

Umatilla Fire District Meeting

The September 2, 2020 meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kyle Sipe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

Present:

Jon Lorence, Fred Sheely, Kyle Sipe, Mark Keith, and Darla Huxel

Introduction of New Staff, Jordy McCracken, and Ethan Brown

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve made by Fred, 2nd by Darla

Discussion-

Minutes were approved unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Correspondence:

Information Items:

Chief's Report:

There was a total of 44 calls in August

24 – EMS

3 - MVC's

14 – FIRE

3 – Mutual Aid

-9 call for July 2019

+24 YTD over 2019

Chief Response: 23

Maintenance-

Engine 11 was out of service for a few days due to a sensor issue related to the diesel exhaust fluid system. This is a known issue with the permanent fix coming out in September. The “patch” was installed and we have had no other issues. This was all warranty work so no charge. Little to no impact operationally during this time.

New radio installation took place on all apparatus, a few minor glitches but overall it went well.

Training-

SLICERS Training- size up, locate, identify, and control flow path, cool, extinguish, rescue, salvage

Fire Behavior

New Radio Testing

Recruitment/Retention-

2 resignations, 2 others considering a leave of absence or resignation for various personal reasons.

General-

Jordy and Ethan continue to perform well. Their second month tests will be done or have been done this week.

We are re-evaluating pre-incident plans and will be working to update the ones we have and add more locations. We visit a business or location of interest, identify various factors like where the power boxes are located, whether they have natural gas service, the closest hydrant, the layout of the building, basements, exits, hazardous materials, and so on. That information is stored in some manner that can easily be retrieved when dispatched to said location.

Evaluating a software program for pre-incident plans.

When the City started the work downtown, I checked with ODOT on getting some fire department/station signs put up. I received information advising they are looking at the diamond shaped signs that have the flashing yellow LEDs that would be triggered by a FOB located in the apparatus or the station. The cost is \$11,000 for the signs, ODOT would cover the installation costs but then we would have to enter into an agreement for \$1,200 per year for maintaining/maintenance of the signs.

I do not feel we experience enough difficulties entering the highway/6th street to warrant this cost. While traffic is heavy at times, I do not feel we experience significant delays trying to enter the roadway. I have inquired as to the cost of just adding normal diamond shape signs.

Goals:

ISO- I have received information on the evaluation and will be reviewing to determining the next best course of action.

Policies and Procedures Update – I have received most of the procedures and policies that we feel resemble what the Umatilla County agencies will be moving to over time. I am modifying those to fit our agency specifics and getting them entered Lexipol.

Upcoming Activities-

I will be working to recertify our pumper/operators, focus on policy and procedure issuance along with day to day.

Volunteer Report:

None Present

Old Business:

1. Fire Fighter Pay Incentive Proposal- presented by Steve, Motion by Jon to approve, 2nd by Darla, Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Release of interest for Insurance Claim- Steve asked that we hold off as there is an issue he is having inspected first.
2. Complaint Procedure-Steve presented a draft procedure. A workshop will be held before the October 7th meeting to review/discuss.

Items not on Agenda Open to Public, Board and Staff Participation:

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Meeting adjourned

Kyle Sipe, Chairman

Jeannie Bowman, Clerk