

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVADA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
7903 Allison Way, Arvada, Colorado
February 16, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Snyder called the February 16, 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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Secretary Mike Kerr made a motion to go into Executive Session to determine the District's position on matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(e). Vice-President Doug Schneider seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Doug Schneider made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Secretary Mike Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Jim Snyder led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

President Jim Snyder requested that all present observe a moment of silence for the 7 U.S. firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty in 2010.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Chief Greer requested the addition of Action on the Sale of Truck 6 to New Business.

REDISTRIBUTION CENTER PRESENTATION

Chief Greer introduced Ranya Kelly from the Redistribution Center for presentation of an award. Ranya presented a plaque to Mike Kulp and his wife Tina, Chuck Crow and his son Cody, Kurtis Knight, Jeremy Kesterson, Mark Spiessbach, Jeremy Gaccetta, Scott Antill, Donny Varra and his friend Jason, John Simpson and Sam Laurent. She also noted that the fencing materials were donated by Continental Fence. Because of the coordinated efforts of this company and these individuals, a fence was built in a day and a half for an Arvada citizen who, as a result of military service in Iraq, became a double amputee and is confined to a wheelchair.

Vice-President Schneider added thanks from the Board to the firefighters, their families and friends. He stated that it is giving like this that makes him proud to still be a part of the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Retired Volunteer Eddie Lyons read a letter to the District Board regarding the Senate Committee e hearing he had attended with Chief Greer and Attorney Ross. He was impressed with Chief Greer's and Attorney Ross' testimony. It was factual, on subject, and was presented in a very professional manner. There were no loose ends and all issues were specific and to the point. The Committee members were in full support of the legislation. There was no debate or negative testimony.

Mr. Lyons was very proud of the way the Chief and Attorney Ross handled themselves with everyone involved and he thanked them on behalf of all State of Colorado volunteer pension boards and volunteer firefighters.

RECESS TO VOLUNTEER PENSION BOARD MEETING

Secretary Mike Kerr moved to recess to the Volunteer Pension Board Meeting. Treasurer Debi Luft seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Doug Schneider moved to reconvene the meeting. Secretary Mike Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously. President Jim Snyder reconvened the District Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Mike Kerr made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2010 regular meeting and the January 25, 2010 special meeting as presented. Vice-President Doug Schneider seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEYS' REPORT

Attorney Dino Ross

Attorney Ross noted that this has been a busy month for Chief Staff and legal counsel; he has been deeply involved with Chief Staff in an extensive amount of work in many areas. There are 15-20 pieces of legislation coming through the House and Senate, which may affect the District, if passed. Three bills deal with phasing out the personal property business tax. These were defeated last year, but it is too early to tell how they will be received this year. Passage of these bills would mean a 10-15% reduction in District revenue, which is a very significant adverse impact. Other bills address heightened security for retention and destruction of personal information. Another bill would place significant restrictions on surveillance for fraudulent workers compensation claims and remove one of the primary tools for detecting fraudulent claims. There also is a bill that would for the first time add significant recovery of compensatory and punitive damages for successful claims of discrimination under the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act. This bill is of significant concern, as it could open a whole new venue for discrimination claims. There is a bill that would make a number of technical, "clean up" changes to the Colorado Election Code.

Assistant-Secretary Ted Terranova asked about permanent mail-in ballot status for special districts. Attorney Ross and Chief Greer stated that they are hoping to get the State to look at this for next year.

Vice-President Schneider asked if the SDA Liability Pool, which the District uses for its Worker's Compensation Insurance, has taken a position on the surveillance bill. Attorney Ross replied that it is his understanding that the SDA Liability Pool opposes the bill.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Jon Greer

Pridemark Paramedics

Mike Donner

In October, there were 514 calls, which is abnormally high. There was one response over 15 minutes. November and December were more normal, with 457 and 438 calls, respectively. January had 446 calls with one call over 15 minutes.

Out of 5194 emergent calls in 2009, there were only 2 responses over 15 minutes. There were also 2817 non-emergent calls.

A review of 2009 events included PIT meeting participation, training to coordinate the efforts of Pridemark paramedics and District paramedics on scene, implementation of the King Airway, a Rescue POD for CPR and Induced Hypothermia to lower the possibility of brain damage.

Because of the economy, there were several expense adjustments made in 2009. Thankfully, these were implemented without effecting field personnel or making pay changes.

Pridemark assisted with H1N1 immunization of District personnel.

Mr. Donner told the Board that he believes the relationship with the District is better than it has ever been from top to bottom.

In answer to a question from Secretary Mike Kerr, Deputy Chief Mike Piper noted that Pridemark provides instructors for many of the District's continuing education classes, which are on LifeSize.

Vice-President Doug Schneider agreed that the relationship between Pridemark and the District appears to have improved immensely. Changes and evolution are hard work, but the parties have a common goal and aligned paramedic goals.

Division Reports

Communications

Support Services Manager Chris Ambrosio

More than 3,474 phone calls were answered in the communications center in January, not counting the calls that came in on the PBX administration lines:

- 487 calls on 911
 - 95 % answered in 10 seconds or less.
 - 5.13% answered in 11 to 20 seconds.
 - 0.00% answered in 20+ seconds.
- 333 calls from 10 digit emergency telephone numbers.
- 2,146 calls from direct lines to other agencies.
- 18 calls from emergency phones outside stations.
- 490 calls from admin lines.

Assistant-Secretary Ted Terranova asked if there were still problems with the CAD. Mr. Ambrosio responded that the District still is in the beta testing phase with Zoll. Chief Greer noted that if the District had not agreed to participate in the beta testing, the District would not have been able to afford the AVL component of the system. Zoll is taking all of the District's feedback and improving the system.

There were 44,399 calls answered in 2009; 38,464 of the calls were emergency.

The District's 911 phone system will be co-located in Westminster. The District will be a spoke on the Westminster system. This allows for no backroom equipment and one maintenance contract for the 911 Authority board, saving it a lot of money. It also offers inter-operability to allow the District dispatchers to work from Westminster or vice versa.

Vice President Doug Schneider asked the status of hiring an additional IT person, who was included in the 2010 budget. Chief Greer responded that the interviews have been completed, an offer has been made and the District is conducting a background check at this time.

President Jim Snyder asked if dispatch can access the cameras at intersections. Mr. Ambrosio responded that the District could have access to the cameras; however, viewing the camera information will require additional monitors and is not being recommended at this time.

Operations Division

Deputy Chief Mike Piper

Chief Piper noted that reaction and response times are fairly consistent for the stations month to month.

There was a fire at 7437 Upham on January 19th. Firefighters did an excellent job; the fire was effectively and quickly brought under control. The fire today was handled in the same professional manner. Unfortunately, the family pets perished in the fire.

Medical Priority Dispatch has been fully implemented. This system was created in 1976 and consists of three parts: ask questions, provide pre-arrival instructions to the reporting party, and match protocols to the severity and type of incident. This system is being used in 22 countries and has been translated into eight languages. It has been well accepted by the legal community. The system allows for prudent use of public resources while enhancing public safety. This system was fully implemented beginning January 1st. 20-30% of all calls received can be handled by two people on an ambulance. Pridemark is now responding to these incidents without the District. Protocols for the remaining 70-80% of the calls have not changed.

Dave Hysmith, Colin McKeever and Mark Spiessbach are currently in paramedic school.

Firefighter Ben Hamilton was hired to replace Chris Ambrosio. He is currently going through intense emersion training throughout the District before being assigned to a station and shift.

Brendon Dougherty is now one of the Department Chaplains. Both Ben and Doc will be sworn in at the March District Board meeting.

Lt. Ken Rubenking and Firefighter Dan Roozen applied for and received a \$9,000 grant for wildfire personal protective equipment. This grant requires a matching amount of \$2,000 from the District's budget.

Chief Greer noted that the District has applied for a grant to fund paramedic equipment for Engine 2. This will be the fourth paramedic station to come online.

Assistant-Secretary Terranova questioned the Station 2 response times. Chief Piper responded that the station is located in the far southwest corner of the District. Whenever Stations 1 and 2 respond to the interstate, there is a delay in response. Moving the station will help with response time. This station was originally built as a volunteer station only. It has been the same size since 1963. It is far smaller than the average house in Arvada and was never meant to house crews 24 hours a day.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The next meeting with City Council representatives will be on April 5, 2010. The Board will determine who will attend at the March meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval of Bills

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Sale of Reserve Truck 6

Vice-President Doug Schneider moved that the Board approve sale of Reserve Truck Six for not less than \$75,000. Assistant-Secretary Ted Terranova seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Pension Board Report to the District Board on the Condition of the Pension Fund

Assistant-Secretary Ted Terranova moved to accept the Pension Board Report to the District Board on the Condition of the Pension Fund as presented. Secretary Mike Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Financing for Construction of Station 2

Chief Greer presented background information to the Board regarding constructing a new Station Two. The District boundaries and the demographics of the Station 2 area were very different in 1963. In order to better serve the community, the station needs to be moved further east. It makes good fiscal sense to build it now. The District can receive Build American Bonds, which will result in a subsidy of approximately \$550,000 from the Federal Government. Construction costs are about \$400,000 lower than they were when

Stations 7 and 8 were built. Assistant-Secretary Ted Terranova moved to approve Resolution 10-03, which authorizes the District to proceed with financing under the Option 2 Financing Proposal submitted by Wells Fargo. Secretary Mike Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Greer noted that Assistant-Secretary Terranova and Secretary Kerr have been very supportive of this action. The remainder of the Board was apprehensive, until the two Directors showed them why it made strategic and financial sense to move forward at this time. Chief Greer thanked everyone for the work they have done. The net effect on the budget is that the District will lower its total debt payments by about \$40,000 per year and will have the funds to construct the new Station 2.

Consideration of 5-Year Strategic Plan

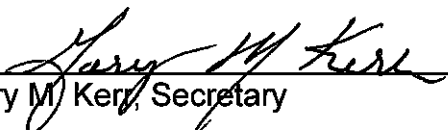
Assistant-Secretary Ted Terranova moved to table this matter until the Board is able to evaluate the financial impacts of implementation. Secretary Mike Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT

Secretary Mike Kerr requested that a plaque be presented from the Board to thank the firefighters who participated in the fence building project. Chief Greer stated that the District will do a group citation at the awards banquet.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Doug Schneider made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Mike Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Gary M. Kerr, Secretary

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