

Umatilla Fire District Meeting

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

The meeting was held via Zoom

Present:

Jon Lorence, Kyle Sipe, Darla Huxel and Mark Keith

Absent:

Fred Sheely

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve made by Darla, 2nd by Jon

Discussion-

Minutes were approved unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Correspondence: Bill list was sent out via email to review.

Information Items:

Chief's Report:

There were a total of 25 calls in November

22 – EMS

1 - MVC's

2 – FIRE

0 – Mutual Aid

-17 call for November 2019

-12 YTD over 2019

Chief Response: 1

Maintenance-

Ladder 11 has an electrical issue. The alternator is evidently bad. However the electrical isolator is also bad. The alternator is \$1500.00. Hughes is coming to look at the ladder today to identify the isolator problem before we get the new alternator installed.

Training-

Knots and hoisting

Pre Incident Planning

Vehicle extrication (online) Mark asked if Bert's was open, this training was held online due to current restrictions

Thanksgiving

It was asked what DPSST restrictions were right now, the department is treated as a pod, however training is online currently.

Recruitment/Retention-

General-

The fire extinguisher contest is going well. We are reaching approximately anywhere from 150-1200 people and have approximately 40 people in the drawing so far.

I am hoping to meet with David Stockdale to get the details that were negotiated with Amazon for the new project. All I know is what was in the paper.

Due to restrictions related to Covid and the uncertainty, in consultation with several members, staff and Chairman Sipe, I have decided to postpone our annual dinner until restrictions are lifted so we do not risk low turnout and/or catching flak from the public.

Goals:

ISO- I have sent some questions to the representative that I have regarding the evaluation. I am awaiting some feedback.

Policies/Procedures update- Not much activity with holidays, vacation and other activities.

Upcoming Activities-

We are planning to do the food baskets and the candy express if we can get enough people together. I don't believe there will be too much of an issue for the food baskets. However, the candy express takes more people and there are also some implications depending on the restrictions at that time. Additionally, due to the situation some people may decide not to participate which could dictate whether we can pull it off. As it is Christmas Eve, we do not want to ask those that do help to take the entire day. We will have to play this by ear as we go.

Chief's Calendar:

No significant time off is currently planned. My wife is taking some vacation time in January so we are considering some time then but I'll advise if that occurs.

Volunteer Report:

None Present

Old Business:

1.

New Business:

1. **Amazon Agreement:** This is in reference to the City Agreement with Amazon, Steve will update after meeting with David.
2. **Technology Audit/Tour/Plan:** Steve has inquired with ESD and is awaiting a plan and costs for the IT management of the district. The district is looking into updating some technology due to Covid-19 and possibly obtaining some reimbursement for these items. We will hold a workshop before the January meeting to discuss what equipment the District currently has, what is needed and a rotation schedule for future replacement needs.
3. **Leave Request Form:** motion to approve with the change to the new letterhead and begin using by Darla, 2nd by Jon. Motion passed.

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

The City has donated \$10,000 to the Volunteer Association for a food pantry. The Volunteer Association will be putting a plan together to make this happen. Possibly a drive thru situation. This is separate from Christmas baskets; those will still be handed out as well.

Darla has given Craig information on a grant available from the County for Non-Profits as well. Craig is looking into this for the Volunteer Association.

Mark asked if there was a possibility of a 48/96 shift with 7 people. He mentioned possibly obtaining a grant from the City or a Safer Grant to help with personnel cost? Steve will discuss the possibility of a City grant with David when they meet.

It was asked what has been spent from the paid on call budget, Jeannie will have those numbers at the workshop in January.

Mark asked if a Volunteer EMS/Wild land training course for specific response for 20/21 is an option. Steve is not opposed to that and He and Craig have already started looking into various options.

AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

Kyle Sipe, Chairman

Jeannie Bowman, District Clerk