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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Held at the following locations:

10545 Armstrong Avenue – Board Room

Mather, California

&

Remotely Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Clark. Board members present in person: Clark, Costa, Rice, Saylor, Sheetz, Webber, and Wood. Board members present virtually via Zoom: Gould. Board members absent: Jones. Staff present: Interim Chief Haverty, General Counsel Lavra and Board Clerk Penilla.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Action: Moved by Rice, seconded by Wood, 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 December 8, 2022.
Action: Approved the Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. Action Summary Minutes**
Recommendation: Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Special Board meeting of January 4, 2023.
Action: Approved the Action Summary Minutes.
- 3. Bid Award Recommendation – RFB 22-06 Fire Station 68 Patio Coverings**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution approving the bid award and authorize the Fire Chief to administer the project in accordance with the approved budget.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2023-002.
- 4. Development Impact Fee Report**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution accepting the Development Impact Fee Report for FY ending June 30, 2022.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2023-003.

PRESENTATION ITEM

- 1. Explorer Program (Deputy Chief Mitchell and Firefighter White)**
Recommendation: Receive presentation, no action required.
Action: Presentation received, no action taken.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Surplus Property – Oak Avenue** (*Jeff Frye, Chief Development Officer*)
Recommendation: Declare the vacant 1.7 acre site as surplus and authorize the Fire Chief to begin the disposition process.
Action: Moved by Costa, seconded by Sheetz, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2023-004.

REPORTS

- 1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - (*President Clark*) - No report
- 2. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** - (*Interim Chief Haverty*)

Retirement

Congratulations to Captain Jason Wenner on his retirement on December 20th after 22 years of service.

Congratulations to Fire Mechanic Scott Courtney on his retirement on December 30th after 25 years of service.

Congratulations to Fire Chief Todd Harms on his retirement on December 31st after 6 years of service.

New Hire

Welcome to Andy Purcell who has been hired as a Fire Mechanic in the Fleet Division, effective January 3rd.

Welcome to Daniel Ortiz-Medina who has been hired as an EMS System Technician in the EMS Division, effective January 3rd.

Welcome to Adam Blitz who has been hired as a CQI Manager in the EMS Division, effective January 9th.

Reassignment

Congratulations to Captain Jason Cahill for being selected to fill the Training Day Captain assignment, effective January 3rd.

Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Skaggs will be assigned to the Mobile Integrated Health Firefighter/Paramedic position, effective January 2nd. Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Blaschke has been reassigned from the Mobile Integrated Health Firefighter/Paramedic position to Suppression, effective January 1st. The District would like to thank Firefighter Blaschke for her dedication and commitment while working in the MIH Program.

Recruitment

Fire Investigator II, internal/external recruitment, final filing January 31st by 4:00pm

Facilities Technician, internal recruitment, final filing January 20th by 4:00pm

Assistant Fleet Manager, internal recruitment, final filing February 1st by 4:00pm

Fire Mechanic, internal recruitment, final filing February 3rd by 4:00pm

Facilities Manager (internal recruitment), final filing February 1st by 4:00pm

Winter Storm of January 7th – 9th

The DOC was activated to support our field personnel, this ended on Wednesday morning. My thanks to all staff who were present and contributing at a 6:00 PM at the activation meeting on Sunday night. During Saturday night and Sunday's storm front we saw double the call volume at Fire Dispatch, with power lines and trees down. The companies were strapped to the max and were aided by the Community Risk Reduction Division who helped by staying with downed power lines for extended periods of time, allowing the engines, trucks and medics to return to the more emergent types of incidents.

Copter 1 Rescue had a hoist rescue on January 1, 2023 at 0558 hours. A heroic rescue for an elderly man caught in a rising and rapidly moving stream in the south county. This week's news reports that at least 19 people have lost their lives in the recent storms, it would have been 20 had not this crew rescued this man from imminent drowning. Job well done to PIC Bryce Mitchell, SIC Montie Vanlandingham, Flight Officer Matt Dargan, Rescuer 1 Brian Conn, and Rescuer 2 Kristian Geissler

Workers' Compensation Update

I know there is a concern among many parts of our Department over how the Workers' Compensation Program is helping our employees who have suffered an injury. I've heard from you, Board members, about your own concerns, as well. I'd like to share with you all we have begun an initial effort at examining the Workers' Compensation Program and process from stem to stern. Identifying all elements and decision points within the overall system which will lead us to be able to examine the WC process and stages to best determine where we have direct influence, where we have indirect influence, and where the law prohibits from any influence, at least in the near term. We are undertaking this effort to make improvements for our members, how they access information, and how they feel the District cares about them. I look forward to working with our staff, Vice-President Cole, and our Board to help our people who serve this community selflessly. Chief Bailey and his staff in our Human Resources Division would like to come before you at your first meeting in February to present to you their findings and action plan to date.

Classification and Compensation Study

I also know that you've been waiting to see the Classification and Compensation Study. Well, Chief Bailey would like to reserve a place on the January 26 Board Agenda to present that to you.

Governor's Budget Proposal

The Governor's preliminary Budget recommendation includes \$7.4 billion in funding delays, \$5.7 billion in reductions, \$4.3 billion in fund shifts, \$3.9 billion in triggered reductions, as a way to help stabilize the projected \$22.5 billion shortfall. Mr. Jeff Frye and Mr. Kyle Macdonald, Director of Government Affairs are working diligently at the capitol, and I would like to take a moment to introduce you to Mr. Kyle Macdonald.

Future Training

Lastly, you know that I'm a teacher. And, I can't resist providing you with some training or education on some topics that are quite important to us all. So, for your January 26th meeting

we have arranged to give you the opportunity to hear and learn about the Brown Act and some other topics that will help us with our meetings, with our responsibilities and our unity as a governance and leadership team. I am scheduling a couple of more of these workshops for you and our managers.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Deputy Chief Mitchell shared that Fire Academy 23-1 begins next week with 14 recruits, they are here tonight getting oriented across the hall. Welcome!

Since our last report on December 8th, there have been 11,661 total incidents; an average of 333 calls per day, with 244 fire incidents, an average of 7 fires per day.

On January 2nd, E117 and M41 responded to a medical aid. While on scene, E117 Captain Jeff Taylor, overheard another incident being dispatched for an unresponsive person with E41. Captain Taylor quickly realized M41 could be a closer unit to E41's incident, and made the decision to divert M41 to the unresponsive incident. With that one quick decision, an ALS unit arrived on scene 3 mins after the initial 911 call to the dispatched location. M41, with Firefighter/Paramedics Andrew Schantz and Nicholas Muhoberac, arrived and found a pulseless and apneic person in their 30s with bystanders performing CPR. Within 1 minute after arriving on scene, the patient was intubated and ventilations were performed with a BVM. Within 2 minutes after arriving on scene, the patient was cardioverted and returned to a normal heart rhythm. Not only does this case reinforce the need for early recognition /early CPR / early defibrillation, but also how quick decision making can lead to a positive outcome. M41's patient maintained solid vitals throughout transport, and is recovering in the ICU.

An update from Urban Search and Rescue, 9 Metro Fire members were added to Task Force 7, bringing the total to 36 members from Metro Fire now participating. Several classes, including a Mobilization Exercise (MobEx), Canine Handler, and Heavy Equipment Rigging Specialist, are being planned for 2023, hosted by Task Force 7. Task Force 7 is scheduled to be first-up in the west in February and November.

Deputy Chief Mitchell provided a storm update. On December 31st there were 522 calls in 2022 vs 307 in 2021 when no precipitation was observed, a 70% increase. On January 8th there were 704 calls in 2023 vs 340 in 2022 when no precipitation was observed, a 107% increase. The DOC was activated for the first time in the history of Metro Fire, which proved to be a very successful process. Many reports of successful incidents that prevented the loss of life. Worked with Cal OES to preposition resources throughout the County to increase our capacity of service delivery and support the mission. SRIMT, both helicopters, swift water rescue team, type-3 engine strike team, and up staffed a rescue company. We continue to have a presence in the Sac County EOC as well.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (*Deputy Chief Bailey*) – No report

SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Deputy Chief Wagaman thanks Chief Haverty for the opportunity to provide information relevant to Support Services. Tonight DC Wagaman has asked Steve Jordan, Communications Manager to present the Board with an update on the Communications Division, the Division that supports the District's vehicles and radio system.

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT

Battalion Chief Cole, Vice President of Local 522, thanked the Board for hearing the presentation on the Explorer Program, yet another pathway into the fire service. They met with a large group yesterday for a presentation on the Metro Medic Program, the energy in the room was great and he is excited about the direction of that program.

BC Cole thanked AC Lozano in the Training Division for access to CJAC funds to reimburse training for the purchase of extrication materials. He also thanked the crews for their work during the recent storms, they did a wonderful job and he is excited to represent the membership. He also shared there is still work needed for APOT, and looks forward to modernizing deployment and working with people in this room for a solution.

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 Clark)

Report Out: January 12, 2023 at 5:30 PM

The Executive Committee met earlier and made the following appointments; Director Webber to the Finance and Audit Committee, Director Saylor to the Policy Committee, Director Webber to the Citrus Heights 2X2 Committee, and Director Saylor as the alternate to the Sacramento County 2X2 Committee.

Next Meeting: TBD

B. Communications Center JPA – (DC Wagaman)

Report Out: January 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM

The Committee met earlier this week and heard three action items. They approved the number of hours for GIS Services, appointed the chair and vice chair for 2023, and approved moving from one meeting per month to two meetings per month.

C. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Wood)

Next Meeting: January 26, 2023 at 5:30 PM

D. Policy Committee – (Director Gould)

Next Meeting: February 9, 2023 at TBD

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director Costa thanked the crews for their great work during the recent storms, it is hard to deal with hazards of the environment, and thank you for always remaining professional. He thanked Director White for sitting down with him and sharing ideas on how to benefit the community. Director Costa looks forward to future meetings with him. He looks forward to meeting with staff and learning about everything related to growth and what he can do to help with that as a Board Member.

Director Saylor thanks everyone for their work during the storms, and for continuing to strive for "best in show" during one of the worst storms, thank you to everyone!

Director Webber is thankful for programs like the explorer program for introducing him to the fire service forty five years ago. He appreciated Chief Haverty's work on the workers' compensation program. He has been hearing from several members about the challenges they have had with the program, and the money being spent and is concerned.

Director Sheetz congratulated the retirees, including Chief Harms, and welcomed Chief Haverty. She thanked those who participated in the explorer program presentation and welcomed the young people in the audience tonight, welcome! She thanked crews for keeping the community safe during the storm, and is looking forward to her first station visit.

Director Rice shared his thoughts on the Governor's budget, and the support he has given the fire service since becoming Governor. Progress is being made and efforts are focused in the state's wildfires, master mutual aid program, and fire suppression statewide. APOT is still a concern, as there is still work to be done. He is hoping for relief at a state level, and has particular interest in the LEMSA Director position, which is appointed by the Board of Supervisors. He shared his interest in employee rest periods and if they are reciprocal between agencies, along with the SAVE program which benefits victims of fires or tragic life events.

Director Goold thanked Scott Schneider for working with the San Juan Unified School District to create such a wonderful explorer program. He also gives kudos to the helicopter program and their work during the recent storms, and is so grateful for the decisions the Board made 20 years ago to create the District's helicopter program.

Director Wood thanked everyone for their presentations, and to PIO Wilbourn for the smoke detector blitz. He asks that we observe a moment of silence for those who died while defending the Capitol on the anniversary of January 6th.

Director Clark thanks everyone for their comments, and thanks the crew at Station 109 for coming to Star King Elementary on December 18th to make their annual Christmas celebration a success.

The Board recessed to closed session at 8:04 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION –
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): One case
Case No. 34-2020-00286706-CU-BC-GDS
Medic Ambulance Service, Inc. v. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District**

Action: No reportable action taken.

The board reconvened to open session at 8:44 pm.

Director Goold did not rejoin open session, and left at 8:44 pm when closed session ended.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm with a moment of silence.



D'Elman Clark, President



Ted Wood, Secretary



Melissa Penilla, Board Clerk