Fire & Rescue Authority Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 19, 2012

Members Present:

Board Chair Jeff Swanty
City Manager Bill Cahill
Rural Board President Dave Legits
Fire Chief Randy Mirowski
Division Chief Merlin Green
Public Safety Admin. Dir. Renee Wheeler

Mayor Cecil Gutierrez
Rural Board Secretary Greg White
Asst. City Attorney Teresa Ablao
City Councilor John Fogle
Division Chief Ned Sparks

Absent Members:

BSC Roylene Sterkel

Call to Order:

Chairman Swanty called the Fire & Rescue Authority Board meeting to order on the above date at 1:30 pm at the Command Training Center.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Board participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Division Chief Green conducted roll call.

Awards and Presentations:

Two members of the Rural community were recognized by Chief Mirowski for their efforts to raise money for people of the High Park fire by setting up a lemon aid stand which collected $110.00. Those two individuals were Alex Swanty and Libby Gullickson.

Several LFRA members were recognized for their efforts related to grant funding and the work they provided on three specific projects that enhanced our ability to provide firefighter safety service delivery. The grants and people recognized were:

Radios
BC Tim Smith and Lt. Dave Friedrichsen

AED’s
BC Michael Cerovski and Firefighter Zach Sullivan
Consent Agenda:

Approval of June Minutes - City Manager Cahill moved to approve the minutes from the June 14th meeting. Dave Legits seconded the motion and it passed with Mayor Gutierrez abstaining due to his absence at that meeting.

Regular Agenda:

Discuss the Proposed Strategic Plan –

Chief Mirowski asked if the discussion and approval of the LFRA Strategic Plan could be moved to the August meeting so that the last edits can be made to the document. The Board agreed.

Rural Board –

Rural Board Secretary Greg White reported that the Rural Board held a special meeting on July 18th. They voted unanimously to pursue a mill levy increase in the November, 2012 election process. Details about the specifics have yet to be determined. Discussion followed on an election strategy.

Reliable, Sustainable Emergency Response for the Future –

Chief Mirowski talked about a case study of a recent fire incident in the Rural District to demonstrate what is involved in an emergency response and the impact on the LFRA system as a whole. An Issue Paper written by Chief Mirowski was included in the agenda packet.

Demonstration of the Blue Card Training System –

Chief Mirowski, Chief Sparks and Chief Ward gave a tour of the Command Training Center and demonstrated the Blue Card Training System. The success of the program has far exceeded the expectations for internal command staff development and extending the opportunities to other regional departments.

Demonstrate the New Engine and a Type 6 Engine –

The Board was provided an overview of the new Engine 6.

Executive Summary –

Chief Sparks provided an update on the remodel of fire station 6. They have targeted 120 days for completion.

Chief Sparks talked about a timeline and overview for the replacement of vacancies.
Chief Green talked about the latest developments with the land acquisition for the new fire station 2 location. Chief Mirowski, Chief Green and PSAD Renee Wheeler met with the Mahaffey's on July 18th to discuss timelines.

Board Member New Business/Feedback –

Councilor John Fogle suggested that the Rural provide for open forum discussions including citizens and the newspaper regarding the upcoming mill levy election. He thinks the more open exposure would help with their campaign that also includes the consequences, should they not pass the mill levy increase.

Greg White reported on a position paper from Chief Mirowski and the decision to increase staffing in the Masonville area during the Highland Park fire was a wise decision.

With no further business at hand, Chairman Swanty moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Minutes taken by DC Green and submitted by Secretary Roylene Sterkel