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ADOPTED **ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

Thursday, October 24, 2024

Held at the following locations:

10545 Armstrong Avenue – Board Room

Mather, California

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Remotely Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Goold. Board members present: Costa, Goold, Jones, Sheetz, Webber, and Wood. Board members absent: Clark, Rice, and Saylor. Staff present: Chief House and Board Clerk Rittburg.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One (1) public comment was received.

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by Director Wood seconded by Jones 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 September 26, 2024.
Action: Adopted the Action Summary Minutes.
2. **Adopt Resolution – Equipment Lease Financing for Six Ambulances**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution authorizing the Fire Chief and/or Chief Financial Officer to enter into an equipment lease with Banc of America Capital Corp.
Action: Adopted **Resolution 2024-128**.
3. **Exception to Formal Solicitation Process – Copter 1 External Hoist Rebuild**
Recommendation: Authorize this exception to the formal solicitation process and authorize hoist overhaul services to be performed by the hoist manufacturer, Goodrich Corporation.
Action: Approved.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. **Opioid Crisis Presentation**
(Assistant Chief Jon Rudnicki)
Recommendation: Receive presentation.
Action: Presentation received.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Adopt Resolution – Industrial Disability Retirement – Retiree Captain Jason Cahill**
Recommendation: After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Retiree Captain Jason Cahill has suffered job related injuries and is eligible for an Industrial Disability Retirement.
Action: None, item to be voted on after discussion in Closed Session.

REPORTS

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT - (President Goold)**

No Report.

2. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT — (Deputy Chief Mitchell)**

Good evening, President Goold, Directors, Colleagues, and Members of the Public.

New Hire:

Please join me in welcoming Brandon Heffley, hired for the position of Fire Inspector I, effective September 3. Brandon came to the podium and introduced himself to the Board and provided his background.

Promotion:

Congratulations to:

- Brian Cowin for being promoted to Engineer effective September 6. Engineer Cowin came to the podium and introduced himself to the Board.
- Alejandro Ybarra for being promoted to Communication Supervisor effective October 9. Alex came to the podium and introduced himself to the Board.

Other:

- Last week Staff and I attended the annual CalChiefs Conference in Orange County and the Public Safety & Community Appreciation Luncheon co-hosted by the DA's office.
- Congratulations to the 14 MMP 24-2 academy recruits who graduated last Friday.
- We lost Reserve Firefighter Terry Barnes on October 17, 2024. Over his 47 years of service, Terry's dedication to the community saved countless lives and protected property through his expertise and tireless efforts. His legacy of service, commitment, and pride in his community will always be remembered by all of us at Metro Fire. Chief House asked for a moment of silence before we adjourn

OPERATIONS REPORT – (Deputy Chief Mitchell)

1. EMS Summit

- County LEMSA Medical Director Dr. Kann hosted the APOT Summit #2 here in our Boardroom on Thursday, October 3rd.
- It was well attended by LEMSA Staff, County Supervisor Hume, EMS and Fire agencies, and hospital staff and administration.
- Chief Rudnicki and EMS staff were recognized as leaders in the area of APOT reduction.
- Multiple presentations done, highlighting what processes hospitals have implemented to positively impact wall time process and reduce wall times significantly towards the standard.
- The County is still not at the standard of 20 minutes however, and there is an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting in early November that will address this issue. The ask is for a large amount of attendance at this meeting to support Dr. Kann in keeping the standard at 20 minutes.

2. Statewide Responses This Year

- Our members support our community through highly skilled and professional emergency response day in and day out. Responding when our local community calls is always our primary focus.
- It is also important to note that in addition to the service delivery our members provide locally, we also answer the call when our neighbors throughout the state and the country are in need.
- This year, here is the support we have provided so far in 2024:

-Total Deployments: 29

- OEST1-7
- OES T3-8
- Preposition-1
- FEMA-1
- Single Resource/IMT Team-12

-Responded to 25 different incidents in CA, 1 in OR, and 1 in FL

-130 single resource positions deployed

-Average days deployed = 10

-12 deployments lasted 14 or more days.

-And all of those members deployed are backfilled by those still here at home to ensure our stations are covered.

- One final note. It is a little-known fact that when catastrophic wildfire incidents occur, well over 50% of the resources that respond to both state and federal incidents are provided by local government fire agencies like Metro Fire. We are the backbone of the system that provides emergency incident mitigation alongside our state and federal partners, and I'm extremely proud of Metro Fire and the role we play in the local, regional, statewide and federal system.

Shift Commander Spotlight – (Assistant Chief Greene)

Tonight, we welcome one of our citizens, Mr. Brian Norwood who is joining us with his spouse, Jennifer to share an impactful story of how Metro Fire's actions contributed to a lifesaving event. The crew of Engine 28 was also present. This past Saturday, Station 29 hosted an Open House, where Mr. Norwood attended and met Fire Chief House and shared his story. We welcome Mr. Norwood to the Board of Director's meeting.

Mr. Brain Norwood shared his appreciation for Engine 28 and his current active role with the American Heart Association.

Engineer Scott Baird of Engine 28 provided comments on the crew's actions with Mr. Norwood's medical event.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – (Out-of-Class Deputy Chief Johnson)

Community Relations Division:

1. We had a great turnout at the Station 28 open house last weekend. Thank you to Directors Wood and Webber for dropping by.
2. The firefighters have been very busy this month with fall festivals, Halloween haunts, and many school trunk-or-treat events. Thank you to the crews for their continued commitment to community engagement.
3. The cancer engine is in demand. We would usually have the cancer engine here at tonight's board meeting for photos, although the Citrus Heights Police Activity League is hosting its annual Trunk or Treat, and the crew is participating in their Halloween activities while supporting our law enforcement community partner.
 1. On October 25, the cancer engine will attend the Rancho Cordova Police Activity Leagues Trunk or Treat event at the Rancho Cordova Youth Center.
 2. On October 28, the cancer engine will be the top billing on the DOCO walkway for the Kings game. The engine and crew will be outside reminding Kings fans to get checked for cancer and to celebrate First Responder Day, while Community Relations will have a booth inside reminding fans to be fire safe.
4. We have launched a Station Decoration Contest to celebrate Halloween! On October 31, all stations are asked to pull their apparatus on the front ramp from 6-8 p.m., hand out candy, and engage with the community.
 1. In addition to the station decoration contest, we have launched a division challenge, and our professional staff members have stepped up.
5. In partnership with the Red Cross and CERT, we will conduct a smoke alarm canvass of the Florin Estates Mobile Home Park on Saturday, November 2, from 0900 to 1200 hrs.
6. Finally, we are excited to announce that our Metro Fire CERT program has won the Heroes of Human Service Award sponsored by the Board of Supervisors and the Human Services Coordinating Council. This award is given to people who have significantly impacted the Sacramento community through their dedication, service, and support of human services. Supervisor Frost will recognize CERT members at the November 5 Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:30 am.

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT (Captain Sean Scollard, *Local 522 Vice President*)

Captain Scollard thanked Mr. Brian Norwood for sharing his story tonight. Condolences to the Barnes family, Terry was always helping whenever he was needed. Thank you to Retired Captain Jason Cahill for your mentorship. Regarding Cancer, it isn't going away; we need to be adaptable and keep working on it and take the next steps.

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 Goold)

No Report

B. Communications Center JPA – (Deputy Chief Bailey)

We met on October 22, 2024 and approved two action items:

1. Resolution To Fix Employer Health Care Contributions.
2. LOU Between SRFECC and Local 522 Dispatcher Group

Our next meeting is November 12, 2024 at 9 AM.

C. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Jones)

Met tonight and heard a very in-depth presentation from CFO Dave O'Toole. Bottom line is we are on track for the first two months of this fiscal year.

D. Policy Committee – (Director Saylor)

The Policy Committee did not meet this week but we have some exciting policies upcoming.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director Webber expressed congratulations to the new hires and staff on their promotions.

Director Wood attended the California Firefighters Memorial earlier this month and I was very impressed with the turnout and support. The Firefighters Burn Institute will be holding a fundraising event called "Heroes, Hops and Hot Rods" on Saturday, November 2nd from 2 to 6 p.m. It's a great event and I will be volunteering during the event.

Director Goold mentioned that General Counsel Lavra has been participating in the meeting remotely via Zoom. A moment of silence in honor of Reserve Firefighter Terry Barnes was observed.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 7:35 p.m. on the following matter:

1. PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION § 54956.9 (a) – ONE (1) MATTER OF INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT:

1. Jason Cahill and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim # A2305MHPDS0001 – Industrial Disability Retirement
Michael Johnson, Interim Deputy Chief Administration

CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT:

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:45 p.m. General Counsel John Lavra reported the Board met in closed session on one matter: 1. Industrial Disability Retirement of Jason Cahill, no reportable action was taken in closed session.

ACTION ITEM CONTINUED TO AFTER CLOSED SESSION:

- 1. Adopt Resolution – Industrial Disability Retirement – Retiree Captain Jason Cahill**
Recommendation: After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Retiree Captain Jason Cahill has suffered job related injuries and is eligible for an Industrial Disability Retirement.
Action: Adopted **Resolution 2024-129.**

Moved by Director Wood, seconded by Director Jones, and carried unanimously by members present finding Jason Cahill has suffered job related injuries incapacitating him for the performance of duties.

To view the video of the meeting, please visit the Metro Fire Website or our YouTube channel:

<https://metrofire.ca.gov/2024-10-24-board-meeting>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9t-uKlc_oOUGNrmogdQ_QA

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

By: _____

President, Board of Directors

Jennifer Sheetz, Secretary

Marni Rittburg, CMC
Board Clerk