

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ARVADA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ARVADA FIRE HEADQUARTERS
October 14, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

President Jim Snyder called the October 14, 2009 regular meeting to order at 5:30 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

Treasurer Debi Luft made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters pursuant to C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(f). Secretary Mike Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board went into Executive Session at 5:33 p.m.

Treasurer Debi Luft made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Secretary Mike Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.

The Board moved from the conference room to the board room to continue the meeting.

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 73 U.S. firefighters who have lost their lives this year in the line of duty.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Chief Greer informed the Board that the Redistribution Center presentation and the Hot Times Kool Cars presentation have been postponed due to illness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Treasurer Debi Luft made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2009 regular meeting as presented. Secretary Mike Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTORNEYS' REPORT

Attorney Dino Ross had nothing to add to the written report. The Board members had no additional questions for Attorney Ross.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Jon Greer

Pridemark Report

Mike Donner

There were 496 emergent calls in August. 92.74% were within the six minute-thirty second (90%) parameters. There were no calls over fifteen minutes. There were 430 emergent calls in September. 92.56% were within the six minute-thirty second (90%) parameters. There were no calls over fifteen minutes.

As requested by the Board in July, Mr. Donner presented a breakdown of the types of calls for the month of September. For medical calls, there were 51 respiratory calls, 26 cardiac events, 30 psychological or inebriated calls, and 76 with flu-like symptoms. The Cardiac Alert system with Exempla Lutheran hospital was implemented 24 times. For trauma calls, there were 90 motor vehicle accidents, 20 DOAs and 4 gunshot wounds.

Mr. Donner reported that Cardiac Alert is a system that has been developed with Exempla Lutheran Medical Center to shorten the time between arrival at the hospital and being transferred to the cardiac cath lab. At the beginning of the program, paramedics learned what types of heart rhythms indicated heart attacks. By the end of the training and trial period, the paramedics had achieved 98% accuracy. Now, if the paramedic believes the patient is experiencing a heart attack, the ambulance calls ahead to the hospital to activate the Cardiac Alert team. This cuts the time from arrival at the hospital to admission to the cardiac lab from several hours to less than an hour.

Most hospitals now have Cardiac Alert systems and many are starting to implement similar programs for suspected strokes.

Chief Greer noted that that Pridemark does a great deal of work with the District behind the scenes. Their assistance has been extremely helpful, especially with the District ALS engine program.

Division Reports

Operations Division

Deputy Chief Mike Piper

The month of September was typical for Arvada Fire. There were 819 calls total. Truck 6 has become busier since Stations 7 and 8 opened. September reaction/response times across the

District were 1.07 minutes average. These times have been very steady.

There has been a great deal of discussion and planning regarding the seasonal flue and the H1N1 flu. Both are very widespread throughout the country, Colorado, and the local community. The District is closely monitoring influenza activity. The Communications Division has implemented *Card 36* which includes additional screening questions to help the dispatchers identify those who are possibly dealing with influenza. When identified, responders wear a mask and also place one on the patient. The 9th training session of the year for operations personnel has been on influenza. There were three trainings for each shift, most of which covered good workplace hygiene practices. The District has completed voluntary seasonal flu vaccines for employees. Stations have stockpiled masks and more have been ordered. A contingency plan for the operations and training divisions has been developed and will be implemented if necessary.

All stations have completed hose evolutions, which are part of Engine Company Operations, the last in-service training for this year. Hose and pump testing has been completed. The annual fitness assessments are in progress. Crews are finishing up the fire code inspections and pre-plans for the year.

On October 24-26, all Arvada Fire personnel will be wearing pink duty shirts to help raise awareness of women's cancer.

Director Kerr asked Chief Piper how the District can help keep people from panicking in a pandemic situation. Chief Piper replied that PIO Scott Pribble will be providing information on the District's website, press releases and other available avenues. Chief Piper noted that most people who contract the flu can and do recover at home. The symptoms and mortality with H1N1 are no more severe than with the regular seasonal flu.

Chief Greer informed the Board that Chris Ambrosio would not be presenting a report as he is in Florida for a conference.

The Board asked how the Automatic Vehicle Locater (AVL) process is progressing. Chief Greer responded that AVL and mobile units are currently being installed. The new computers were received two days ago. The trucks themselves are Wi-Fi hot spots for 300 feet around them. Servers are on order for the mobile portion of the CAD. Station 5 is testing the system now and it is working well. When completed, the system will give turn-by-turn directions to calls.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Meeting with Arvada City Council

Board Members Jim Snyder and Doug Schneider attended the meeting with City Council on September 21st at 4:00 p.m. at Panera Bread. The District's representatives advised the council members that the District will not be proposing as many fire code amendments as originally anticipated. The Strategic Planning Process is going well. The District's representatives thanked the council members for allowing Bob Manwaring and Aaron Jacks to participate with the District on this project. There were no updates with regards to a potential merger with the Fairmount Fire protection District. District property tax and interest revenues will be down when compared to 2009. The District is matching the budget to the Strategic Plan. Fire Marshal Sparky Shriver and deputy Fire Marshal Steve Steigleder will be attending the International

Code Council meeting to vote on residential fire sprinklers. In North Metro Fire District, the homebuilders accepted the residential fire sprinkler requirement on condition that it not be enforced for three years.

It is unknown if the next meeting will be on the scheduled date, which is the night before the City Council election, or rescheduled to a date after the election. Jennifer Enochs will check with the City Manager's office tomorrow to confirm the date and will contact Board members if it will be before the next meeting.

Secretary Kerr asked if there has been any input from Homeowners Associations on the proposed residential fire sprinklers requirements. Chief Greer responded that, as the change would have no effect on existing homes, it would not affect them.

Council member Bob Dyer suggested the District meet with the City Finance Department to discuss their strategy on investments, as they are having moderate success. Chief Greer has asked Office Manager Graham to arrange the meeting. Bob Dyer also brought up the issue of work done on basements in the past. The City is trying to determine how far back to go when enforcing the fire code. One of his concerns is their requirement that egress windows be installed on all basement improvements. He stated that Noel Vargo is really pushing the egress windows because of his perception that firefighters would be trapped in the basement if there is a fire and there is no egress window. He asked if the District could work with Mr. Vargo on a reasonable solution to this requirement. Chief Greer has informed Fire Marshal Shriver of this concern.

Assistant-Secretary Terranova asked if there are any statistics on firefighter egress. Chief Greer said there are none for the District. Assistant-Secretary Terranova replied that firefighter egress should not be considered in the City's decision.

Light Rail and the progress of the Gold Line also were discussed. The Gold Line is expected to be completed in 2016.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Approval of Bills

Treasurer Luft moved to approve payment of the bills for September 2009 as presented. Assistant-Secretary Terranova seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Medical Insurance Renewal

Chief Greer

Secretary Kerr made a motion renew the health insurance with Aetna, at the funding level identified in Renewal Option 1, and also providing two alternative plan options identified as "Renewal" and "Renewal Option 2"; and, further, to renew the dental and vision insurance with the current

provider. Assistant-Secretary Terranova seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Study Session

The Board will hold a study session on the 2010 budget on October 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Attorney Dino Ross reminded staff that notice of this meeting would need to be posted.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DEPARTMENT

Rail Car Lost in Golden

Secretary Kerr advised the Board and the audience about a run-away box car that derailed near Sheridan coming from Golden. It was very lucky that it did not kill someone, as it was moving more than 50 miles-per-hour across the city. Mr. Kerr would like to join with the City to request a derail location west of the City from Burlington Northern. Chief Greer said the District will contact BNRR with or without the City and requested that Secretary Kerr be available for the meeting because of his railroad expertise.

Plaque from Retired Members

Chief Greer presented a plaque from the retired members of the Arvada Fire Department to the District Board "for their service to the Arvada community for lifesaving principles, fire prevention, suppression and public education...also for their dedication, friendship, interest and helpfulness toward the Spirit of Volunteerism of the Retired Arvada Firefighter." This plaque was presented to the Board at the AFD Retired Members dinner on September 19, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Debi Luft made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Ted Terranova seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Gary M. Kerr, Secretary

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