

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVADA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
7903 Allison Way, Arvada, Colorado
April 20, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Snyder called the April 20, 2010 regular meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present:

Jim Snyder, President
Doug Schneider, Vice-President
Mike Kerr, Secretary
Debi Luft, Treasurer
Ted Terranova, Assistant-Secretary

Also present:

Fire Chief Jon Greer
Dino Ross, District Legal Counsel
Matt Kramer, Director Elect

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Secretary Kerr made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider matters that will include discussion of specific personnel and to receive advice of legal counsel pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b)&(f). Vice-President Schneider seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board went into executive session at 5:33 p.m.

Treasurer Luft made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Secretary Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board came out of executive session at 6:57 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Snyder led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

President Snyder requested that all present observe a moment of silence for the 26 U.S. firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty in 2010 and for Retired Firefighter Frank Maltese who passed away this week.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-President Schneider made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2010 regular meeting as presented. Assistant-Secretary Terranova seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEYS' REPORT

Attorney Ross had nothing to add to the written report.

Attorney Ross advised the Board that proposed legislation that would have entitled plaintiffs to recover damages under the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act failed during a vote on the House of Representative floor.

Representative Scanlan has sponsored HB-10-1368, which would reverse the Colorado Supreme Court's decision in *Hygiene Fire Protection District v. Boulder County*. If the legislation becomes law, political subdivisions will be subject to all of a County's local zoning regulations, even if they are not based upon the State Planned Unit Development (PUD) statute. This legislation is being watched closely by fire protection districts and legal counsel.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Jon Greer

Division Reports

Pridemark Paramedics

Dave Mitchell

February and March were great months. Of the 454 calls in February, 421 (92.73%) were within the six minute, thirty second requirement; 98% were within nine minutes, and there were no calls over 15 minutes. Of the 543 calls in March, 511 (94.11%) were within the six minute, thirty second requirement, 99.08% were within nine minutes, and there were no calls over 15 minutes.

Vice-President Doug Schneider requested a one page report similar to the PowerPoint pages for the Board, rather than the call-by-call report. Pridemark will provide this for next month's report.

During the 2010 Special Event Season, Pridemark will participate in approximately 100 special events. HotTimesKoolCars is contractually obligated, but many others are not. For the Bolder Boulder, there will be an additional 40 personnel available that day. Other events include the Iron Man in Boulder, the Colorado Irish Festival and the 9-Health Fair. A new event, the Maccabi Games, is a Jewish youth event with a few thousand athletes and spectators. Pridemark's teams are a little extra busy in the summertime. Pridemark often has people covering these events who are not part of the Pridemark crews who regularly respond to 9-1-1 calls. Additional personnel include bike teams, on-site communications, and standby ALS and BLS ambulances.

Mr. Mitchell thanked Director Debi Luft for her work with Pridemark.

Division of Fire Prevention
Fire Marshal Sparky Shriver

For the Fire Prevention Division, special events run all year. Larger events include the Harvest and Gold Strike Festivals. Proms and After Proms also require special inspections and fire watch. Smaller events are handled by Public Information Officer (PIO) Scott Pribble and/or crews from the individual stations.

For the last ten months, Fire Marshal Shriver and Assistant Fire Marshal Steve Steigleder have been assisting Wheat Ridge Fire with the new 269,000 square foot extension to Exempla Lutheran Medical Center. The extension includes 11 new elevators and 12 new state-of-the-art operating rooms. More than 1,200 fire sprinkler heads, 709 smoke detectors, heat detectors and notification devices were individually tested. Employee training is now being conducted.

Careless smoking is still the number one cause of fatal fires, as was reiterated by a recent fire in the 8000 block of Lee Court. The family lost three pets in the fire. Residential fire sprinklers would have made a difference in the outcome of this fire.

PIO Pribble and Fire Marshal Shriver developed a sign reminding people that fire sprinklers and smoke detectors are still the best protection for homes and occupants. The signs were donated by CO-Cat Restoration and Reconstruction.

Arson Awareness Week is May 2 through May 8. This year's theme is Community Arson Prevention and concentrates on how neighborhoods can reduce the likelihood of arson occurring.

The Fire Prevention Division's certified personnel identified and interviewed 12 juveniles this year regarding intentionally set fires and fire play through the Division's Juvenile Fire-Setter Program.

The Fire Prevention Division, with the assistance of Attorney Ross, prepared a letter notifying homeowners that they are not located within the District's boundaries. The letter was sent to 97 homeowners. Some homeowners may petition to come into the District as a result of these "No Man's Land" letters.

Wheat Ridge City Council considered the 2006 international Fire Code on first reading last week. Final reading and approval will be on May 10th.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Assistant-Secretary Terranova reported on the April 5th meeting with City of Arvada Representatives. The only agenda item was brought forth by the City Manager. The City is struggling with what to grandfather regarding basement finishes. The Fire District believes a requirement for installation of CO and smoke detectors is more of a priority than requiring egress windows. Councilmembers McGraff and Dyer were looking for alternatives to egress windows, such as possibly requiring the mechanical room in the basement be one-hour fire-rated.

Assistant-Secretary Terranova noted that contractors currently have an appeal process. He would like to see an appeal process for homeowners, as well. Vice-President Schneider said that statistics do not support the requirement for egress windows. One of the topics that were discussed was how to get citizens to have proper placement of the CO and smoke detectors. PIO Pribble will be drafting articles on wireless smoke detection systems and providing live

presentations with the Fire District and local vendors. Early detection and sprinklers will save more lives than any construction features.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval of Bills

Secretary Kerr moved to approve payment of the bills for March 2010 as presented. Treasurer Luft seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of the Amendment to Exhibit A of Resolution 10-03

Attorney Ross advised the Board that this is a housekeeping matter in connection with the financing Resolution approved last month for the Station 2 construction and re-financing the construction of the two new stations. The original Exhibit A only included the legal description of the property for Station 2. The amendment added the descriptions for the other two recently constructed fire stations, which will be part of the collateral for the re-financing package.

Vice-President Schneider moved to ratify the amendment to Exhibit A as presented. Treasurer Luft seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Resolution 10-05 Establishing an Active Retiree Program

Attorney Ross stated that the Colorado Volunteer Firefighter Pension Act permits the Board to establish a program permitting retired volunteer firefighters to return to active duty. Only retired volunteers who are currently receiving pension benefits are eligible. They may not receive any additional pension benefits. The volunteer firefighter would be an active retiree and could, if the District chooses, be eligible to receive the same stipends as the reserve firefighters.

Treasurer Luft asked if establishing the program would have any effect on the Pension Fund. Attorney Ross replied that it would not affect the Pension Fund or the actuarial reports. The active retirees would be eligible for election to the Pension Board under the new legislation scheduled to take effect later this year.

Secretary Kerr moved to approve Resolution 10-05 establishing an active retiree program. Assistant-Secretary Terranova seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of the Updated District Board Member Manual

Attorney Ross advised the Board that the Board Member Manual was first adopted in 2002 to provide general guidance to the Board members regarding applicable laws and establish procedures for conducting Board meeting and other Board activities. The Board Member Manual was updated in 2004, but has not been updated in the last 6 years.

Attorney Ross noted that a minor change is being recommended to the first sentence of the

Emergency Meeting section of the proposed updated Manual" Two or more Board members may call an Emergency Meeting...." Also the following second sentence would be added: "The Fire Chief or his or her designee shall promptly notify the remaining Board members that an Emergency Meeting has been called."

Assistant-Secretary Terranova moved to approve the updated Board Member Manual with the amendment as read. Treasurer Luft seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT

Chief Greer told the Board that he would give copies of the 2009 Annual Report, which came off the press today, to the Board after the meeting.


Secretary Kerr asked that the Arvada City Water Department notify police and fire when it will be flushing fire hydrants, so the Fire District can inform citizens who call. Vice-President Schneider suggested the Water Department personnel set out a sign stating "Water Dept Flushing Hydrants", as well. Chief Greer will take the Board's request to the City.

Assistant-Secretary Terranova told all present that he appreciated Debi Luft's service on the Board and he would like to see her come back. Chief Greer noted that, as Treasurer, there were many times she was at headquarters between Board meetings. Because of her work, the finances of the District are in much better shape. Vice-President Schneider offered his thanks, as well.

Treasurer Luft stated that it has been an honor to be on the Board. The firefighters and staff are top notch and the citizens should be proud of them.

ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Kerr made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Assistant-Secretary Terranova seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Gary M. Kerr, Secretary

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