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Fire Chief

Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT Thursday, July 8, 2021 Held Remotely Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice President Saylor. Board members present: Clark, Gould, Jones, Saylor, Sheetz, White and Wood. Board members absent: Kelly, and Orzalli. Staff present: Chief Harms, General Counsel Lavra, and Interim Clerk Dehoney.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CONSENT ITEMS

Action: Moved by Wood, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt the Consent Calendar as follows:

- 1. Action Summary Minutes**
Recommendation: Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of June 24, 2021.
Action: Approved Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget Amendment**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution amending the District's FY2020/21 General Fund budget to reflect additional wages and benefits expenditures.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2021-075.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Nomination of Special Districts Representative for the Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee (Chief Harms)**
Recommendation: Consider nominating one candidate for Special Districts Representative for the Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee.
Action: Moved by Wood, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by members present to nominate Controller Ronald Empedrad for Special District Representative for the Sacramento County Treasury Oversight Committee.

REPORTS

- 1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – (President Kelly)**
No Report.

- 2. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT – (Chief Harms)**

Recruitment

Single Role Paramedic - EMT, Final Filing Date 7/9 4PM

Single Role Paramedic - Paramedic, 7/30 4 PM

Business Applications Analyst (IT Division), Final Filing Date 7/9 4 PM (Internal Only)

Retirement

Effective 6/28, Captain Peter Danielski – 31 years of service

Meetings

7/1 CA Metro Fire Chiefs Monthly Conference Call

7/6, Fire Academy 21-1 first day – Executive Staff Expectations Meeting

- 22 recruits
 - 14 paramedics - transitioning from Single Role Paramedic
 - 4 paramedics – new hires
 - 4 EMTs – new hires

7/7/ SRP Academy 21-1 Badge Pinning

- 5 Single Role Paramedics
 - 2 paramedics
 - 3 EMTs

OPERATIONS’ REPORT – (Deputy Chief Mitchell)

The Operations Report began with Captain Bryce Mitchell providing an update on Air Operations. He relayed that this has been an extremely busy year for Air Operations. There were some difficulties with brown-outs in 2020 due to a pilot shortage as well as some maintenance issues with the copters, which have all been resolved and because of this, there have been no brown-outs due to staffing issues in 2021 He also mentioned that due to increased capability on Copter 1, it now matches the capabilities of Copter 2 which will result in better service delivery. He described that there have been multiple hoists over the last few months including one on a night hoist in where the Copter was dispatched, and had the very critical patient at the hospital within 1 hour and 40 minutes. Without the assistance of the Copter it is likely that this patient would not have survived. Captain Mitchell thanked the Board, Local 522, and Operations for all of their support of the program as without it, this resource would not be available in this area.

Chief Mitchell then reported that since the last board meeting on June 24, 2021 there were 4,154 total calls with 20 building fires, 10 of which were within our jurisdiction.

Chief Mitchell also presented an overview from the July 4th holiday weekend which included the following information:

Total entered calls for service at Dispatch “Regionally”:

Calls Entered Regionally – SRFEC	3-Jul	4-Jul	5-Jul
2020	616	872	613
2021	634	963	719
% Increase	10.50%	17.30%	3%

Peak (1800-0300) calls for service "Regionally":

Regionally	July 4, 1800 - July 5, 0300
2020	267
2021	231
% Decrease	-13%

Fire type incidents during peak (1800-0300) hours "Metro Only":

METRO INCIDENTS	
Final Type	Count of Incident
CS3	1
DUMP	19
FEN	2
G	18
IB	1
OT1	31
S2	2
S3	7
TRA	4
TREE	9
VF	1
Grand Total	95

It should be noted that these are the total number of dispatches with a proximity close to the fourth, however their cause and origins are still under investigation.

Chief Mitchell highlighted a few incidents from the North Highlands area including three working structure fires within a small geographic area (1.5 mile radius) in a short time frame on Floral Drive, Tippwood Way, and Dutch Flat Drive. All three houses were occupied and had citizens removed with the assistance of fire personnel. Chief Mitchell commended the crew on an excellent job of reassigning resources to provide adequate coverage. He also mentioned that there was one additional structure fire incident in Fair Oaks that occurred on July 2nd which also involved a rescue.

Chief Mitchell then handed the presentation over to Deputy Chief Wagaman to cover the Arson Investigation and Community Risk Reduction coverage from the Fourth of July. Chief Wagaman reported that it was anticipated there would be a significant increase in calls this year. In conjunction with Deputy Fire Marshal Fields and Fire Marshal Barsdale, a plan was put in place to ensure there would be adequate investigatory staff in order to assist in determining cause and origins. In order to facilitate this, all fire inspectors were trained in cause and origin to assist during the holiday and help to free up the investigators. Additionally, over 159 fireworks retail stand inspections and 4 public display inspections were performed in our District. Also, a Pilot Program was put in place prior to the 4th to up-staff the Investigations Unit with a fourth investigator. The investigators worked closely with Cal-Fire, City of Rancho Cordova and City of Citrus Heights to address enforcement head-on. Over 363 complaints were received during the fourth and over 575 pounds of illegal fireworks were taken off the streets. There were also two felony arrests and sadly one fatal fire during this timeframe. There are currently 75 active investigations under way which should be completed by the end of the month. Chief Wagaman

commended the efforts of CRRD, Investigations, Dispatch and everyone who assisted in these efforts.

3. **SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT**

Vice President McGoldrick thanked the Firefighters Burn Institute for all of their assistance over the last few weeks with the three Firefighters who were treated at the UCD Burn Center. All members are thankfully doing well at this time. He also thanked Captain Whaley who was recently activated to assist in the efforts for two Line of Duty Deaths of Firefighters in the area. He commended the membership on a great job over the fourth and relayed his optimism on the lateral process as well as for the 22 new recruits.

4. **COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS**

All Committee Meetings will be held at the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Board Room, 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Mather, California unless otherwise specified.

A. **Executive Committee – (President Kelly)**

Next Meeting: TBD

B. **Communications Center JPA – (DC Wagaman)**

Report Out: June 29, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Chief Wagaman reported that the board unanimously agreed to approve the 2-Year contract for Local 150 and 856. They also extended Executive Director Bailey's contract for 6 additional months.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM

C. **California Fire & Rescue Training JPA – (Chief Harms)**

Report Out: July 6, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Chief Harms relayed that the JPA board approved the hiring of outside counsel to proceed with the dissolution.

Next Meeting: September 16, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Location: 3121 Gold Canal Drive
Mather, CA 95670

D. **Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Orzalli)**

Next Meeting: August 26, 2021 at 5:30 PM

E. **Policy Committee – (Director Goad)**

Next Meeting: TBD

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director White thanked the Firefighters Burn Institute for tending to and taking care of the members who were injured. He also commended Chief Wagaman and the Community Risk Reduction Division for their good work over the 4th of July holiday and the Air Operations Division for their technical rescue.

Director Jones discussed a membership meeting that was held at headquarters on July 28th which she and other members of staff attended in regards to moving forward with diversity. She relayed her appreciation for the meetings and described them as very honest, professional and straight forward. She appreciates everyone's efforts in this endeavor. She also congratulated Jose Enriquez who was hired as the LAFCO Executive Director, replacing Don Lockhart who retired earlier this year. Jose comes from El Dorado Hills LAFCO.

Director Sheetz wished a speedy recovery to the three members who were injured and are now recovering. She also thanked all of the members who worked over the holiday weekend and expressed that her thoughts and prayers are with those members who were recently deployed.

Director Wood echoed the well wishes for the three injured members who are now recovering. He also thanked Chief Adam Mitchell and Captain Bryce Mitchell on the Air Operations report and mentioned that every life saved continues to reiterate how important this program is to the region.

Director Goold thanked the Support Divisions and their staff for their assistance during the fourth. He expressed his pride for the men and women of this agency and the hard work they continuously do. He also requested an update on our Federal plan moving forward now that the U.S. is starting to open up again.

Director Clark expressed his appreciation for everyone's efforts on the fourth and commended the Air Operation Division which will continue to have his full support.

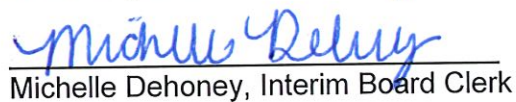
Director Saylor expressed her gratitude for the diversity of the district and all of the work that goes into keeping our firefighters being able to assist the public. She also shared that her thoughts and prayers are with the three injured members who are currently recovering.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.


Matt Kelly, Board President


D'Elman Clark, Secretary


Michelle Dehoney, Interim Board Clerk