SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

December 22, 2011
Station 68

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1500 hours with Commissioners Rickert, Thompson and Freitas in attendance. Commissioner Fossos is running a little late. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording. Chairman Gates welcomed Judge Larson to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Judge Larson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes of the November 22, 2011 Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Freitas made a Motion to approve the November 22nd minutes; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Thompson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful holiday, he thanked everyone, especially the firefighters for the stuff they have done for Loiland family, making sure everything gets taken care of, it really sets our department apart from other departments. He received a good report from his wife and grandson, they helped with our Food & Toy drive distribution and they really enjoyed helping others. A special thanks to everyone that participated and sponsored the Food & Toy Drive, the Foundation, business members and everyone else.

Commissioner Freitas wished everyone season greetings to all and happy holidays – he hopes everyone enjoys the holiday season. He congratulated Commissioners Thompson & Fossos on their reelection, the process was a long and grueling one and he looks forward to working with them for many years. He attended a DOH (Department of Health) Wemsis EMS Trauma meeting. The State is working with first responders to standardize reporting in a statistical way that can make some data meaningful to first responders which also includes hospital personnel.

Commissioner Rickert wished everyone a happy holidays, he thanked the Local and Administrative staff and other employees for supporting Wynn and his family. Commissioner Rickert visited Wynn yesterday and he was surprised how well he looked, he was asleep so he wasn't able to talk to him, it is good to see that he is improving daily, with some small steps. Commissioner Rickert attended the EMS Advisory Committee meeting yesterday there was a study done on transporting a couple hundred non acute patients via taxi rides. The patient would make the call for help, and they would be transferred to a nurse hotline, the nurse would ask a few questions to determine if it was in fact an emergency or a non-acute patient, if they did not need the firefighters to respond they were issued a voucher, for a ride via a taxi to a non-emergent facility, the taxi ride cost $34.00 one way, this is a really big savings, as a ride in an ambulance could have been an $800 charge. We need to come up

with a plan to get insurance companies to work with us in the future, this saves us and everyone time and personnel hours.

Commissioner Gates thanked everyone that has been working on behalf of Wynn and the Loiland family. He visited Wynn on Tuesday, he was sitting up, it is remarkable on the progress that he has made over the last week or so and when the doctor came in he asked Wynn are you starting to feel human again, Wynn answered almost. Commissioner Gates is pleased that he will be going to Good Sam Hospital; they have a great reputation for their rehab.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Thompson reported that the Policy & Procedure committee met on December 8th, they reviewed Section 17 of the Commissioner Guidelines, and everyone has a copy of the proposal. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion, that the Board of Commissioners of South King Fire & Rescue approve changes to Section 17 of the Commissioner Guidelines. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Thompson added that the committee reviewed the survey that was on our website for 60 days to see how many people actually viewed our recorded meetings and to see if it was actually beneficial to those that were unable to attend our meetings. The survey was to see how many people actually watched the recorded meetings and it was completed by one (1) person, saying that it was easy to view the meetings on the website; the committee recommends we discontinue video recording the meetings at this time.

Commissioner Thompson made a Motion that we discontinue video recording the board meetings and posting to our website. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Commissioner Freitas asked what the cost to the department was for video recording the meetings. Commissioner Thompson replied, staff time to download on to the website and maintain it.

Commissioner Fossos arrived at 1514 hours.

A/C Plumlee added basically it is staff time; someone monitoring it during the meeting to make sure it is not malfunctioning and putting it up on the website. Lt. Herrera added that we have purchased some software to download the video recording to the website and the audio is very poor to hear. Depending on the length of the recording and the quality of the audio it is currently taking 1-3 hours to download to the website. There was some additional discussion on the audio and video recording of our meetings. Commissioner Thompson added that the committee looked at staff time needed vs the benefit to the public with only one (1) survey being completed. Commissioner Rickert added that we can continue with the survey to see if anyone didn't have a chance to review it in the last 60 days and we will add a

question to the survey. Motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Freitas voting in opposition, he would like us to continue video recording the meetings.

Commissioner Freitas noted that Commissioner Fossos wasn't here during the Commissioner Comments, he congratulated Commissioner Fossos for being reelected and he looks forward to serving with him.

Commissioner Fossos reported it has been a tough month, he can't get over FF Loiland getting injured and how close it was that others could have been injured also. He has read something that really upset him; someone is trying to make a comparison with a private industry job and a FF job, and not going into hazardous situations. FF Loiland was doing his job, protecting life and property. Firefighters get paid to go into unsafe situations; this requires a lot of courage. He commends everyone that has taken care of the Loiland Family and the others that were at the scene.

Commissioner Thompson added that the Policy & Procedure Committee will be working on the Ethics Guideline next.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER MARK THOMPSON AND COMMISSIONER JAMES FOSSOS

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RESOLUTION #480 FORMALLY ADOPTING 2012 REGULAR MEETING DATES

Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to adopt Resolution #480. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. A/C Plumlee read Resolution #480 into record. Commissioner Freitas confirmed that the meeting times have changed from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm; A/C Plumlee replied yes. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

A/C Plumlee asked Lt. Herrera to please give us a report on FF Loiland. Lt. Herrera thanked everyone that has visited him, that has worked his shifts and those that have transferred him some of your Sick Leave hours. The Local sent a letter to the IAFF Associations which is over 11,000 requesting donations for the family. FF Loiland has made incredible progress, every day he is building more stamina and getting better. Today he was moved to Good Sam Hospital in Puyallup where he will have physical therapy Monday – Saturday from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm so visiting hours are limited to Monday – Saturday 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm and on Sunday. Lt. Herrera has maps of Good Sam if anyone is interested. FF Loiland will probably be pretty tired due to the physical therapy schedule.

A/C Plumlee reported that he has good news from the Assistance to Fire Act Grant, we will be receiving a grant to replace MDC's (mobile data computers), this was identified as a capital upgrade that needed to be replaced. He thanked D/C Trackwell for taking the lead on the Grant with assistance from Donna Conner and Joe Ganem. The grant is roughly for $170,000 with our matching portion around $35,000, this came at a great time, especially with the financial challenges everyone faces. A/C Plumlee read the letter into record, from Representative Adam Smith congratulating us on being awarded the AFG.

A/C Plumlee reported on the Food & Toy Drive, we adopted 125 families that were in need of assistance, we gathered the names from the school counselors. Once the signs were placed on the streets at the stations, the citizens began donating lots of toys; the Firefighters Foundation also helps quite a bit with purchasing food and toys. There are several people that are instrumental in this being a success Captain Crossen and Donna Conner and there were a few elves helping Commissioner Rickert, former Commissioner Roger Hershey and former Fire Chief Ed Coutts. The Kiwanis, Lions and all service groups are also very involved with this community effort.

A/C Plumlee reminded everyone that on January 19th we will have a Retreat at Station 68 at 0900 hours, January 25th is Legislative Day in Olympia; contact Lauri Perry if you would like to attend.

A/C Plumlee congratulated Commissioners Fossos and Thompson on their recent re-election for 6 years; he looks forward to working with all of the Board Members in these very challenging times as we march into 2012 and beyond. A/C Plumlee asked if the other Chief Officers/Division Chiefs would like to give a report on their division.

D/C Olson reported that this past year we have seen some incredible changes; the support divisions are normally the ones that are affected through cuts in personnel as operations is our main function. Kudos to the Prevention staff for working with less personnel and they have been working with the cities and school districts on solutions for some of the issues, and working with church's for cold weather shelters. Public Education they are also working with less personnel and they are moving into a role of EMS prevention, working with our citizens that need some extra help. Over the past month D/C Olson has been be working with the Finance and the IT Staff to help coordinate efforts, we are hoping the coordinated efforts will make things operate more smoothly and efficient. Congratulations to Commissioners Thompson & Fossos for being re-elected. The food and toy drive was a success; there are a number of people that help from wrapping gifts, purchasing food and the deliveries. In regards to FF Loiland, it is outstanding to see the outpouring of support from his firefighter brothers and sisters, locally and all over and the Communities.

B/C Chaney congratulated Commissioners Fossos & Thompson for their re-election. He also reported on FF Loiland and he thanked the Local and the community for their support of the Loiland family, it is amazing how many people will ask how he is doing. He is very pleased with how our department is doing an independent internal investigation on the incident; we

have brought in an outside investigator to assist. There is also an investigation being done by L & I to make sure we followed our own policies, it should be completed within 6 months from now. This will tell us how it happened and if there is anything that we need to change. He congratulated Chief Church and A/C Plumlee; for doing the right things, this is the way it should be done.

C Shift responded to a few significant incidents, the fires were all stopped at the point they were when we arrived.

- There was a kitchen fire at SW 321st; the crews were able to contain the fire to the kitchen and dining room area. The occupant later asked "how come it took you folks over 15 minutes to arrive?" He went on to complain that calling 911 was a waste of time and all the dispatchers wanted to do is ask rhetorical questions. After checking the CAD system for the call receive time, time of dispatch, response time and the on scene time, B/C Chaney was pleased with our public safety performance. We were dispatched 6 seconds after dispatch received the call, our response turnout was 1 minute later and our first arriving apparatus was on scene shortly thereafter with a total response time of 3 minutes and 20 seconds from the time of the call. This was an outstanding performance by the dispatchers and response crews. After explaining the timeline to the occupant he was very satisfied and grateful, when he realized our fast response and we were able to save most all of his valued belongings especially his business records and computers.
- There was a motor vehicle accident where a UPS truck lost control leaving the roadway and colliding with a tree. The driver sustained minor injuries while the seasonal helper received life threatening head and chest injuries after his torso went through the front windshield striking the tree while his pelvis remained entangled in the wreckage and pinned in the seat. After a complicated and organized extrication the patient was treated and transported by Medic 8 to Harborview with similar life threatening injuries that FF Loiland received on the I-5 incident, the patient continues to improve and is expected to make a good recovery.
- We also responded to a significant house fire near S 319th, upon arrival we found the two story house with flames and heavy black smoke blowing out the garage. This fire was being fueled by two (2) vehicles with breached fuel tanks. Because we had two (2) units on the scene within 3 minutes, we were able to deploy our lines and make a fire attack effectively stopping the fire damage at the point of our arrival.
- There was also a fire on 304th, the occupants tried to put out the fire prior to calling 911, they should have called 911 first. Once we were on the scene we were able to knock down the fire limiting the damage as much as possible.
- We also responded to an EMS call, patient collapsed from sudden cardiac arrest. Bystanders at the event began CPR and using the defibrillator on the patient with a public access defibrillator. After further efforts by our crews and the Medics, they transported the patient to St. Francis with a favorable prognosis. This is a classic example of how the Medic One model works: Early citizen CPR, early defibrillator, followed by BLS and ALS treatment.

B/C Chaney added that today he and his son Dalton helped deliver presents, this is a yearly event for them to assist with the food and toy drive. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

HR Administrator Mary Stevens congratulated Commissioners Fossos & Thompson on their re-election she has enjoyed working with them and she looks forward to continue to work with them. She also congratulated D/C Olson, on his promotion to Assistant Chief on January 1, 2012. This past year we have seen a number of staff retire and the downsizing of our department, our current staff members are really stepping up and taking on extra work. She wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

A/C Plumlee added that it has been quite a year, he thanked everyone for their reports and as you can see B/C Chaney and C shift has seen some exceptional calls. In response to the crew that was with FF Loiland during his incident, they are both back to work. Lt. Riley is a great Officer and FF Pysher is a seasoned firefighter, both of them are doing well, B/C Chaney is working with both of them. A/C Plumlee wished everyone a happy holiday.

Commissioner Gates thanked everyone for the year end reports and the great news on the grant funds for MDC's, special thanks to D/C Trackwell, Donna, Joe and David for their work on the grant.

DECEMBER BUDGET

CFO Lawson reported that the December budget is 3.33% under budget; we closed out the fiscal year with staff highly engaged. The staff has stepped up and is doing a great job with cross training. CFO Lawson read into the record the list of expenditures for the month of December.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (102631-102642) totaling	$24,454.36
Accounts Payable Warrants (102643-102743) totaling	$718,328.28
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 150 individuals DD003655-003804 totaling	$799,014.98
Payroll Warrants (#100067 -100067 for 1 individuals)	$294.36
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$162,035.95
TOTAL approval	$1,704,127.93

HR Administrator Mary Stevens added that Kendra Kay has accepted a position for the City of Tukwila in their Emergency Management, she begins January 1st. Sam Hooker and his wife stopped by the office and wished us a Merry Christmas and Sherry Roland is actively seeking employment.

Meeting adjourned at 1606 hours.

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