

Spokane County Fire Protection District 8

MINUTES

Regular Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting

Station 82

September 13, 2011

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order by Chair Hesse at 6:02 p.m. In Attendance: Commissioner Lee Boling, Commissioner Greg Hesse, Commissioner Dennis Ross, Chief William Walkup, Deputy Chief Tony Nielsen, Deputy Chief Lonnie Rash, Carol Trescott, Administrative Assistant, and members of the District.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

- **Add: Executive Report:** 9/11 Events
- **Add: New Business:** Run Review

Motion made by Commissioner Boling, and seconded by Commissioner Ross:

The meeting Agenda is approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Ross and seconded by Commissioner Boling:

The Consent Agenda is approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Run Review – Commissioner Ross requested that the Board receive a run review charting the District's incident responses by type and number. A report will be included in the commissioner's monthly meeting packets.

Chief Walkup asked the Board if they would also like to receive a summary of responses the District gathers from its Customer Satisfaction Survey cards in lieu of reviewing each individual card. The commissioners indicated they would. A survey report will also be included in their monthly meeting packets.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Chief Walkup

A. Cost Saving Measures – Chief Walkup shared a number of cost savings made by staff in an on-going effort to reduce expenses. An evaluation of the District's internet/telephone services warranted the selection of a new vendor for a cost savings of \$3,200 a year; staff also conducted an evaluation of disposable supplies and was able to reduce those expenses by approximately \$3,100 a year; \$1,317.25 was saved on the acquisition of four headsets; the District's annual insurance premium – originally quoted at an increase of \$4,932 over 2011 – will now be a \$212 decrease under 2011 rates with a three-year rate guarantee.

The District has the potential to save an additional 25% on its insurance premiums if the Board chooses to join the Southwest Risk Management Group. Membership would require attendance at group meetings and that the District provide or participate in additional member training. The group is not an insurance pool but its members receive savings from buying in volume. The group's members are insured by the same provider currently used by the District and will continue to be unless or until the membership chooses a different insurer. SWRMG members are permitted to leave the group provided they give notice as required in their bylaw. They do not accept agencies that have numerous insurance claims or that carry a lot of risk. Karen Miltenberger is the risk manager assigned to the group. The SWRMG is holding a meeting in western Washington on September 22nd.

Motion made by Commissioner Ross and seconded by Commissioner Boling:

Send Commissioner Hesse to evaluate participation in the Southwest Risk Management Group.
The motion carried unanimously.

Staff will draft an overview of District information for Commissioner Hesse to present at the meeting.

The Board previously declared specific items to be surplus and no longer of need to the District. After advertising for bids, the following items were sold: miscellaneous extrication equipment, estimated value of \$5,000 / sold for \$8,100; one 2004 Ford Explorer, estimated value of \$3,500 / sold for \$5,179; and one 1995 Ford Explorer estimated value of \$1,000 / sold for \$1,600.

The commissioners asked to continue to see a listing of cost saving measures and requested that the Chief forward those to the Board by email for their review.

B. M & O Levy and Information Sheet – As previously requested, Chief Walkup provided an M & O information sheet for the Board. He stated the proposed ballot language was changed by the county prosecutor and no longer included the table format. A copy of the approved ballot language was included in the commissioner's packet.

C. AmeriCorps Project with SVFD – AmeriCorps representative, Phil Hayes, completed his one year joint commitment with Valley Fire and District 8. Mr. Hayes conducted risk and hazard assessments on behalf of both agencies. SCFD8 received very positive feedback from District citizens as a result of his work.

D. MDA Fill the Boot 09/17/11 – District members will be at 57th & Regal on September 17th in effort to raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Amanda Jordan is coordinating the event.

E. 9/11 Events – District members participated in memorial events at Station 81 and Station 85 on September 11th to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. Also on September 11th, 12 members of the District participated in a stair climb at the Bank of America building. Each participant completed 110 flights of stairs and carried the picture and biography of a firefighter who was killed in the World Trade Center. Chief Walkup and the Board expressed their thanks to the members of the District who helped to remember and recognize those who lost their lives on 09/11.

CORRESPONDENCE

Attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned for Executive Session at 6:25pm to discuss matters of contract with Local 3711. Chief Rash was asked to attend.

The meeting was called back to order at 6:55 pm. No decisions were made in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Gregory A. Hesse, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

William A. Walkup, District Secretary