

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

October 1 2024

5:00pm

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

Present

Commissioner Gordon Hester, Commissioner Kevin Haughton via Zoom; Chief Don Malone; Assistant Chief Andres Steevens; Deputy Chief Jon Hanke and Administrative Director Peggy Callahan.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved as mailed.

Correspondence

Consent Agenda

Minutes from September 3, 2024, meeting was approved as mailed.

Approval of Warrants/EFTs/ACHs processed 09/01/2024 through 09/30/2024 were approved.
August 2024 Bank Reconciliation.

Chief's Report –

Call volume	
YTD	1233
September 2024	159
MVA	8
EMS	93
Fires	16
Other types/Good intent	42

Thank you to all our members for everything they do. Without them, we couldn't achieve the progress we are making.

The recruit Academy is well underway. Chief Hanke is doing a great job organizing it on our side.

The call volume for the month has gone up from last year at this time. One hundred twenty-three last September. We are still responding to brush fires and expect that into late October.

We are having trouble getting a contractor for the kitchen remodel. The system only allows us to solicit one contractor every ten days. Some have stated they are too busy; others have returned with very high pricing.

The Gary Sinise Foundation will hold an event here on October 22nd. The foundation will have them and Amazon here. (Amazon is their most significant contributor.) The foundation will buy lunch for the district. The original grant amount was \$50,000. The bailout kits for the entire department came to \$62,000. I talked with the foundation, and they are funding the whole amount.

The administrative director position has been posted and should be completed by the end of the month. We have had some good interest.

Update on SREC: Spokane and SREC have created a committee to address some of the city's concerns about joining.

9/11 event at Shriners where Lt Pitts received an EMS award.

9/11 Ceremony we had here had a great turnout from several agencies, including Al French

New apparatus: Three of us traveled to the South Dakota plant to do preconstruction last week. Rosenbauer will have Jeff go to their plant for a two-week course on how to work on their apparatus. The training is free to the district. Commissioner Houghton mentioned last month we should talk more about color change due to the cost of repainting custom color.

Training- Jeff went to the EVT Mechanics conference. He is doing an excellent job for us. Corbin went to Instructor I training on the Westside. Members attended the RTF class, and the department received RTF kits. Once everyone is trained, we will put them in service. RTF vests, helmets, and initial medical supplies were from the Emergency Management grant for the West Plains Departments.

Talking with the tribe on a contract and 3-year instead of a one-year amendment.

Currently working on budget and capital items department.

Current projects completed this month or being worked on: Concrete pad around burn tower, low-pressure hose is now on all engine pre connects, the balance of low pressure will be paid for with grant or capital item budget, kitchen upgrade, training tower addition. We have two conex boxes that DNR donated for the burn tower; this will add a 3rd story, which will help with our WSRB rating. It should be completed by the end of the year; we are working on bids for the air compressor for support truck.

Currently working on annual reviews for staff

Station 2 property. I talked with the developer again, and he stated he was able to create a few options. He wants to meet to look them over and see if something would work for us.

Chief Henry is going on a staff ride with several other agency leaders in early October.

We have had several EMT ride-along while they are finishing their courses. It's an excellent way for us to get to know them and for them to get to know us, and it's a great recruiting tool.

We will continue to have high expectations for all our members. One of our main objectives is to go from a good department to a great department.

Old Business – None

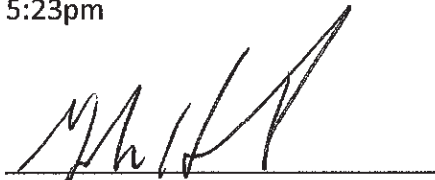
New Business - None

Public Comment

Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be November 5, 2024, at 5pm at Station 10-1.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 5:23pm

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Gordon Hester, Commissioner

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