

Umatilla Fire District Meeting

The September 1, 2021, meeting was called to order by Board Chair Kyle Sipe.

Present:

Robert Holden, Kyle Sipe, and Darla Huxel

Mark Keith joined via phone @ 7:18

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Robert to approve, 2nd by Darla.

Minutes were approved unanimously.

Audience Participation: None

Correspondence:

Statement of Bills list, checks and check register were reviewed and signed.

Information Items:

Chief's Report:

June-

There was a total of 66 calls in August.

45 – EMS

4- MVC's

9– FIRE

8–Mutual Aid

+22 call for August 2020

+115 YTD over 2020

531 total for 2021 (568 was our total for 2020)

Maintenance-

No significant maintenance during August.

Training-

Hotel bundles

2.5" hose advancement

EMS-Trauma

E11 training-master stream, generator, air hose deployment

E12 Training

E12 Driving/skills practice

EMS-Splints

Area Familiarization

Engine 11 driving and skills practice

Three-man engine evolutions

EMS- Blast injuries

Structure protection

Rescue harness w/victim drag

Pumping evolutions

Recruitment/Retention-

The firefighter/EMT position is currently open and closes this Friday. We currently have 10 applicants for consideration. They are being assigned the Wonderlic test upon receiving their application which starts the ranking. They will be invited to the physical test and oral boards on September 11th. The top 3-5 will be invited for a Chief's interview either later the same day or early the following week. Hope to have the decision by Wednesday September 15th to make conditional offer in hopes of having them start the first part of October.

General-

I am sure you are aware of the vaccine mandates for school and healthcare workers, etc. I have a separate discussion paper and information for consideration as to how it affects us and how I expect we will comply.

Healthcare provider Vaccination Mandate Discussion handout. It was determined we will accept medical and religious exceptions/exemptions.

There have been no bids on the Ladder truck yet.

Shifted personnel to cover the shift that Marc Matlack was on. Craig and I will also support as needed as we are using the probationary staff to fill in on shift. His previous experience has helped him demonstrate confidence and knowledge to allow for the transition. Marc's last day of work was August 30th, with his last day with the district being August 31st. We did a surprise lunch for him at Rayz Dayz, and he was given his 10-year badge. He may stay on as a volunteer but is taking a break for a few months before deciding.

Continuing to work through the probation process with the two probationary staff. They are performing very well.

The resident intern is on shift and getting up to speed. He is registered for classes in late September.

Upcoming Activities-

Interviewing and testing of the new candidates.

Continue to work on the RFP's and find a legal firm for review. SDAO does not review this sort of thing.

Finalize fire billing policy.

Volunteer Report: N/A**Old Business:**

1. Billing Ordinance- Chief Potts is almost complete, he will send for review once finished.

New Business:

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Items not on Agenda Open to Public, Board and Staff Participation:**AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

Kyle Sipe, Chairman**Jeannie Bowman, Clerk**