

Lane Fire Authority
&
Santa Clara Fire

Minutes for October 18th, 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	September 2018 Board Minutes LFA
Discussion	Because there was not a quorum for Lane Fire Authority, there are no minutes to approve.
Action taken	None

Topic	September 2018 Board Minutes SCF
Discussion	
Action taken	Motion made by Russ Sirotek and seconded by Frank Taubenkrau to approve September 2018 board minutes. Motion carried –all ayes.

Correspondence:

Chief Ney read a several thank you notes from district patrons and LifeFlight.

Swearing In/Recognition:

None.

Chief's Report:

Conflagration - Two county task forces are currently at the Klondike Fire – they will most likely be released tomorrow or the day after. The LFA crew is near Agnes on the Rogue River with both heavy and light brush rigs.

Springfield Incident- Several rounds from a shotgun were fired at responding firefighters. All the initial crew had been struck by one or more buckshot pellets. This was a very close call for fire personnel and brings up questions about protective gear. Chief Ney does not envision firefighters wearing bullet proof vests along with their PPE on a regular basis.

Communication between police and fire is a big issue as they are on completely different spectrums and not directly compatible. There is also the issue of two different dispatch centers which is perhaps the biggest communication issue.

BLM Prescribed Burn- There is frustration regarding prescribed burns. BLM does not notify other agencies of upcoming burns and do not follow LRAPA rules. Last Friday's burn along the south side of 126 near Coyote Creek was started late in the day (about 7 pm) – the woody fuel and brush created a lot of smoke and smoldering and the crew had left. Fog settled in the area and caused a five car accident early Saturday morning. Thankfully, there were no serious injuries. The smoke and fog were so bad that a lieutenant had to walk in front of the engine to be a guide.

Chief Ney has been fighting his way up the chain regarding this issue. A multi-agency meeting is planned in the near future to try and prevent this type of situation from happening again.

Additional to the issue of public safety, this also creates a public relations nightmare i.e., why can they burn but we can't.

Temporary Assignment – Captain Katy Johnson (EMS Officer) has been on a six month temporary assignment which she would like to make permanent. Chief Ney has been looking at ways to back fill the EMS Officer position that Captain Johnson will be leaving. Potentially, the EMS officer and EMS position on medic 101 could be combined. This would give the person filling the position contact with all three shifts. The management team will meet Monday to discuss options and then send an e mail to possible internal candidates. This position could be permanent or a time rotation.

Leasing Station 117 - Chief Ney will follow up with Eugene Fire/EMS regarding interest

Public Comment:

No public comment.

Best Practices:

None

New Business:

Truck purchase - The new 2004 engine will go to Irving. This will probably be the beginning of an engine shuffle.

Topic	2004 Engine Purchase
Discussion	Chief Ney asked for board approval to purchase a 2004 engine for \$25,000 to replace the 1992 Pierce that was totaled in a crash.
Action taken	Motion made by Ryan Walker and seconded by Pete Holmes to approve purchase of the engine for \$25,000. Motion carried –all ayes.

CERT Program – Lt. Boren- met last Thursday with several members of the CERT team. The team has about ten people that are active. Lt. Boren is encouraging them to become better organized and more focused in order to get on track – this will require consistent meetings. When the Crow station is complete they could meet there. This is a valuable group; they are able to help in a number of ways i.e., traffic control, changing out packs, rehab, etc. Lt. Boren will talk to Robert regarding using Active 911as a way to activate the group.

High School & Beyond - Lt Boren handed out a list of volunteer recruiters in Lane County. He plans on being in high schools after winter break. Complete information is on the LFA website and would like people to be directed there to begin with.

He encourages anyone interested in enrolling in the program at LCC to be sure and get the right counselor as it is not an easy process.

Lt. Boren is responsible for all district volunteer recruiting which includes Santa Clara. He asked that anyone with questions be directed to the website to begin with as it has answers to most questions.

Old Business:

Santa Clara Sick Leave - Several Santa Clara board members would like to discuss the matter of sick leave at a special meeting.

Chief Ney cautioned the board not to confuse sick leave with comp time.

Since July 1st, former Santa Clara members have been on the LFA payroll. They have been accumulating both comp time and sick leave.

Since training began during the month of June, former SCF employees should have close to 40 hours of sick leave. Chief Ney and AC Wood will set up a special meeting with a consulting attorney and SCF board members.

Topic	LFA 101 Back Lot Appraisal Fee
Discussion	Chief Ney asked for board approval to pay the \$2,500 appraisal fee.
Action taken	Motion made by Ryan Walker and seconded by Pete Holmes. Motion carried –all ayes.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the regular business meetings of Lane Fire Authority Santa Clara Fire were adjourned at 7:02 p.m. by board chairs John Baxter and Rod Graves respectively.

NEXT MEETING: November 15th 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 88050 Territorial Hwy., Veneta, OR