SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

September 24, 2013
Station 68

At 1700 Commissioner Gates announced that due to heavy traffic tonight, we will wait till 1705 to call the meeting to order.

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1705 hours with Commissioners Thompson, Fossos, Freitas and Rickert in attendance. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Fossos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes of the August 27, 2013 Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Freitas made a Motion to approve the August 27, 2013 minutes; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Freitas had no comments.

Commissioner Rickert reported that he was very pleased to represent SKF&R and the citizens of Federal Way and Des Moines at the Fallen Firefighter Memorial in Colorado Springs, where our own FF John Moncrief was remembered. The Moncrief Family really appreciated us being there and the citizens of our fire district also appreciated us supporting the family during this time. He thanked the Moncrief Family for allowing them to share in the presentation of the flag and when Johns name was placed on the wall. There were over 147 names placed on the wall this year, with 44 firefighters being from FDNY (New York Fire Department) in which the majority were the delayed effects of 9-11. Commissioner Rickert reminded everyone to be cautious; there is a great health hazard to the job you do. He was very pleased that we have high safety standards and he reminded everyone to wash your gear, wear your air packs and decon before you come back in the stations.

Commissioner Thompson reported that he attended the King County Fire Commissioners General Membership Meeting; the speaker was Fred Jarett who is the Deputy Executive for King County and the Chairperson for the Medic One Levy. Fred talked about the Medic One Levy process and the funding mechanism. He also discussed the importance of the Medic One program to us as a fire district as well as to all of our citizens and the success that the program has seen, in fact they have the world's best success rate in being able to save patients, 57% success rate. There are many areas around the country that have more Medic Units available per capita, although they have a much less success rate, (survival rate). Commissioner Thompson reminded everyone that the Chili Cook-Off will be held on Saturday; the Commissioners will have a team, and we will be victorious with a secret weapon.

Commissioner Fossos expanded a little on what Commissioner Rickert said, he too was very proud to represent our communities at the prestigious Fallen Firefighter Memorial event, he is proud to be a

Commissioner at South King Fire & Rescue, proud of our guys and the Honor Guard did an outstanding job. They went to wall saw Doug Waller name and they paid their respects. Commissioner Fossos added that he couldn't help but think how God blessed Wynn Loiland is, that he is here with us; his name could have easily been on that wall. This is one of the most dangerous professions in the world. It was amazing to see all of the names on the wall. Make sure you wear your masks, glove up and wash your gear. Be careful out there and thanks to our fire district for allowing us to represent you at the memorial.

Commissioner Gates welcomed everyone to the meeting, it is always a pleasure to see so many friends and family at the meetings, it is a special evening with some recognitions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Gates commented that we have had a couple of questions asked of us, which he will respond to. There were no other public comments.

Commissioner Gates responded to two (2) questions that were asked by Mr. Jerry Galland. He requested information in an email that he sent to all Commissioners yesterday morning in regards to the purchase of the property on 320th Street, the property that was purchased for a future training site. *Reply: This was an information request that should have been a public records request; however, the Board did approve the purchase of the property by a unanimous vote in 2009*. Has any district money been applied to reduce the principle on the bond that was issued to pay for the land? *When we issued the bonds, as interest only for the first several years, this is a common practice by governmental agencies in fact some municipalities issue interest only bonds until current bonds are paid off, which that can be 10-15 years down the road. We did this as a financial strategy to protect our cash flow because in 2009 it looked like we were headed into an economic recession with property taxes and revenues going down. So protecting our cash flow by paying interest only provided us the cash flow for operating needs and to replace any aging capital equipment that might need to be replaced.* We took advantage of very favorable bond rates, we received bond rates were well below what commercial rates were at the time. We will start paying principle on the bonds in 2016.

The second question asked was regarding the hiring of legal counsel relevant to an ongoing Department of Health investigation. *Reply: This request for information regarding the use of an Attorney has already been answered via a public records request*.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioners Gates noted that the Emergency Management Committee met, this month, their report is in your packet. Commissioner Freitas reported that they met and reviewed the information that was sent out by King County as they are contemplating updating their plan. The plan appears to be a solid plan, they are asking questions to better facilitate things in our region and area. Commissioner Rickert added that when he reviewed the King County Emergency Management Plan that there are some minor word changes, it is more of a boiler plate, there doesn't appear to be any major changes, he believes we should move forward with the plan. He also has some questions in regards to the contracts that we have, it appears that we haven't gone through them to see if they are up to date, although he doesn't

think that we need to spend a whole lot of time on them. The committee would like to review the mutual aid agreements. *Editor's note: Administrative Staff has reviewed the contracts and most of them are with other fire departments and they do not have an ending year…they are good forever and ever unless one agency chooses to cancel them.*

RESOLUTION #491 – SUPPORTING THE 2014-2019 KING COUNTY MEDIC ONE LEVY

Chief Church read Resolution #491 into record. Commissioner Thompson made a Motion to pass Resolution #491; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. Motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE RECOGNITION

Commissioner Gates reported that unfortunately Senator Eide is unable to be here tonight she had to attend a Transportation Forum in Eastern Washington and Representative Freeman is on his way.

DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

Chief Church asked A/C Plumlee and Local 2024 President Ryan Herrera please come to the front of the room. FF Wynn Loiland is going to be the first recipient of our fire departments Purple Heart Award, Chief Church asked Wynn and his wife to please come forward. Chief Church presented Wynn with the departments first Purple Heart Ribbon, this award recognizes the sacrifices to your life that were taken back in November of 2011. Chief Church added a special thank you to President Herrera, who was at the hospital everyday with helping and supporting the Loiland Family in every way possible. Chief Church asked the representatives of the Military Order of the Purple Heart to please come forward. He reported that you put your life on the line every day that you respond and the public continues to expect you to be there when they call. They presented FF Loiland with our first MOPH First Responder Plaque.

LEGISLATIVE RECOGNITION

Chief Church thanked those that were involved with the passage of HB1868 "The Wynn Loiland Act" that provides health insurance to the LEOFF2 firefighters that have been catastrophic injured in the line of duty. This bill was sponsored by Representative Roger Freeman and Senator Edie both representing the citizens of Federal Way and WSCFF Lobbyist Geoff Simpson and others. Chief Church read a plaque that was presented to Representative Freeman. President Herrera thanked Steve Nelson, Mike Wright and all those that testified on the bill, there were a lot of people that made this happen. Representative Freeman added that he was honored to be a freshman in Olympia last year and be asked to sponsor this very important bill, it is important to stand up and fight for bills that are important and he thanked Geoff Simpson for bringing this bill and this great opportunity to him. FF Loiland thanked everyone and his wife Sue added that just when you think you are alone in this terrible situation. You don't realize how many people care, you are not alone, one morning there were 200 first responders were downstairs at the hospital praying for us, you find out it is one big family (family includes personal family, first responder family, Unions and Legislators) to make this terrible incident a lot better. She couldn't have done it without all of the help and support that she received from everyone.

Commissioner Gates added that on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, he thanked President Herrera, Geoff Simpson and Representative Freeman for everything that they have done, it is very much appreciated.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Church congratulated Wynn for being the first SKF&R recipient of the Purple Heart, he also thanked Lauri Perry for her coordination with REC in coming up with this award and coordinating everything tonight. He also reminded everyone that the Chili Cook-Off will be held September 28th we will have 4 teams. Also October 5th is the Advancing Leadership Annual Spaghetti Feed, a great turn out is expected, should be a great night. This year we have two (2) employees participating in the Advancing Leadership Program, IT Director Joe Ganem and Lt. Jeff Bellinghausen. This is the 16the year for the Advancing Leadership Program; it has created some great leaders in our department and our community.

SEPTEMBER BUDGET

CFO Lawson reported that the September budget is 2.9% over budget. CFO Lawson read into the record the list of expenditures for the month of September.

Mid-Month Utility/AP Warrants (105011-105029) totaling	$26,094.68
Accounts Payable Warrants (105031-105109) totaling	$615,325.71
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 156 indiv. DD006748-006903 totaling	$903,781.46
Payroll Warrants (#100103-100106 for 4 individuals)	$4,545.11
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$194,629.62
Special Issue Check #105030	$22,368.41
TOTAL approval	$1,766,744.99

Commissioner Freitas asked for an update on the Station 65 Roof project. Chief Church replied that A/C Olson, D/C Pennington and Lance Boe are in the process of reviewing the three (3) bids and the bid should be awarded soon; the bids have come in under budget.

Meeting adjourned at 1750 hours.

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