

CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting of Crook County Fire & Rescue was called to order by President Steve Lent at 9:00 am on November 19, 2020.

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

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

Guest present was Mike Wright and Larry Long.

MINUTES

Jerry Brummer made a motion to approve the minutes from October 22, 2020. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

George Ponte made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jerry Brummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Covid 19 Update-Chief Matt Smith stated that Covid is still active. We have had a couple of responders test positive. The stations are still closed.

Chief Dave Pickhardt state the hospitals are not short on beds due to Covid.

The employees are working long hours. We have had some responders out on vacation as well as sick leave. We are doing some fill back for those shift that people are gone. This is affecting our overtime budget. The last six to eight weeks has not been what we anticipated. New OSHA mandates are coming out in December.

Future Growth and Needs-This is tabled for the work session immediate following the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Position Vacancy, Civil Service Commission-Chief Smith stated this position is appointed by the Board. The Commission oversees the hiring process. And follows the Crook County Fire & Rescue Civil Service Commission rules. Al Kollen had to resign due to a medical issue. Chief Smith read a letter from Al's family.

Chief Smith stated that we will be advertising for a Commissioner.

Years of Service Awards- Chief Smith stated that we usually have an awards banquet in the spring. We were not able to honor our award winners this year. Chief Smith read the length of service awards: 10 year awards were awarded to Pablo Quesada, Joe Mills, Seth Tooley, Chad Grogan and Chris Bocchi. 15 years awards were Ray Austin, James Shannon and Jerimiah Kenfield. A 20 year award was awarded to Warren Espinola.

Firefighter of the year was Cody Buss, EMS person of the year was Jeff Berkebile and Mike Wright was Volunteer of the year.

Congratulation to all.

Review Deployment Plan- Chief Pickhardt went over the calls for October. There were 302 total responses, 82 Non- EMS Calls, 41 Transfers to Bend/Redmond, 3 building fires, 9 motor vehicle accidents, 13 alarms, 11 service calls, 4 gas leaks and 11 calls canceled once enroute. Chief Pickhardt stated the duty crew each day at Station 1201 is a Battalion Chief, a career lieutenant/paramedic, 3 career firefighter/paramedics, and 1-3 student/volunteers. At Station 1202 there is a career lieutenant/paramedic, a part-time or volunteer and 4 resident volunteers. When Station 1203 is staffed there is a career lieutenant/paramedic and 1-4 resident student/volunteer.

Chief Pickhardt stated it has been hard lately to staff station 1203 with sick and vacation. Chief Pickhardt gave an overall view of the response types and how the crews plan their day depending on the call types.

LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

No report

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Update SCBA Pack Surplus- Chief Smith stated we were unable to locate anyone who want them. There is a company that will dispose of the air packs and Norco will dispose of the cylinders. The backpack portion will go to the landfill.

As there was no further business for the Board, George Ponte made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Abrams seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Landrus

Steve Lent