



TODD HARMS  
Fire Chief

# Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

10545 Armstrong Ave., Suite 200 · Mather, CA 95655 · Phone (916) 859-4300 · Fax (916) 859-3702

## ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT Thursday, November 12, 2020 Held Remotely Via Zoom

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Sheetz. Board members present: Clark, Goold, Jones, Kelly, Orzalli, Saylor, Sheetz, Wood, and White. Board members absent: None. Staff present: Chief Harms, General Counsel Lavra, and Clerk Penilla.

**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 October 22, 2020.  
**Action:** Approved Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. RFP 20-08 Debt Collection Services Award**  
**Recommendation:** Award RFP 20-08 to Financial Credit Network and authorize the Fire Chief to execute a contract for debt services collection.  
**Action:** Approved staff's recommendation.
- 3. Board Life Insurance / AD&D**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution approving the increased Life Insurance/AD&D Benefits to the amount of \$100,000 effective January 1, 2021.  
**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2020-070.

#### ACTION ITEMS

- 1. California Senate Bill 1205 Compliance Report and Resolution**  
*(Lisa Barsdale, Fire Marshal)*  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution acknowledging receipt of the annual report regarding the inspection of public and private schools and certain residential occupancies for CY 2019.  
**Action:** On a motion by White, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2020-071.
- 2. Industrial Disability Retirement – Captain Jeremy Hord**  
**Recommendation:** After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Captain Jeremy Hord has suffered job related injuries and direct staff to work with Captain Hord through his Industrial Disability Retirement process with CalPERS.  
**Action:** On a motion by Clark, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2020-072.

3. **Industrial Disability Retirement – Retired Captain Phillip Zidek**  
**Recommendation:** After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Retired Captain Phillip Zidek has suffered job related injuries and direct staff to work with Retired Captain Zidek through his Industrial Disability Retirement process with CalPERS.  
**Action:** On a motion by Clark, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2020-073.

## REPORTS

1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report.

2. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Chief Harms thanked Fire Marshal Barsdale for the report. These inspections are very timely given the events that took place with the Ghost Ship Fire several years ago.

Chief Harms also gave an update on EMS. He is currently working with the joint defense counsel and attorneys. We are still on the docket with the court system, however due to COVID-19 we have nothing scheduled at this time. We are awaiting a response from Sacramento County.

### Promotions

Effective 11/6 the following members were promoted to the rank of Engineer

- William Hosmann
- Dustin Sumrow
- JP Turanski
- Bud Powell
- Philip Alexander
- Michael DeJong
- Matthew Miller

### Reassignment

Effective 11/16, Battalion Chief Joe Fiorica will be assigned to fill the Special Ops Battalion Chief assignment

### Retirement

Effective 11/1, Deputy Chief Eric Bridge – 26 years of service

### Recruitment

Geographic Information Specialist (GIS)

Facilities Technician

### Career Development Opportunity

EMS Battalion Chief Day Assignment

## Meetings

Recently completed Fire Chief Forums 8 sessions in total, 2 for each shift and 2 for day staff. He compiled a list of 25 questions with answers, those will be sent out along with a recording of the Zoom video.

10/28, Labor Management Collaboration Meeting (LMCM)

11/4, Citrus Heights 2x2 Meeting

11/12, Turkey Drop-Off at KCRA 3 with Executive Staff. They dropped off about 65 turkeys thanks to PIO Vestal.

## OPERATIONS REPORT

Deputy Chief Adam Mitchell shared that live fire training took place on Monday and Tuesday at Sylvan, north of Greenback, and went very well. They had a good discussion and good practice for the members.

Effective November 16<sup>th</sup> air operations and the dozer are transitioning to on call status.

Supervisor Nottoli's office reached out for a tree that fell in the river causing people to get stuck when they are rafting or kayaking. Several agencies worked in collaboration to attempt to remove the tree, however they were not successful.

The 13<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 update was released as we have seen an uptick in cases. As of November 3<sup>rd</sup> there were 59 members out for exposures and awaiting test results. Looking back at the month of October there were 40 members tested, so we have already seen more than that in November. Stations are still not allowing visitors which will be challenging during the holiday season. Lastly, due to staffing shortages we have temporarily browned out some apparatus per our Emergency Response Staffing Plan.

He shared the call volume numbers since the last Board Meeting with 5,753 calls, with 17 fires, and the busiest engine was 53 and medic 101.

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

Captain McGoldrick congratulated the newly promoted engineers. All probationary firefighters from 19-2 passed their 12 month probation, and he welcomed BC Fiorica to the Special Operations assignment. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

### **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 Sheetz)**

Next Meeting: January 14, 2021 at TBD

#### **B. Communications Center JPA – (DC Shannon)**

Report Out: November 10, 2020 at 9:00 AM

DC Shannon reported members from Academy 201- and 20-2 are progressing within the organization well. The JPA anticipates the next academy beginning on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting: December 8, 2020 at 9:00 AM

- C. **California Fire & Rescue Training JPA – (DC Shannon)**  
Next Meeting: TBD  
Location: 3121 Gold Canal Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- D. **Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Orzalli)**  
Next Meeting: January 28, 2021 at 5:00 PM
- E. **Policy Committee – (Director Goold)**  
Next Meeting: December 10, 2020 at TBD

## BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director White thanks Fire Marshal Barsdale for the report and appreciates the completion rate. He congratulates the engineers and BC Fiorica for their promotions. He wishes the EMS Division all the best in filling the EMS Day Battalion Chief role.

Director Jones hopes everyone has a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

Director Clark echoes comments about CRRD's report, and wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Director Wood echoes the comments from previous Directors.

Director Orzalli participated in the Citrus Heights 2X2 meeting, Metro Fire does a fantastic job maintaining those relationships.

Director Goold wishes everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Director Saylor thanks staff for their presentations, and commends staff on their continued ability to adapt.

Director Kelly echoes sentiments of previous Directors. He appreciates the live fire training opportunity, and thanks the officials at the church for having a great working relationship with Metro Fire.

Director Sheetz thanks Director Goold for his suggestion in beginning the meeting with the pledge, she thanks Veterans for their service, and wishes everyone a safe holiday.

**Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:45 pm.**

## CLOSED SESSION

### 1. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – two (2) matters of Industrial Disability Retirement.

- A. Jeremy Hord and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Claim # SMDN - 549020 – Industrial Disability Retirement –  
Greg Casentini, Deputy Chief Administration

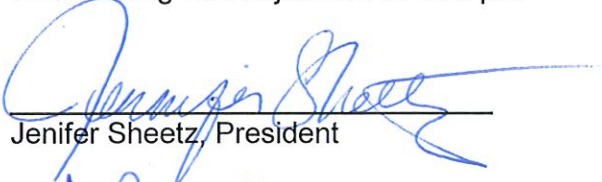
**Action:** No reportable action taken.

- B. Phillip Zidek and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Claim # SMDE - 491983 – Industrial Disability Retirement –  
Joel Kautz of Lenahan, Slater, Pearse & Majernik, LLP  
**Action:** No reportable action taken.

**The Board reconvened to Open Session at 6:56 pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jenifer Sheetz, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Cinthia Saylor, Secretary

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Penilla, Board Clerk