

Spokane County Fire District #5
May 23, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Todd Lehman and Gary Pietz; Larry Wendlandt is absent due to illness.

District Secretary: Carol Harrington

Guests: see attached sign in sheet

Time Meeting Began: 7:00p.m.

- **Flag Salute**
- **Ken Fisher, a resident in our district**, relayed what happened regarding our team's recent response to his neighbor. We kept coming to a medical page even after being cancelled by the caller. Due to this, his neighbor was taken by AMR to the hospital and put on IV fluids and treated, which probably saved his life. Ken believes his neighbor is still with us today because of our response and wanted to thank us personally.
- **Gerry Bozarth from Mitigation & Disaster Recovery** gave a short visual presentation regarding recovering monies from a disaster. He answered any questions Ron or the board members have.
- **The minutes from the April 25, 2011 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved after Carol corrected the error of listing Todd as in attendance; he was not present at that meeting due to illness.**
- **The treasury report was reviewed.** Carol read the report aloud.
- **The April bills** were reviewed. The owner from J&J Lube, Jerry Newcomb, was present and discussed the work done, why it was done and how it was billed. He said that their first mistake was not calling us but that they have a responsibility to put the vehicles out safely as they are liable for it. They carry a \$500 million bond and do not send out vehicles or work that is not safe. The repairs were discussed at length with Jerry. Jerry said that his rates are lower on markup for parts; they only mark up 25% where most other companies mark up over 100%. Ron said he does not want to ruin our good relationship with Jerry and J&J Lube as they have treated us very well. **Gary made motion to accept the bills as amended to include the J&J Lube bill; Todd seconded the motion and the expenses were approved for \$3,761.21.**
- **Secretary's Report:** Carol presented two quotes for new computer equipment: Dell and HP which were both approximately \$1,500 with varying systems differences. Our computer is a decade old and there are problems with how it uploads, downloads, and handles larger files and software programs. The board told her to ask Brandon Meiers to see what he recommends.
- **Correspondence:** We received a thank you card from Ruth Southwick's family. There are two free tickets to the WA Fire Chiefs Conference Expo if anyone wants to go.
- **Fire Chief's Report:**
 - ☀ **Personnel:** see Chief's report.
 - ☀ **Training:** The 1st training of the month involved a Wildland Refresher with practicals including chain saws, tools, drip torch and hand lines. The 2nd training was a mobile attack with tanks and other apparatus using Carol Kamm's driveway. They discussed various local topics at the officer's meeting. The 4th Tuesday is normally OTEP, but we are all up to date. We will do the first ever EVOC class at our district. It will be Tuesday and Wednesday and cover the classroom part.
 - ☀ **Stations:** The propane levels: St51 is 38% and St52 is 51%. Wait to order until summer. Electrical work was done on Station 52 by Daryl from Silver Star Electric; he put in some outlets. Ron needs to buy some fluorescent lights for over there.
 - ☀ **Equipment:** General Fire is coming out to airflow test the SCBA's as this is an annual test; it is about \$74.50 per hour or \$20 per pack. Mike Flint did take in a bottle of air from our Cascade System and the air was good quality and passed.
 - ☀ **Other:** The DNR forecast is for a cool and wet spring; they anticipate less resources than last year with a less than active fire season. There are still 4-10 person crews from the Correctional facility for fires. The VHF will still be utilized until all personnel are fully trained on the new communication system.

Old Business:

1. **Recruitment:** Ron gave an application to a young gal named Kristina but has not heard back. Gary said he learned that two of our new recruits are moving out of the district; two recruits that are not going to respond in a timely manner. Ron said he did hear that and that they told him they could respond in ten minutes. He has talked to them both as he is leery of this. They are not costing us now so we will keep them. Gary asked if it isn't just easier to let them go now. Todd said to keep them on for now. Gary said there are two volunteers on the list that will not be able to makeup the requirements; they have barely attended training and only one has responded to a call. Todd said they both know the cut-off date is December 31st.

2. **Organization Policy and EMT Class Fee Policy Dec. 20, 2010 vol. sign off page:** Carol said we are missing Mike Pankonin's and Jason's signatures.
3. **Station 53: Carol and board** Carol is in contact with a guy from SCFD3 that is willing to come out to show us what they did and how they did it regarding building their satellite stations. She will make sure to touch base with him to set-up a meeting. We can check with Larry to see if Bunker Buildings has gotten back to him.
4. **Supply request: Ron**
 - a. We need a pump test on E51 and E52 which is also an annual test.
 - b. We need an oil change for B52.
 - c. We need a structure coat for \$972 and also pants \$733 to make a set;
 - d. 3 nomex hoods,
 - e. A set of wildland gear,
 - f. A motor of A52 front nozzle \$250 as it sat in a lock position all winter and froze up. The shaft in the motor is bent.
 - g. Work on the starter in B513
 - h. B52 master shutoff needs to be moved; \$150

Todd said that we have to fix B513 and E52 as we need those running. Gary said we were told when we were thinking about new volunteers that we already had the gear for them – and now we don't? Ron said we have traded about as much as we can and still need a couple of items. Gary said that it is about \$2,000 for one outfit. Discussion followed regarding whether we could or would use small PPE sizes again if we had to order them. Ron said it won't hurt to have extra gear; the more people geared out the better. Todd thinks we should hold off until Larry can vote in on this. We can also call him. Todd said to go ahead on the truck repairs.

5. **Supply Request: Carol** stamps.
6. **2011 AFG Grant: Carol** is going to a grant seminar soon at SCFD10 so the guidelines should be posted soon.
7. **Router for internet access for laptops: Carol** called PassWord and they will come in and set one up for free.

New Business:

1. **Painting Station 51: Carol/Ron** Carol has spoken with a representative from the Correctional facility that handles the crew for that. He said he would call her to set up a meeting time to see what needs to be done. Nick Scharff from SCFD10 said that it was actually a bit pricey as they expect you to feed the crews... feed them well. The amount of food they ate was very expensive. Carol will wait to see what the rep says when they meet.
2. **Van in our Parking lot:** Todd said it is really becoming an eyesore and the board has received complaints regarding it. Ron said we have trained on it but still have it as we are planning another burn in it soon so the new recruits can work it; then we will have it towed away.

Public Concerns: None.

There was no other business.

The next regular meeting will be June 27, 2011 at 7:00p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Spokane County Fire District 5 Chairman

Spokane County Fire District 5 Commissioner

Spokane County Fire District 5 Commissioner

Attest: Spokane County Fire District 5 Secretary