

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVADA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Agenda Review
and
General Session
7903 Allison Way, Arvada, Colorado**

April 3, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Loveridge called the April 3, 2017 regular meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present:

Bob Loveridge, President/Chairman
Jeff Van Es, Vice-President
Matt Kramer, Treasurer
Tim Allport, Secretary
Kirk Rasmussen, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Board members absent:

None

Also present:

Chief Jon Greer
Deputy Chief Mike Piper
Ryan Weir, IAFF Local 4056 Director (Agenda Review only)
Dino Ross, District Legal Counsel

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA REVIEW

None.

AGENDA REVIEW

Ryan Weir provided the Board with an update on Local 4056's activities since the last Board meeting.

The Board and Chief Greer reviewed the agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Rasmussen moved to recess to Executive Session per §24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. to receive legal advice regarding a personnel matter. Secretary Allport seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m.

Secretary Allport moved to return from Executive Session. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Rasmussen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board returned to the regular meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Chairman Loveridge recessed the meeting.

GENERAL SESSION

Chairman Loveridge called the General Session to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Loveridge led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

Chairman Loveridge asked that all those present observe a moment of silence for the 27 firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty in 2017 in the United States. This is 9 more in the last month. He also reported that there have been 746 civilian residential fire fatalities in 2017.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-President Van Es moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2017 regular Board meeting as presented. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Rasmussen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEYS' REPORT

Attorney Ross noted that the written attorney's report was included in the Board packet. The main item this month was assisting Chief Staff in further revising the proposed 2017 Member Handbook. He and Chief Greer reviewed this document with the Board earlier tonight during the Agenda Review. The revised document will be brought to the Board for final approval in May.

Legislative Tracker

A new bill was introduced that states there is no conflict of interest for a special district board member to serve on a non-profit entity board. A bill introduced into the house would increase the number of meetings for which a district board member can be paid from 16 to 24 per year. The house bill funding a study for the use of drones in firefighting is on hold in the

appropriations committee until it completes its work on the state budget. Another bill would extend the hours per day allowed for serving alcohol. The hearing on the bill prohibiting local government inspection of underground storage tanks will go to hearing in the House in mid-April. Originally, it was hoped that the bill's sponsor would agree to amend the bill to permit local governments to continue to conduct inspections, and just limit the fees that can be charged by local governments for such inspections; however, it appears the bill's sponsor will not agree to amend the bill. Chief Greer told the Board that Fire Marshal Ferry testified against the bill at the first hearing. The voluntary cancer program passed the senate and was sent to the house. There appears to be no opposition at this time. A new bill would prohibit an employer from advising applicants for a job that they cannot apply if they have a criminal history. The employer could only inquire into an applicant's criminal history after it extends a conditional offer of employment to the applicant. A recent bill introduced in the House would require contractors on public projects that are valued at over \$500,000 to use 25% apprenticeship positions for those trades that have apprentice programs. It is not clear whether this law would apply only to the State or whether it also would apply to local governments like the District. Regular discussions are continuing to be held with the Special District Association and Colorado State Fire Chiefs regarding the Colorado Legislature's possible decrease in the assessed value rate for residential property.

DIVISION REPORT

EMS Division

EMS Chief Dave Mitchell

The District transitioned from one billing agency to a new one beginning November 1, 2016 for EMS transport billing. The revenue for March is currently an estimate; however, the District is trending toward the biggest revenue month ever for March. Meetings with the new billing company, Apex Paramedic Services Billing, are going well.

The District's personnel will be training with Arvada Police Department partners at Martensen Elementary all next week on Active Shooter/Rescue Task Force incidents. There will be two sessions each day with a make-up day later in the month. This represents ongoing efforts to continue developing the protocol and procedure surrounding these complicated calls.

Chief Mitchell shared a video of "Operation Bubble Blast", a full scale test of the emergency medication dispensing plans conducted in association with District personnel at the District's Training Center. These plans are used when mass dispensing of medications is needed in response to a biological incident.

The District is looking at establishing a ToxMed position, which is a Paramedic and HazMat Specialist merged into one position. A person holding this position would identify what might be making people sick, using knowledge from training in both specialties. Paramedic Kody Allen is attending as many HazMat courses as possible in preparation for development of a curriculum to train for this position. The District will build a program that works for the District. Once tested, other departments would be free to use the program if they wish.

Dave's Locker, or the Arvada Fire Department Loan Closet, is a mobility assistance equipment loan program designed by Lieutenant Dave Matus based on the successful models from around the metro area. There is currently nothing like it available in or near Arvada. After identifying a need, Lieutenant Matus took action. This is a good example of what happens at the District all

the time.

Division Chief Mitchell, Captain Putfark and Firefighter/Paramedic Higgins were selected to receive 2017 Public Health Champion Awards. This selection was made as the result of a committed partnership between the District and Jefferson County Public Health. Some of the multiple initiatives being undertaken collaboratively include Shots 4 Tots, Public Health Point of Distribution protocol, and the emergency cache of prophylactic antibiotics. The Board congratulated Division Chief Mitchell, Captain Putfark and Firefighter/Paramedic

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Vice-President Van Es and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Rasmussen will attend the meeting with City Council Representatives on April 10, 2017.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Kramer made a motion to accept the check register for February, 2017 as presented. Vice-President Van Es seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

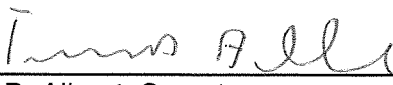
None.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT

President Loveridge reminded those present that Friends of Arvada Fire will be having a fundraiser at Fuzzy's Taco in Olde Town on April 18th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. He encouraged all to enjoy supper and support FAFPD by purchasing a brownie sundae.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Kramer moved to adjourn the meeting. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Rasmussen seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.



Timothy D. Allport, Secretary

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