

Chelan County Fire District No. 5
250 West Manson Blvd.
Manson, WA 98831
May 9, 2017
Regular Meeting of Commissioners

Commissioners Present: John Spencer, Brian Harris and Dan Baker

Others Present: Chief Arnold Baker, Assistant Chief Kermit McClellan, Patty McClellan, and Chris Willoughby.

Call to Order: Commissioner John Spencer called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and the Flag salute commenced.

Public Comment: None

Pension Board: Opened at 4:31. With nothing to report, the Pension Board adjourned. Regular meeting resumed at 4:31.

Minutes: April 11th Meeting Minutes were presented and reviewed. Commissioner Baker motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Commissioner Harris seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: There were no questions about the April Financial report.

Approval of Invoices: Commissioner Baker motioned to approve and pay the May Vouchers FD51 in the amount of \$5,498.14 and FD52 in the amount of \$9,161.69. Commissioner Harris seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Chiefs Report:

Incidents

31 Calls for service in April, 25 within District 5 and 6 out of District 5. Fire responded to a motor vehicle accident, 2 Odor mistaken for propane leaks and 4 medical assists. EMS responded to 21 calls in District 5 and 6 calls out of District 5.

Fire Call Processing was at 1:20, Arrival on scene at 6:09.

EMS Call Processing was at 2:03, Arrival on scene at 8:50.

Of the 25 calls in District 5, 16 calls were compliant to NFPA 1221, for call processing.

Personnel and Training

Training in April covered the 1st segment of Wildland Refresher, 24/7 Online with Portable Fire Extinguisher and Basic Fire Stream topics, medical OTEP and an officer meeting. (The Banquet was on a drill night)

I received 3 letters of interest for the open Lieutenant position. I purchased Fire Tactics Handbooks from Fire Service Bookstore for a reading assignment for the candidates to study.

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There will be a written test on the reading assignment material the same evening as panels with the officers. The officers that worked on the interior of the live fire training were observing these candidates for impressions on leadership; I have received most of those scores. The candidates will be scored for a mock incident where they will be command.

I will create a scoring rubric from the live fire, written test and command task before each of them will have an interview with me. The interview is the only piece that I will score. Then I will make an appointment, hopefully before the June Board meeting.

Recruitment & Retention

The renter that was affected by a structure fire on May 1st has expressed interest in being a firefighter. I will follow up and try to get him to a drill.

Facilities and Equipment

Engine-52 has had a couple on minor issues for several months now. I changed my approach to handling a solution. First has been an air leak in the pneumatic controls for the valve between the water tank and the pump. The valve functions fine, the air control switch leaks and the truck has to remain unplugged from station air. Rather than going through E-One, the truck manufacturer, I went looking for a distributor for the air valve and found one in Snohomish. They are making up a valve for us and will have it shipped by Monday before the Board meeting.

The other issue has been a 3-way water valve in the front bumper. The actuator was not calibrated to fully close the valve. It allows a pin leak of water to bypass and leak on the floor. I tried fixing it last fall and was not successful. The 3-way valve provides flow to either the front bumper turret or the jumpline in a box on the bumper. We have not used the jumpline in the 8 years of having the truck and because of the simplicity of the rear hose reel, probably never will. I have ordered a standard electric valve that will control the front turret only. Problem solved.

I met with Brian Gallop and he will begin going through all the trucks for annual oil changes and lubrication.

Darren has committed to have the old command chassis completed over the weekend.

Our SCBA and compressor salesman is spending time with the Scott Safety Rep this week at the Fire Expo in Portland. I am trying to nail down commitments for shipping our equipment.

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RiverCom

The 2 radio issues I presented on my report last month are moving forward. The TAC channel repeater in the Wenatchee River area is funded and the US forest Service has approved the upgrade the radio tower building on Blagg Mountain, which is essential to house the equipment for the TAC channel repeater.

Prevention

I attended Earth Day at Riverfront Park. I made several contacts educating about the dangers of certain landscape shrubs.

There will be a meeting held amongst Chief Lemmon of CCFD7, Chief Baker, Commissioner Spencer and Kevin Abel. Date and time undetermined.

Raynor and Adam are currently attending a 7-day Rope Rescue Course. Equipment for the training has been purchased for the class and more will be purchased to have a complete set up for Rope Rescue for in and out of the District.

Assistant Chief's Report:

Assistant Chief McClellan reported that driving with Javier is going really well, however he is determined to go to school in the fall. McClellan believes it is Javier's intent to move back to the valley after he's out of school.

EMS Report: None

Old Business:

Company Calendar – Manson Apple Blossom Parade this weekend; Memorial Day Parade in Chelan on the evening of May 25th. Karen Sargeant will take E51 to that parade. There is a Commissioner's Conference at Campbell's on June 3rd. Chief Baker and all 3 Commissioners plan to attend.

Station 51 Lease: Commissioner Spencer will draft an edit to the current Lease document to be reviewed.

Surplus Vehicle: Darren is finished working on the retired truck. The dash still needs repair. There are a few people who have expressed interest in purchasing the truck. The District will accept sealed bids for the truck up to the beginning of the June Regular Meeting.

A-Board: Was picked up today and looks good. Different possible uses for it were discussed, such as displaying it at T-Shirt sales etc.

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2018 Truck Replacement: Chief Baker shared a report of structure assessment, with more information to come. It was suggested that we compare with the fleets of Leavenworth and Entiat needs.

Air Compressors: We will be able to surplus the old compressor. It is the intent of the Chief to supply air tank refills free of charge if a diver is working for the public interest (such as for sheriff etc) as long as their air tank is in date.

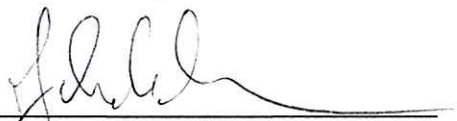
NEW BUSINESS: None

Public Comment: Chris reported that on May 23rd the Kindergarten class will be touring the Station for a field trip. Javier will be assisting in the morning.

Chief shared a budget spreadsheet of estimations of the remainder of the year, showing an excess in funds of approximately \$7,500. He plans on purchasing equipment for rope rescue and the District needs another saw in duty. Comparison discussion about chain saws and circular fire saws, it was decided that the consistency of another chain saw would be best, costing approximately \$1,700.

Adjournment: Having no additional business before the board the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Chelan County Fire District 5 Board of Commissioners:



John Spencer, Chairman




Dan Baker, Commissioner

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Brian Harris, Commissioner



Attest: Patty McClellan
District Secretary