SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

December 20, 2012
Station 68

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1600 hours with Commissioners Rickert, Thompson and Freitas in attendance. Commissioner Fossos should be on his way. 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 November 26, 2012 Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to approve the minutes of November 26, 2012; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Thompson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. He applauded everyone involved with the Tanker Fire; sounds like everyone did a great job in controlling the fire and coordination of services. We don't have the opportunity to practice this type of incident so he would encourage and suggest, that we take lessons learned on the road to we discuss this incident with our partners along the I-5 and I-90 corridor, to let them know what worked for us, what didn't work and see what suggestions they have to offer. This type of incident doesn't happen very often, but when it does, it takes a lot of resources and expertise so we always have to be prepared. We need to continue thinking about the plans, keep up the good work and enjoy the holidays.

Commissioner Fossos arrived at 1605 hours.

Commissioner Rickert thanked everyone for their hard work this past year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday. He attended the EMS Levy Meeting in Bellevue yesterday and a vote of support came up with The City of Kirkland expressing opposition, this puts the levy in King County in jeopardy as there are 9 Cities in King County with population over 50,000 that have to approve the EMS levy so it can be placed on the ballot for the citizens to decide on. If anyone has any in's with Kirkland, we need to explain everything to them and how they are putting the entire levy in jeopardy. He believes that the City of Kirkland wants to keep all of the taxes that are collected in their area to themselves. The EMS Levy shares all of the taxes that are collected within King County and strategically positions the Medic Units as needed based on call volume. This is a County wide levy not a levy by individual departments. Commissioner Freitas added that this is the first time that the City of Kirkland has voted on this levy since the annexation. Perhaps they need more knowledge of the system and the effects, he is sure people will work hard on educating them of the system.

Commissioner Freitas wished everyone Seasons Greetings; it has been a long year, it's been a hard year in many ways, it's been a good year in many ways and it's been a learning year. He is looking forward to 2013, looking forward to active participation with as much community input as we can get and he will have more comments during the committee reports.

Commissioner Fossos wished everyone a Merry Christmas and the best for the New Year. He disagrees with Commissioner Freitas, the City of Kirkland knows exactly what they are doing by opposing the EMS Levy, they are putting a great program in jeopardy, and hopefully someone will be able to change their mind as this is a critical issue. Commissioner Fossos attended the King County Commissioners E Board Meeting, EMAC Meeting; they had some good discussion with the director. He had the honor of representing the family of former Fire Chief Jack Richards whose widow established a fund to honor the top paramedic in the class due to family issues she was unable to attend. The reception this year has been great the majority of the Commissioners saw the need for stepping forward and leading this department, with the first Prop One, let's not forget we came extremely close, except for some citizens that don't understand the ramifications. We brought it back again a majority of the Commissioners saw that their responsibility was to protect the citizenry and the men and women of SKF&R. This department really knows how to rebound; he thanked everyone for their teamwork. We really need to focus on the gun issue and the unfortunate tragedy that took place in CT and put the emphasis on the safety of our citizens and firefighters.

Commissioner Gates wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays; we could go around the room and thank everyone for something that they have done over the year. He thanked Captain Crossen for all of his hard work on the Food & Toy Drive.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gates noted that there was an Emergency Management Committee Meeting with Commissioners Rickert & Freitas; the report is in your packet. Commissioner Freitas reported that we talked about Emergency Management issues and the timeliness what we are presently doing; you can never be prepared enough. Commissioner Freitas has a personal opinion, which he hopes will spread within our department, that we bring the City of Des Moines in to the program, they are part of our district, the cost to join is $7,000 a year, they have to be asked to join, it is a very good investment for Emergency Management training annually with department heads, policy makers, first responders and he understands that it is tough times in the City of Des Moines with their budget. He volunteered to help to chair a fundraising committee to bring them on board, assuming that the rest of the Greater Federal Way Emergency Management will concur with that. When we went back to Emmitsburg it was nice to have a member of the City of Des Moines join us. He hopes that we get copies of the updated Emergency Management plans for the Cities of Federal Way and Des Moines. We also discussed the Tanker Fire it was the type of fire that the concept of unified command would have helped bring in other agencies, if we would have needed them. King County is doing some new things on how we integrate with them.

RESOLUTION NO. 489 ADOPTING MEETING DATES FOR REGUALR BOARD MEETINGS IN 2013

A/C Plumlee read Resolution No, 489 into record. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to approve Resolution No. 489. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. Commissioner Freitas added that he was pleased with the time change and he is hopeful for better participation within the Commission and the public. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

A/C Plumlee wished everyone Happy Holidays; it is always a time that we want to be home with our families, he really appreciates the emergency crews that will be working through Christmas and the New Year. He added that the Tanker Fire happened in the middle of the night, it was an excellent operation from the first crew that arrived on the scene to the last clean-up crew. Our crews performed exceptionally well with no injures it wasn't just fuel, but it was airplane fuel, we had assistance from the Port of Seattle Fire and Boeing Fire. It is very unfortunate for the driver of the tanker.

Captain Crossen commented on the Food & Toy Drive, after the first of the year, several agencies will get together to discuss our plans for the future for food drives to better help the Federal Way Community. Tonight we will be calling all of the families, to confirm their address and delivery times, and we will be making deliveries on Saturday, December 22nd.

Our banquet will be on January 12th at St. Vincent's with a Hawaiian theme at 6:15 pm.

DECEMBER BUDGET

CFO Lawson reported that we are 6.2% under budget or 5.71% under budget for the year, including unbudgeted items; he then read into the record the list of expenditures for the month.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (103899-103914) totaling	$25,386.92
Accounts Payable Warrants (103915-104025) totaling	$638,369.12
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 141 individuals DD005374-005514 totaling	$819,097.26
Payroll Warrants (#100091 for 1 individual)	$196.26
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$172,738.73
TOTAL approval	$1,655,788.29

Meeting adjourned at 1628 hours.

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