



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

FIRE DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

LOCATION: CAL FIRE Headquarters

Highway 9 in Felton, CA 95018

DATE: May 20th, 2009

TIME: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Minutes for May 20, 2009

- 1.0 Introductions/Call to Order
 - Meeting was called to order at 4:14pm. No introductions necessary.
 - Presentation of new website. Discussion of changes/modifications to website.
- 2.0 Approval of minutes
 - ***Motion*** to approve minutes by Kathleen Lineberry, motion seconded by Mike Coryell, all in favor.
- 3.0 Oral Communications (items not on agenda)
 - Phone message received by Denise Muir from prospective new FDAC member who lives within the city of Watsonville. To be discussed first with Nancy Gordon.
- 4.0 Correspondence
 - None
- 5.0 Business
 - 5.1 Old Business
 - 5.1.1 Five Year Master Plan Update
 - No progress at this point
 - 5.2 New Business
 - 5.2.1 Grant
 - County Fire needs 50 sets of PPE. PPE with no CAL FIRE patch (older sets) will be given to County Fire. Sets include boots, helmets, and turnouts.
 - Grant to be used for purchase of 50 pagers (with recording feature) and 50 handie talkies.
- 6.0 Information Reports
 - 6.1 Fire Chief's Association – Chief Woodill & Chief Lineberry
 - There will be a lot changes in faces in the Santa Cruz Unit. There will be a lot of promotions, retirements, transfers and some new Battalion Chiefs.
 - Looking into hiring a new Administrative Division Chief
 - CAL FIRE Station at McDermott will now be called Fall Creek Station (Identity of McDermott Volunteer Station will stay the same but there will be a separate address for Fall Creek Station).
 - Hired less seasonal firefighters for this year in order to save money
 - Need to continue doing Shift Tickets for reimbursement
 - FDAC subcommittee should continue to plan on election but should avoid implementing in this economy for the moment. Not a good time to be increasing taxes.

- Hired 20 additional seasonal firefighters on state side to go out in groups of two to do approximately 2,600 Defensible Space / LE 100 inspections.

6.2 Volunteer Company Officers – Mike Coryell

- New engine at Corralitos, people were given a tour and a chance to drive it.
- Loma Prieta still has been seeing very high call volumes which could be from auto aide on Hwy 17; have been spending a lot of time out on Hwy 17 lately. Hoping to get statistical information from Scotts Valley and Santa Clara showing the numbers of responses in each others' jurisdictions and evaluate the level of reciprocity.
- Approach for removal of inactive volunteers to be discussed at Company Officers' Meeting, no update at this point. Should look at limiting number of volunteers which County Fire can support, based on PPE available and how many physicals that County Fire can afford to pay for.
- Discussion of volunteers working with VIP (Volunteers in Prevention) Program. Volunteers would be covered by workers' comp and could perform LE 100 inspections (must be 18yrs or older with valid drivers' license). Some VIPs work at the fair and do photos of fires. There is a background check and training is required. There is no active VIP Program at this time but the possibility of establishing a new program could be discussed with Chief Ferreira.

6.3 Incident Statistics

- No report; statistics will be emailed out.

7.0 Roundtable

- Alex Leman – CSFA local attention committee, speakers could come and advise the FDAC on doing CSA 48 fee increase/prop 218. Next November in 2010 would be a good time because there would be a higher turnout due to the general election. Have postponed board letter until September. General election would be better than 218 and could do poll in advance. Did some representation at a local event. Should get fliers out to get image out there for public so they can recall it at voting time.
- Kathleen Lineberry – starting remodel process for sheriff substation. Sheriff will be doing landscaping here and will be working with our law enforcement personnel here. They do a lot of community outreach and discussed joining up with them in that.
- John Willett – getting help from students with preliminary work, research, fliers and getting things ready for a tax increase, will have to be done in the fall since they're on a semester system.
- Arnie Wernick – Picked person to do station remodel. Discussion of focusing on new engine for Las Cumbres; community knows that they have put 200 thousand dollars into station remodel and they're waiting for an engine that can go into all the areas of Las Cumbres. E-4151 needs foam. Will it be available in at the beginning of fire season? Will be transitioning engines and training people in the meantime.

8.0 Adjournment and set next regular meeting

- ***Motion*** to adjourn made by Mike Coryell, second by Steve Woodill, all were in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:28pm.
- ***Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 15th at 4pm. .***

Members and Attendees Present for the Above Meeting:

John Willett	District 2 Representative
Denise Muir	County Fire Staff Analyst

Kathleen Lineberry	Division Chief CAL FIRE / County Fire
Mike Coryell	Volunteer Firefighter Representative
Steve Woodill	Division Chief CAL FIRE / County Fire
Alex Leman	District 1 Representative
Paul Horvat	Director of Office of Emergency Services for Santa Cruz County
Donita Springmeyer	District 3 Representative
Arnie Wernick	District 5 Representative
Beth Snyder	Note-taker

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