

CROOK COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE

The regular meeting of Crook County Fire & Rescue was called to order by President Steve Lent at 9:01 am on February 25, 2021.

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

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

Guest present was Larry Long.

MINUTES

Jerry Brummer made a motion to approve the minutes from January 21, 2021. Dennis Merrill 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 in the County. The shot clinics have been successful for the community. Our staff has done standby in case of an emergency. The crews are still wearing PPE and the office staff is still working at home.

Governance Policy Review- Chief Matt Smith stated that he has been working on the Executive Limitation Policy. The Board discussed the changes made to section 4. Gary Abrams made a motion to approve the Governance Policy. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ambulance Financing- Chief Matt Smith stated that we are in the process of purchasing an ambulance. We are expected to take delivery in May. Chief Smith stated he would like to propose to the Board to finance this ambulance. He has done the research on financing and we can get a 2.9% interest rate over 7 years. It is called a lease/purchase with a company called Government Capital. In the past we have done a full faith credit loan and the closing costs are expensive. With the lease/purchase there are no closing cost. Next year we will need to purchase another ambulance and we will pay cash for it. We also need to replace some cardiac monitors. With the lease/purchase loan, we have the flexibility with the amount to include cardiac monitors and cots.

Jerry Brummer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-1. George Ponte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Standard of Cover- Chief Dave Pickhardt gave an overview of the document. This document references the services we can provide. New in this document is Board Priorities:

1. Minimize the direct and indirect impacts associated with fire, medical and rescue emergencies.
2. Ensure sustainability of service delivery by efficient use of our people, facilities, fleet, and finances.
3. Develop, promote, and demonstrate professionalism, innovation, and excellence throughout the organization.
4. Maintain District engagement in the community and a customer-based focus in the delivery of all services.
5. Maintain and improve the health, safety and well-being of the members of Crook County Fire and Rescue.

There was a section added regarding the data centers and industrial area.

Crook County Fire & Rescue was requested for service 3424 times in 2020. Those request for service were for many different types of incidents. 86% of the request were for medical related calls.

Community Risk Reduction was also added to the document. Community risk reduction is a broad term that encapsulates most of the services the district provides that are not included in emergency response.

In 2020 CCFR arrived on scene within 12 minutes of dispatch 81.5% of the time within the district boundaries. CCFR recognizes the extreme level of risk on the western edge of the city. Considering response time standards CCFR cannot respond and arrive to the industrial area within 12 minutes. This industrial area has an assessed value in excess of \$3,500,000,000.

Gary Abrams made a motion to approve the Crook County Fire & Rescue Standard of Cover. Dennis Merrill seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LABOR MANAGEMENT REPORT- Dennis Merrill stated there was no report.

Dennis suggested changing the focus of the committee or dissolve it. The intent has been resolved and the job is done. Gary Abrams suggested having quarterly meetings.

The Board discussed concerns of dissolving the committee or if they should have a policy that the E Board can access the Board if needed. This topic was tabled until the March Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Review Call Data-Chief Dave Pickhardt gave the call data report for January. There were 370 calls, 79 transports, 75 non ems calls. Station 1201 had 255 calls, station 1202 had 20 calls and station 1203 had 14 calls.

Creating a firefighter/paramedic list-Chief Matt Smith informed the Board that we will be creating a list. If we receive the SAFER Grant, we could possibly hire 3.

Steve Lent stated the Board election deadline is March 18th, 2021. Steve Lent, Dennis Merrill and George Ponte are up for re-election.

George Ponte asked Chief Matt Smith about having face to face board meetings. Chief Smith stated that the stations are still closed, but we could meet in the annex building.

The work session will directly follow the Board meeting.

As there was no further business for the Board, George Ponte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:22. Gary Abrams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be March 18, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Landrus

Steve Lent