SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Station 68
September 16, 2010

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1600 hours with Commissioners Rickert and Freitas in attendance. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Battalion Chief Chaney.

Commissioner Gates welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes from the August 19, 2010 Commissioner's meeting. Commissioner Freitas made a Motion, Motion passed. Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes from the September 15, 2010 Special Meeting. Commissioner Rickert made a Motion. Motion passed

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Rickert noted that he was privileged to be able to attend the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs to honor one of our own firefighter's line of duty death. He added that he worked quite a few years with FF Doug Waller; he was a dedicated firefighter, who passed away unexpectedly and very quickly. It was nice to be able to interact with his family in Colorado Springs along with our Honor Guard and others from around the country, as everyone was there to honor the fallen firefighters. Commissioner Rickert added that he was impressed with our Honor Guard, how they truly cared and were sympathetic about the Waller family and their needs, hopefully they will be able to present the framed IAFF Flag to the Waller Family. Commissioner Rickert displayed the framed IAFF Flag, which was provided by the IAFF. Commissioner Rickert noted that he also attended the King County Commissioners meeting last night at Station 26, things seem to be moving along, it sounds like King County is trying to eliminate the Fire Marshals division by 2014, our Board should send a letter to the King County Executive and the King County Council letting them know how we feel about this and the impact it could have on the safety of our citizens and on fire departments.

Commissioner Freitas noted that he attended the King County Commissioners Association meeting last night; we had the opportunity to deal with regional issues. South King Fire & Rescue arranged a meeting location and a speaker, the topic was residential fire sprinklers. It is a unified effort by local Elected Officials, local Building Officials and by Regional, County and State Officials to try and prevent loss of life in the residential fire sprinkler area. It seems immediate the incremental value to a house is incontestable to the value of a life and South King Fire & Rescues leadership in this area is a very good thing.

Commissioner Thompson arrived at 1608 hours.

Commissioner Fossos arrived at 1608 hours.

Commissioner Thompson noted that he attended the King County Commissioners meeting last night; it was nice to see some new faces and some that he hasn't seen for awhile. It was great to have the Residential Fire Sprinkler Trailer there, it is a great display of the importance of the fire sprinklers, we may want to have them at our open house so more people can see the importance of residential fire sprinklers.

Commissioner Fossos thanked the department for allowing him to attend the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs; it was an honor to be there with the Waller Family. He was amazed at how professional our Honor Guard was, they performed exceptionally. When the flag was presented by President Herrera to the Waller Family, the family was to stand to receive the flag, the Waller Family asked everyone with South King Fire & Rescue to stand as we were part of their family. Commissioner Fossos added that he attended the Special Meeting yesterday, it was well done and he learned a lot.

Commissioner Gates reported that it has been a busy month, he attended the King County Commissioners meeting last night, he has also attended a number of other meetings this month, HRA Committee and budget meetings, it is a busy time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Corey reported that he attended the EMS meeting and so far their reserves are looking good. It was great to have Dick Body drive the Antique Fire Engine to the Des Moines Farmers Market; everyone always enjoys seeing the antique engine. He added that the Des Moines Farmers Market Chili cook-off will be held on October 30th.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEES

Commissioner Gates noted that the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee met, they discussed the budget process, there were also a couple of HRA committee meetings which was summarized at last nights Special Meeting, he added that the Insurance Committee met earlier today. Commissioner Rickert reported that the Insurance Committee met, prior to the regular board meeting with Jack Stanford. They discussed the CIAW Insurance Pool and everyone in the insurance pool will become a regular member where we used to be an associate member. CIAW has been very cooperative and great to work with, we will look at going out to bid on insurance coverage next year, to see how CIAW compares. Commissioner Freitas added that we looked at our current insurance with CIAW and the cost vs. quality and the committee recommends staying with CIAW.

RESOLUTION #464 AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CIAW POOL

Chief Church read resolution #464 into record. Commissioner Freitas made a Motion to approve Resolution #464. Commissioner Thompson made an amendment to add to paragraph 5 "regular" and Commissioner Gates made an amendment to strike special open public meeting it should read regular public meeting. Motion carried unanimously. A new resolution was printed with the requested changes and signed by the Board.

CHIEF/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Chief Church thanked Lauri Perry, Captain Mataftin and C Shift for coordinating all of the food at last nights King County Commissioners meeting. It was nice to have the Residential Fire Sprinkler Trailer there.

Chief Church added that he and A/C Plumlee attended the King County EMS Meeting, Medic 13, will be going full time effective 1/1/11, the EMS Levy is kicking into full gear. At yesterdays EMS meeting, Dr. Eisenberg announced that September 16th (today) is the 50th birthday for CPR, and that if hare are going to have a heart attack King County is the place to have it due to the high survival rate.

Chief Church thanked Commissioner Gates, Mary Stevens, David Lawson, President Herrera, Vice President Ervin & FF Heinze for all of their hard work on the HRA program.

He reminded everyone that the Federal Way Farmers Market Fire vs Police 3rd Annual Chili cook-off will be held on Saturday, September 25th - please come support the fire department, we will have 3 chili teams.

Next week he will be attending the WFC Board Meeting in Tri Cities and Tuesday evening he will be meeting with the Tri Cities Commissioners and Chiefs, to discuss annexations, RFA's and mergers and the efficiencies with each of them. He will also be speaking at the WFCA Conference on October 27th in Pasco, and so far we have two (2) Commissioners attending the conference.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, SPECIAL OPERATIONS, EMS & WELNESS & FITNESS

A/C Plumlee reported that Dr. Eisenburg has been in the business for 43 years, we are lucky to have him. He added that he has been spending a great deal of time working on the 2011 budget.

B/C Chaney reported on C Shift news:

- They responded to a 500 gallon propane tank call, it was a propane tank leak that was on fire in Milton – this call made the news.
- MCI on I-5
- Officer Involved Shooting on 360th
- They worked with the family of a citizen in regards to long term care for a loved one.
- Two (2) firefighters were asked to compete in Ireland with the Puyallup Extrication team.
- Our Extrication team will be attending a competition in Calgary Alberta next week.
- Several members of C shift volunteered to spread bark, pull weeds and help spruce up the grounds at Thomas Jefferson High School.
- They will also have a Chili cook-off team participating in the 3rd Annual Fire vs Police chili cook-off on Saturday, September 25th at the Federal Way Farmers Market.

LOGISTICS, FLEET, FACILITIES & ACCREDIATION

Chief Church reported that D/C Knorr is unable to be here tonight his report is in your packet.

PLANNING – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Chief Church noted that D/C Trackwell is on vacation; his report is in your packet.

PREVENTION/PUBLIC EDUCATION/PULBIC INFORMATION
Chief Church noted that D/C Olson is on vacation; his report is in your packet.

TRAINING AND SAFETY
D/C Pennington reported that the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) conducted a site review for accreditation of the training division on September 13th, they had a few comments and suggestions but they recommended that we become accredited. On October 22nd the Committee on Accreditation will meet to make the recommendation to the full Board of Directors of the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications that South King Fire & Rescue be accredited as a national registered certifying agency. This gives us the opportunity to create career paths for our members, develop and train our members using the NFPA standards and our own policies. We will become one of only a handful of fire departments that are accredited through the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications. At that point we will be accredited to the same level as the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office.

HUMAN RESOURCES
Chief Church reported that Mary Stevens was unable to be here tonight, her report is in your packet.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Chief Church reported that IT Director Joe Ganem is attending a Valley Comm meeting and unable to be here tonight, his report is in your packet.

FINANCE
CFO Lawson reported that he has a short report; he was on vacation the last couple of weeks. The Auditor will begin our Audit on September 27th; they will be reviewing our 2009 financials.

SEPTEMBER BUDGET
The September budget is 4.58% under budget, CFO Lawson read into the record the list of expenditures for the month of September.

VOUCHERS
The following Vouchers/Payments were approved and signed by the Board.

Mid month utility vouchers documents (100976-100989) totaling	$19,475.94
Accounts Payable Vouchers (100990-101078) totaling	$808,009.73
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 162 indiv. (DD001308-001469) totaling	$878,931.53
Payroll Check Voucher Document (#100030-100032 for 3 individuals) totaling	$4,709.96
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$174,868.43
TOTAL approval	$1,885,995.59

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Wayne Corey reported that Medic One is 33 years old this year.

Commissioner Thompson noted that he has seen some information on nominating individuals for the State of Washington Medal of Valor, he thought we have probably recognized citizens at our meetings this year that are worthy of this award.

Commissioner Fossos asked for permission on developing our own Medic One fund. There were no objections to this request.

The meeting adjourned at 1642 hours.

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