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REGULAR MEETING

NAPA COUNTY FIRE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday April 10, 2019 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Napa County Administration Building
Human Resource Conference Room
1195 Third Street, 1st Floor
Napa, CA 94558

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL- 6:03 pm

Present: Geoff Belyea, CalFire/Napa County Fire Career; Sandy Storck, Capell Valley Volunteer Fire Station; Tim Borman, Public Member; Pat Brown, Rutherford Volunteer Fire Station; Noah Vanderzee, CalFire/Napa County Fire Career, J.C. Greenberg, CalFire/Napa County Fire Career; Shana Bagley, County Counsel.

Absent: Kerry Whitney Ex -Officio Risk Manager; Helene Franchi, Ex-Officio Analyst, Belia Ramos, Ex-Officio Board of Supervisors; Steve Jones, Rutherford Volunteer Fire Station; Vanessa Cummings, Committee Secretary.

Others Present: Members of the Public

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. MINUTES

Minutes approved.

Moved: Tim Borman

Seconded: Sandy Storck

Motion passed, unanimous

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Green asked if the committee would be privy on those who applied for the Napa County Fire Chief behind Chief Biermann? Is there a time frame when the new Chief will be named? He had heard there would be an announcement by the end of April?

An announcement will come out of the Cal Fire LNU Unit Headquarters when a decision is made on the applicants. A list of those who interviewed will not be made available.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Apparatus Subcommittee (Geoff Belyea)

A report was given on the recent fire that destroyed the St. Helena Shop as well as two of the NCFD water tenders. Geoff will be meeting with Vince Kalny, fleet manager, on Friday to discuss options on replacing the two NCFD water tenders within our time criteria's.

In the process of renting two water tenders while building the replacements. They are not fire service water tenders. Working to get two, double axel, 1800 gallon tenders, essentially they are construction tenders. Hoping to have them in place within a week or so.

At the moment the shop at Spanish Flat has been reopened to continue fleet maintenance. State apparatus has been redirected to the Santa Rosa Shop or Delta Camp. Meetings are being held with County Property Management to secure a building to house the Napa County Shop for the interim.

Kudos to the station crew at 26, they did a phenomenal job. They reacted immediately and their fast thinking resulted in saving several pieces of station equipment during the start of the fire.

Public Comment:

- Gary Green suggested the new replacement water tenders should be modeled after the new tactical Water Tender 16.
- Tom Knecht suggested using OES water tenders as a temporary solution. This option was looked at. If OES water tenders were used, we would have a responsibility to staff the tender and send it out to incidents should they arise which would leave the county without that tender and personnel.

B. Training Subcommittee (Tom Knecht)

Subcommittee met this morning to discuss SCBA exam sheets, Ambulance Task Book, and Driver Operator 1A.

- SCBA exam sheets tabled.
- Ambulance Task Books tabled.
- The Driver Operator 1A class was discussed after it was brought forward at the last FSAC meeting. Discussion points: using qualified instructors within the County to teach class if requested, area needed to conduct driving portion, Training will support and help facilitate anyone who would like to

obtain the certificate, Driver Operator 1A not a requirement to be a driver in our system.

Public Comment:

Gary Green reiterated an area is needed for driving portion of Driver Operator 1A. J.R. Rogers asked to be part of the Ambulance Task Book group. Roger Lutz asked about classes located in other areas and sending individuals.

C. Strategic Plan Subcommittee (Geoff Belyea)

The subcommittee is working with Google Suites to build out a program for NCFD. An email was sent out to Volunteer Chief's asking for anyone that is interested in helping with implementing this project.

Public Comment:

Gary Green added the deadline is April 22nd to submit a list of those interested in being a part of build out.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Designating Committee Alternates (Geoff Belyea)

On the State alternates names given: Noah Vanderzee for Tony Martinez and Ryan Isham for J.C. Greenberg. The volunteer alternates are still being sought. There is a concern that the alternate should be a non-Chief Officer to allow the Chief's to meet while complying with the Brown Act. The public alternate is also being sought. Shana Bagely will work with Helene Franchi to post the public alternate vacancy.

B. Career Day/Open House (Pat Brown)

Station 12 brought a suggestion of having a career day/open house within Napa County Fire to educate the public on what we do as a department and possibly use it as a retention/recruitment platform.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Driver Operator Certification

Covered under Training Subcommittee.

B. Training Standards (Tom Knecht)

4001 is being reformatted and will be sent to everyone by this Friday, April 12th.

C. Use Agreements

No Update

Public Comments:

Gary Green asked how many years has this been in progress? Is there a way to speed up the process?

8. GOOD OF ORDER

- Sandy Storck asked when should the Volunteer Chief's expect to see EAP information?

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJORN – 6:52 p.m.

Motion: Tim Borman
Second: Sandy Storck
Motion passed, unanimously

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 8, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.