

**Woodside Fire Protection District
Board of Directors Meeting
Administration Building
808 Portola Rd.
Portola Valley, CA 94028
February 27, 2017**

The regular Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Director Miller.

Directors Present: Miller, Cain & Holthaus

Staff: Chief Ghiorso, D/C Lindner, Business Manager Edwards, Fire Marshal Enea, DFM Bullard, B/C Slaughter, B/C Butler, B/C Picchi, Public Education Officer Brown and EMS B/C Silici

Oral Communications Public: NONE

Consent Agenda:

Items: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 were moved to the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda:

Item 5: The fiscal spreadsheet was discussed and approved by the Board.

Item 7: The November Election cycle alternative was discussed. A future resolution adopting an alternative election year

Chief Ghiorso reported on the Woodside Town ASRB meeting for the rebuilding of fire station #7. The Fire Foundation's campaign has been accumulating data based on personal interviews from District residents. Director Miller provided historical community fundraising during the Portola Valley Town campaign. Emergency egress through a private road on Stadler in Skywood Acres is being discussed by the Town of Woodside.

Deputy Chief Lindner: Reported on a County move up committee which has been re-formed to reevaluate the covers for the County stations. The goal of the District is to elevate any extra miles placed on the apparatus due to traveling to cover stations. A District peer group is being formed as a think tank group to assist with department recommendations and enable better communication. Policies and procedures continue to be updated.

Fire Prevention: Fire Marshal Enea reported that over 15 days were spent in January on hazardous fuel mitigation. Coordination for the May start of the chipper program is underway. Last year's chipper crew will remain the same. A 3-year budget for the LTCMD is being prepared and will constitute approximately \$3000,000.00 of fire safety work.

Operations Apparatus: B/C Picchi reported on equipping Patrol 8 with ALS equipment. Slips, trips, and falls was the mandatory safety training. An employee has a near miss injury with a chain saw. Safety equipment prevented a more serious injury. New self-contained breathing apparatus are being researched for prevention personnel for use during fire investigations. A drone class in the east bay was attended which presented various drone uses and requirements for emergency services agencies.

Operations Facilities: B/C Slaughter reported that he is working with a marketing company to assist with social media. All stations are having their 5-year fire sprinkler test completed. A company to maintain the station AEDs has been selected. An annual maintenance walk has been completed on all stations and a list of maintenance tasks are being worked on. Stepford is assisting the District with a new computer and cell phone policy.

EMS: B/C Silici reported on the monthly training of high performance CPR training. The stroke study and telemedicine continues to go well. A table top exercise was conducted for convalescent hospitals in the County.

Training: B/C Butler reported on a new training formula which is being rolled out. You Tube videos will be incorporated for firefighters. The five new firefighters are all doing well and preparing for their first probationary testing. A new higher recruitment will be conducted in March.

Public Education: Selena Brown reported that the District is now a safe sitter certification site. A safe sitter class will be taught this spring. The current CERT class has been completed. A few modifications to the training was implemented and Woodside High's Octagon Group assisted.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. A letter to Selena Brown thanking her for spearheading the CERT training.**
- 2. A letter from a resident thanking DFM Bullard for a fire safety assessment.**

CLOSED SESSION:

Meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:05

The Chief advised the Board of the one active workers compensation employee who remains on light duty. Long term prognosis remains unclear.

Workers compensation claims are significantly reduced for the last year.

No update on any healthcare initiatives to bring before the Board.

The Chief updated Board on the wife of one of the employees and her medical condition.

Chief discussed PERs outlook for the year(s) 2022-2024.

The chief requested the board allow employees to cash out double of the contract agreement in regards to SL Buydown. This would reduce and possibly eliminate the unfunded liability of the old sick leave accrual program. The board agreed to allow up to 20% buydown per year.

Re-entered Open Session: Open Session was reentered at 8:35PM.

Closed Session Report: No public for report. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be held March 27, 2017 at 7:00 P.M at the WFPD Administration Building, 808 Portola Rd. Portola Valley, CA 94028.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Cain