

Lane Fire Authority
&
Santa Clara Fire

Minutes for November 15th, 2018 Board Meeting
88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta

The regular board meetings for Lane Fire Authority & Santa Clara Fire were called to order at 6:00 p.m. by board chairs John Baxter and Rod Graves respectively.

Board Members Present:

Pete Holmes Bill Clendenen Ryan Walker John Baxter Greg Deedon
 Rod Graves Susan Smith Don Phillips Russ Sirotek Frank Taubenkrau

Assistant Chief Randy Wood was also present.

Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Bills:

There were no questions regarding the treasurer's report.

Topic	October 2018 Board Minutes LFA and SCF
Discussion	
Action taken	Motion made by Pete Holmes and seconded by Ryan Walker to approve October 2018 board minutes. Motion carried –all ayes.

A request was made for a one page consolidated summary sheet of the two agencies. Chief Ney will check with Cheryl about getting this accomplished.

Correspondence:

Chief Ney read a several thank you notes.

Swearing In/Recognition:

None.

Chief's Report:

New Staffing Model – We recently responded to a manufactured home fire on Clear Lake Road. Even though the response time was quick the home was fully involved due in part to wind and a well-intentioned passerby breaking out the windows (they thought someone was trapped inside). The home owner's daughter in-law got her mother in-law out but she suffered 18% partial thickness burns and was transported the burn center in Portland.

This was one of the first fires since the staffing change and it went very well from an operational standpoint. Chief Ney is very encouraged by the new staffing model.

Assessment Center – LFA conducted an assessment center for hiring last Friday with 9 skill stations and interviews. Of the 15 applicants that chose to participate, the top 4 were all in-house applicants from our volunteer ranks. The chief's interview will be delayed slightly until Chief Borland returns from firefighting in California and can participate in the interviews. The hiring list created from this process will be good for one to two years.

A purchased test was used for testing – the reviews were mixed and we probably will not use it again.

Chico Fire – Chief Borland, Robert Holmes, Dean Chappell and Bailey Cooper recently returned from firefighting in Chico. Lance Lighty also went as a strike team leader on the second crew that went south. The crew did mostly fire line work and prepping houses.

Dead Trees – There are a lot of dead trees around the area. Questions have been asked regarding people/businesses removing dead trees due to the fire danger they may create. Chief Ney has worked with individual property owners and businesses by encouraging the removal of dead trees. If dead trees happen to be near a power line, the power company will usually remove the tree(s) for no charge.

Chief Ney is considering a press release to escalate the process of removing dead trees.

Santa Clara Fire Back Pay – The issue of back pay has been resolved. The minutes of the special meeting regarding back pay need to be published. The back pay amounts for comp time stated by Russ Sirotek were; Chris Staniak, \$3,369, Randy Wood \$7,207, there were no figures for Ryan Rush.

Santa Clara Community Organization – Jerry Finnigan with the organization will be meeting with the City of Eugene on December 5th to discuss the “20 year take-over plan” Chiefs Ney and Wood will try to be present at the meeting.

Flashpoint – Flashpoint has received many compliments from Santa Clara patrons.

Santa Clara Burn Permit – The burn permit that Santa Clara currently uses will transition to the burn permit used for LFA. Also of note is the change that a burn pile is permitted in areas inside the Eugene Urban Growth Boundary if patrons live on two or more acres. LARAPA did not do a good job of publicizing this change.

Chief Ney stressed that we are not the smoke police and folks should file a complaint with LRAPA if they have issues.

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Volunteer Association Input:

John Leaton, Volunteer Association President introduced himself. Saturday, December 8th at Station 115 is the Holiday Party-beginning at noon with the light parade following at approximately 5:00 p.m.

The Santa Clara board requested that former Santa Clara employees and volunteers be remembered for the awards banquet.

Best Practices:

Jeff Griffin from WHA Insurance talked about what we can expect for the upcoming year regarding insurance. We will be able to save significant money by SCF & LFA coming together.

Some apparatus will be adjusted up and some down – overall there will be a savings.

In the area of buildings there has been a big increase in construction costs. He believes some of our buildings may be underinsured.

Jeff will make value recommendations on apparatus, autos and buildings.

Cyber liability is a significant concern- this coverage will be included in the insurance package.

New Business:

None

Old Business:

None

Executive Session:

The board of directors went into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(b) “To consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent who does not request an open hearing.”

Adjourn

There being no further business, the regular business meetings of Lane Fire Authority Santa Clara Fire were adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: December 20th 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR