SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

August 28, 2012
Station 68

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Freitas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes of the July 24, 2012, Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Fossos made a Motion to approve the minutes of July 24, 2012; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Freitas. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Freitas had no comments.

Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Fossos reported that he attended the King County Fire Commissioners Executive Board Meeting, it was a good meeting and they discussed ideas on "how to get more fire districts involved with the association". He also attended the EMAC Meeting, there is a lot going on and there will be some changes in the communication center coming out in the next two (2) weeks. There will be some upcoming drills for the winter and training taking place with very limited financial resources. Commissioner Fossos added we owe a lot of gratitude to Local 2024, President Herrera, Vice President Ervin, and Secretary Winter for their hard work keeping this district one of finest fire departments anywhere, hats off to the young men and women of department, the citizens will definitely benefit in the future. He also participated in the Federal Way School District Clean-up day on Saturday, it was quite an event. After participating in the school clean-up, he drove around the area and he was very surprised at the size and square footage of some of the homes that we have in our district, it is very important to educate our citizens on fire safety, because it will take a lot of apparatus to get to the scene if some of these homes catch fire, we continue to save lives and property. Commissioner Fossos also thanked Chief Church for doing a nice job on the Memorial Service for Retired Firefighter John Moncrief.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

Commissioner Gates read Commissioner Thompson comments into record:
I am very happy regarding the outcome of the Maintenance and Operations levy (Prop 1 2012) earlier this month. However, I am saddened and scared regarding the future of the

cities of Federal Way and Des Moines and the unincorporated area that the fire district serves.

In the April special election for Prop 1 Maintenance and Operations levy; there were 68,414 registered voters in the South King Fire & Rescue service area. 18,729 voters VOTED! only 27.38% of the registered voters in our area voted.

In the August 8 Primary Election the 2nd time around for Prop 1 Maintenance and Operations levy, there were 69,249 registered voters; only 25,380 voted in the election. We won by a very slim 60.96%, only needed 60% to pass.

It is a sad commentary on the lack of civic pride and participation in such a very important process that our friends, family members, strangers, citizens young and old have given their lives for, the right to be free and to VOTE!

My hat is off to those of the South King Fire & Rescue community that took the time to honor those who gave their lives and to those who have served or are serving in the military to preserve the right to be free and to VOTE! My humbled appreciation to the 60.96% of those citizens that took the time to wade through the uninformed diatribe, innuendo and outright incorrect information and read the truth, asked questions and understood what needed to be done to continue to provide quality fire and emergency services to the our families, friends and neighbors and Voted YES on Prop 1.

With your help, the citizens of South King Fire & Rescue, the fire district members, former volunteers and career fire fighters, management leadership team and fire commissioners have worked hard on our communities behalf for the last 64 years to bring forth the best fire and emergency services your money can buy, to help you and all of the citizens and visitors to South King Fire & Rescue when the need arises. We were on the brink of going backwards, way back, but your self-determination and desire to have the best of the best serve you prevailed. THANK YOU, for taking the time to understand the issues and to VOTE! We, South King Fire & Rescue, will not fail you, never have and never will, our fire fighters give 100%, their best every day, day in and day out, to keep all of us safe. Thank you for your support!

To the citizens and fire fighters and family members of South King Fire & Rescue who worked so very hard to get the FACTS and TRUTH out to the voters, a Tip O'the Kelly to you all, you did an outstanding/stellar job! Community Spirit lives in South King Fire & Rescue.

My sincere thanks to the public partners in Des Moines and Federal Way that supported South King Fire & Rescue Prop 1, by encouraging citizens to vote, using their reader boards to encourage citizens to vote August 8th!! Thank you, thank you!!

To those who are so prone to spew misinformation, I encourage you to stop by your local fire station or contact any of your Commissioners, and become educated in the facts of how fire and emergency medical services are provided and how the system works!! You will be

amazed; South King Fire & Rescue is the provider of quality services that directly serves you, when you need it!!

South King Fire & Rescue is always looking and striving to improve through its Strategic Leadership Plan initiatives and sees the glass as half full. Our Mission Statement is "WE help people with professional services".

Thanks again to those 14,591 citizens who stood up to be counted and voted Yes on Prop 1, you did your community well!! Thank you to those 9,574 voters who voted No, but still exercised your unalienable right to vote! We could not have passed Prop 1 without any of you!

On a much lighter note: Congrats to everyone that worked hard on the FEMA SAFER Grant! Had Prop 1 not passed, we would not have been able to accept the grant!! The community will see the results of their support of Prop 1 with improved staffing to put our aid car back on the road full time 24/7.

Congratulations to Captain Body and his promotion to Battalion Chief. Who would have thought that would happen 4 years ago that he'd be a Captain, let alone a Battalion Chief. Great Job, and thanks for your ideas to continue to improve and move our department forward!!

Thanks to all of our employees, the times have been tough, but we were all tougher and like the Chief Says, and away we go!!

Thanks to everyone for what you do for our department, it is appreciated by this commissioner and all of your Commissioners!!!

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wayne Corey congratulated everyone that worked very hard on the levy, we made it and the people in Des Moines are very happy that it passed. The EMS Task Force Committee has passed all of study information on to staff and it will be presented to the King County Council in September, they are not sure on what the rate will be, it all depends on the income projections.

COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Gates noted that the only committee that has met was the Insurance Committee. Commissioner Rickert reported on behalf of the committee. Commissioner Rickert stated that the committee met on August 15th and discussed the following:

- Liability, Vehicle & Property Insurance, our policy with Enduris is up for renewal September 1st and it appears that our premium went down just a little due to the reduction in the number of vehicles on our policy. Commissioner Rickert made a Motion to renew our liability and property insurance with Enduris for another year, effective September 1, 2012. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. Motion passed unanimously.

- Life Insurance, we looked at the different life insurance policies to see if we could combine the policies to save, but at the present time it doesn't make any sense to make any changes. The new policies would cost more or offer less coverage for the same amount that we are currently paying.

- Employee Medical, everything seems to be going very well with the Self Insurance, we are saving money. It appears that it is trending for a 3-4 % increase for 2013. The committee will have more solid budget information next month.

- Long Term Care Insurance, we currently have 16 LEOFF 1 individuals that are covered by AFLAC or Met Life for long term care insurance and 6 individuals that are not covered by long term care insurance due to medical issues and extremely high cost associated with trying to obtain coverage.

RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 7th PRIMARY ELECTION

Chief Church noted that he couldn't say it any better than Commissioner Thompson. It passed with 60.96%, due to an incredible amount of work throughout the department, educating our communities and with assistance from our great community partners, it paid off.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Church noted that we had a great school clean-up day, at Green Gables and Illahee due to the great partnership with Grace Church and their Congregation. We also partnered with Grace Church on a very successful School Supply Drive. Chief Church read an email from Pastor Jon McIntosh, asking Chief to pass along their gratitude to our firefighters and other personnel that participated in the school supply drive, we are so grateful for your partnership and support of community especially during these challenging times. Your willingness for the stations serve as collections points allowed us to provide 115 backpacks that are totally filled with school supplies plus additional school supplies that were given to teachers to give away at their own discretion. We never could have done it without you. Chief Church thanked the crews and Yvette for accepts all of the donations and for cleaning up the schools.

October 6th will be the 2nd Annual Advancing Leadership Spaghetti Feed, so please be at the Federal Way Community Center at 4:30 pm to serve as Celebrity Waiters.

There will be an Elected Officials Emergency Management Class on September 5th at the Federal Way City Hall at 1:30 pm. There are a number of new Elected Officials to our community so we need to remind everyone what emergency is all about and how it works. There are also two (2) classes for the Operations personnel.

The Washington & Oregon Fire Chiefs are trying to save some money and partner to put together a single Vendor Show. This will provide personnel the opportunity so see equipment and apparatus, so far there are a lot of people on board.

AUGUST BUDGET

CFO David Lawson reported that we are 3.01% under budget for the month of August; he then read into the record the list of expenditures for the month.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (103469-103484) totaling	$24,752.21
Accounts Payable Warrants (103485-103576) totaling	$558,607.18
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 139 individuals DD004818-004956 totaling	$781,178.91
Payroll Warrants (#100085 -100085 for 1 individual)	$196.24
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$164,267.05
TOTAL approval	$1,529,001.59

Meeting adjourned at 1621 hours.

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