

**Woodside Fire Protection District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Sta.7  
3111 Woodside Rd.  
Woodside, Ca 94062  
January 26, 2015 P.M.**

The regular Board of Director's meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M. by Director Cain.

**Directors Present:** Gardner, Cain & Miller

**Staff:** Chief Ghiorso, Fire Marshal Enea, B/C Nave, B/C Butler, B/C Lindner & B/C Picchi

**Oral Communications Public:** A request by Councilman Dave Tanner to move the Chief's Report to the beginning of the agenda.

**Chief's Report** – The District is contracting with a construction attorney to assist with a formal RFP for an architect to replace station #7. The Chief discussed a report which indicated the increase of personnel and apparatus staffed at station #7. The Foundation is inviting the WFPD Board to an annual dinner in February.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

**Regular Agenda:**

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

**New Business:** None

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Operations Apparatus:** B/C Lindner reported that the PG&E gas line work is still underway in parts of the District. The vehicle reassignments are almost complete. A new committee is being formed to create specifications for a new engine. November and December remain constant for sick leave and workers compensation.

**Operations Facilities:** B/C Nave reported that traffic to the website was down for November and December. Approximately 16 hours of on duty IT work was completed. The Town of Portola Valley building/planning department has comments on the AED corner at station 8. The HVAC units on Sta. 7 are failing and will be replaced soon.

**EMS:** B/C Picchi reported that Steve Silici has been extremely helpful with the EMS training duties. The in-house classes save the District money on an overall basis. Call volume for M107 did increase significantly in December. The anticipation is that call volume will remain high for the next couple of months due to flu and other contagious illness that are now active in the County. A planned EMS presentation for the PULSE program will be presented to the Sequoias in the next month.

**Training:** B/C Butler reported that most the training has been geared for our probationary and academy employees. Two of our employees while in the academy received awards for excellence. Currently organization for an entry level test. A Captains test and B/C's test are being organized as well for 2015. May16th has been scheduled as our wildland drill.

**Fire Prevention:** Fire Marshal Enea reported that the 2014 grant is being implemented. Current fuel reduction includes work along Bear Gulch Rd. in Woodside. Part of the grant was also utilized to assist the Towns with Eucalyptus debris removal. A grant for 2015 was submitted. Abatement quotes are being obtained for the Westridge property which has been uncompliant for over a year. Captain Marshall Hird remains on light duty and is working in the prevention division 4 days a week.

**Public Education:** Chief Ghiorso reported for Public Education Officer Selena Brown that CERPP activities remain high and there are some newly designated Division Leaders.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. The Perry Family sent a thank you for WFPD.
2. A thank you from a resident whose family member sustained a stroke.
3. A thank you to Chief Ghiorso from a young man named Dillon thanking the Chief for spending some time discussing the fire service.
4. The PAWS team sent a thank you for allowing their calendar to be made at Sta. 7.
5. A thank you from RWCFD for all the help with the Toys for Tots.
6. A thank you from a resident who had a medical incident.
7. Selena Brown thanked Chief Ghiorso for allowing her to participate in the CERT class.

### **CLOSED SESSION:**

Meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:40 P.M.

Chief Ghiorso updated Board members on the two suppression personnel on workers comp and their expected return or long term outlook.

Chief Ghiorso updated Board Members on the pending retirement of 1 staff personnel. Chief Ghiorso also advised Board Members on 1 preliminary announcement of 1 line personnel and possible retirement in late 2015.

Chief Ghiorso asked Boards opinion on MOU and Boards interpretation. This would give Chief Ghiorso guidance in Compensation awards going forward.

Board inquired with Chief Ghiorso about his position and what long term plans were, Chief Ghiorso expressed he would like to complete 7- 8 years as a Chief, which in turn keeps him in the position for another 3 ½-4 ½ years.

Closed session adjourned to open session at 9:20.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

The next scheduled meeting will be held February 23<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M at Fire Station #7, 3111 Woodside Rd. Woodside, CA 94062. .

Respectfully Submitted,

President,  
Pat Cain