

CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting of Crook County Fire & Rescue was called to order by President Steve Lent at 9:10 am on September 17, 2020.

Board members present were Steve Lent, Gary Abrams, George Ponte and Dennis Merrill by Zoom. Jerry Brummer was present by phone.

Staff present was Chief Matt Smith, Chief Dave Pickhardt, Chief Russ Deboodt, Chief Kenfield and Paula Landrus.

Duty crew present was Chris Bocchi, Matt Hummel and Todd Olheiser.

MINUTES

Jerry Brummer made a motion to approve the minutes from August 20, 2020. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID 19 Update-Chief Matt Smith gave an update. The stations are still closed to the public. Dispatch is doing a good job asking the appropriate questions.

Future Growth and Needs-Chief Matt Smith gave an overview. Chief Smith, Pickhardt and Deboodt are still working on a plan for Station 1204. We have good contacts at Facebook, we met with Apple. It is still progressing forward. We are still working on numbers to possibly hire nine for that station. This would provide a level of service for the data centers and the district as well. We will continue to work on it.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on catastrophic fires in Oregon-Chief Matt Smith stated that Crook County experienced the bad wind as well. The only emergency in Crook County from the wind was a tree fell on a trailer. We have deployed twice to the fires in Western Oregon. We will still help if we are needed. We have maintained coverage and answered all of the calls.

SDAO Best Practices-Chief Matt Smith stated that we get a ten percent discount on our insurance by complying with best practices from SDAO. This year they targeted a harassment policy. Chief Smith went over the questioner with the Board. Chief Smith stated the policy applies to everyone including the Board.

Review new construction and its effect on District- Chief Russ Deboodt gave an overview of the new construction in Crook County. Facebook is building a new building that is 70 feet tall, Woodgrain Mill is in the process to lease out some space for industrial space. There is a multifamily apartment complex including a pool going in on Peters Road, Brasada has two or three new homes started a week. There is an 800 acre solar farm on Baldwin Road. Chief Deboodt stated there is a lot of construction going in in

Crook County. The impact on the District is access and water supply. Also if they are per code.

Surplus Equipment-Chief Matt Smith stated that we have 12 to 15 pairs of Firefighter boots to surplus.

Dennis Merrill made a motion to surplus the boots. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT-

Dennis Merrill said the committee received email correspondence from the association following the last board meeting.

One of the questions over the last few months asked by the board has been to confirm with the association the need for a follow-up to our past November meeting.

After conversations with Chief Pickhardt and his correspondence with the association we do not currently have any agenda items to warrant a meeting.

We do want to remind everyone that the board presented a statement at the December board meeting summarizing the board's position on the ULP ruling and the labor/management committee meeting. The statement notes the recognition of the importance for open communication and building trust moving forward between labor and management.

The board met with Chief Smith after the November meeting and had a comprehensive review of the issues and concerns. The board stated after the November meeting with Chief Smith the need to move forward in facilitating an environment of trust and open communication with its members utilizing all available mechanisms.

The importance of continued monthly labor/management meetings is critical for open communication- those meetings have been held and will continue to be held monthly. The committee does not have any agenda items for the association at this time but wants to be sure all members know that should there be a need to meet the committee will continue to be available to the association. Should there be issues to discuss or items unresolved at the labor/management meetings that require committee support the committee remains open and available.

We as a board appreciate the progress that has been made since November and appreciate the willingness of all parties to keep communication channels open and continued work towards rebuilding trust and resolving issues

CONSENT AGENDA

Chief Smith stated that in July Gary Abrams asked if the Board needs to go through the Consent Agenda page by page. We talked to the Auditor and she stated the Board needs to acknowledge they received it and encouraged the Board to approve it.

Gary Abrams made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jerry Brummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Review Call Data-Chief Pickhardt gave a report on the calls in August. There were 272 calls for service. 194 EMS calls not including transfers, 44 inter hospital transfers, 4 brush fires and 11 motor vehicle accidents, 80 non EMS calls for service.

Audit Update-Chief Matt Smith stated that the auditor Kori did the fieldwork audit from a remote location. The final audit document will be done at the end of the year.

We talked to Kori about financial software and she agreed that it is time for an upgrade. We signed a contract to purchase Caselle.

Jerry Brummer stated that next month, three Board members will be gone, so there would not be a quorum. The Board discussed having the Board meeting October 22, 2020.

As there was no further business for the Board, Dennis Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am. Gary Abrams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Landrus

Steve Lent

