

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Spokane County Fire Protection District 10  
929 South Garfield Road  
Airway Heights WA 99004  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 6, 2021

5:00pm

Commissioner Mericle called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**Present via Zoom Meeting**

Commissioners Scott Mericle, Ken Pegg and Gordon Hester; Chief Ken Johnson; Lt Mike Risley (Via Zoom) and Administrative Director Peggy Callahan.

**Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as mailed.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes from the June 1 and June 17, 2021, meetings were approved as mailed.

**Correspondence** – Thank you letter from DC Sandoval for allowing him to participate in Leadership Spokane.

**Financial Report**

AP Warrants 13379 – 13389 totaling \$46,823.51 were approved. AP EFT/ACH totaling \$47,854.91 was approved. Payroll Warrants 808202 - 808202 totaling \$293.21 were approved. PR DD/EFT/ACH totaling \$139,005.00 were approved.

**Chief's Report**

- 17% increase in call volume YTD.
- 85% more fire calls YTD, 39 in 2020 and 72 so far this year.
- 130 overlapping incidents for 21%
- Red Flag Warning currently in effect into tomorrow.
- Summer crew has been working on painting station 5
- A10-1 has had several mechanical repairs; it had been out of service for a month. Due to the difficulty of locating parts, the apparatus was OOS for several months.
- Recruits class 2021-1 had their graduation at Medical Lake.
- Two brush trucks, two overhead helped with the initial attack. We did have a minor vehicle contact during the incident.
- We currently have two overhead assisting with efforts on the team.
- B10-1 had its first set of fires the last several days.
- Ambulance service contract.

**Cheney, WA – The Andrus Fire** started Monday morning at approximately 11:30 am near Andrus Rd. The fire spread quickly due to low relative humidity and unseasonably dry conditions. The fire is currently estimated at 300 acres with 0% containment at this time. Firefighters from Fire District 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, Airway Heights Fire, Spokane City Fire, Spokane Valley Fire, Lincoln County, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and numerous other agencies were critical in slowing the spread of the fire. The collaborative efforts and teamwork between the agencies are critical to protecting lives and property. There are currently 150 firefighters on the ground and air support is scheduled to continue throughout the day. Crews will continue to work through the day and overnight and expect to make additional progress. There have been no injuries or structures lost. Level 3 evacuation orders and road closures are still in place. For current evacuation orders please see Spokane County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Facebook page. The Red Cross is coordinating a shelter at Medical Lake High School for evacuees and Spokane County Fairgrounds is open for livestock. Due to the size and resources that are needed the fire district was able to request state mobilization resources. Northeast Washington Interagency Type 3 IMT Team 2 has assumed command of the incident as of 10:00 pm on July 5<sup>th</sup>. They will work in collaboration with local agencies to manage the incident. There are no firefighter injuries reported at this time.

#### **Old Business**

1. Roundtable Meeting Follow up – Lt Risley reported on Prevention activities. Highlights included all inspections completed – following up with violations, reviewing plans for new construction, reviewing calls.

#### **New Business**

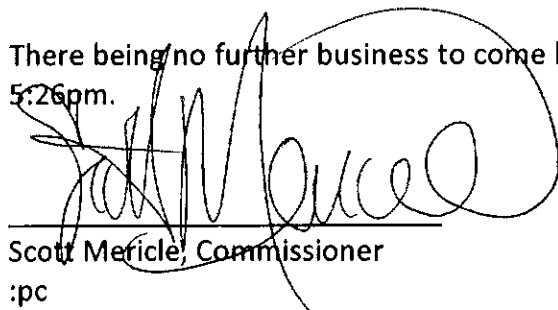
1. Copier Lease – AD Callahan presented a sales quote for a new copier lease. We will be getting a new model of our same copier at a cost savings. Commissioner Hester made a motion to approve the lease; seconded by Commissioner Pegg. Motion carried.

**Public Comment** – Commissioner Mericle opened the meeting up to public comment.

#### **Adjournment**

The next regular meeting will be August 3, 2021 at 5pm at Station 10-1.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.



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Scott Mericle, Commissioner  
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