Commissioners meeting be moved to February 17th. Chief Walkup has left a message for Commissioner Boling and will confirm the date after he receives Mr. Boling’s response.

F. Safer Grant – The District has received notice that it was not selected to receive a Safer Grant but will apply again in the future.

Commissioner Ferraiuolo asked if the District may be eligible to receive grant funds if one of the agencies chosen is not able to meet the acceptance requirements.

Chief Walkup made note of the question and staff will follow up on the disposition of unclaimed grant funds in order to determine what happens to those monies if agencies or entities decide not to hire the number of people they applied for with their application.

Chief Walkup said the District contacted Cathy McMorris-Rogers' office to request that she write a letter on behalf of the District and was told by her staff that she would.

Commissioner Hesse asked that District staff contact Representative McMorris-Rogers' office to request a copy of her letter.

G. Joint Legislative Workshop – Chief Walkup reminded the commissioners that the Joint Legislative Workshop of Fire Commissioners and Fire Chiefs is scheduled for March 9th. He asked that they contact him to secure travel arrangements if they are interested in attending the workshop and meeting with the District's representative and senators.

H. Captain Lightfoot's Retirement – Chief Walkup informed the Board Captain Mike Lightfoot retired from the agency December 31, 2008. Captain Lightfoot served District 8 for 25 years and contributed much to the agency as a steady responder and leader in the Station 84 and 85 areas.

I. District 11 Mutual Aid Agreement – Chief Walkup informed the Board the District is modifying its Mutual Aid Agreement with Fire District 11. At the request of their citizens, District 11 asked SCFD8 to add a few additional zones, primarily structure fire responses, so that they are able to receive more favorable insurance ratings. In return, District 11 will respond to a few additional zones within SCFD8's boundary area for tender and wildland responses.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) To the BoFC from Nicholson & Associates Insurance holiday greeting & thank you.
- 2) Various correspondence as noted in the BoFC packets
- 3) E-mail from Lt. Wainwright detailing the rescue of a 12-year old boy from a chimney.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners and Chief Walkup broke for Executive Session at 6:33 pm to discuss matters of personnel performance relating to awards recognition.

No decisions were made in Executive Session and Commissioner Hesse called the regular meeting back into session at 6:39.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Hesse adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Gregory A. Hesse, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

William A. Walkup
District Secretary