

**Pedernales Fire Department
Board of Directors Meeting
February 4, 2008**

Members Present: Chairman Tod Grubbs (8/06), VC/Treas. Bruce Perkins (8/06)
Secretary John Roye (8/07), Laura King (8/07)

Members Absent: Andrew Jackson (8/07)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Grubbs at 7:31PM.

Guests in attendance: Chief Ken Van Rens, Kirsten Poalson, Zach Watts,
FF Ryan Wells, and Lt. Wade Schmitzinsky

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the January board meeting were read by John. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bruce and a second was made by Laura. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report:

Chief Van Rens presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made by John and a second was made by Bruce to approve the treasurers' report. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Call Volume

As of this meeting, PFD has made 71 calls in 2008. Average response time, 8:00 minutes.

Strategic Planning Project Team

Chief Van Rens is working on the "deployment" plan and the annual review for the strategic plan. The initial draft of the strategic plan is substantially complete.

Communications Grant

Chief Van Rens reported that the docking stations for the new MDC's have been installed in both Engines. We are waiting for the City of Austin radio shops to program the MDC's so that we can use them.

Automatic aid Agreement

The agreement is on hold for now. Currently CAFCA is working on a "second alarm mutual aid" agreement. CAFCA has decided that all ESD's in Travis County will need to agree to the "second alarm mutual aid agreement" in order for it to work. If any of the ESD's do not agree with the agreement then the agreement will not be implemented. PFD supports this agreement and wants to participate.

Incorporation of Thurman Bend area

The neighborhoods are working on a possible agreement with Briarcliff to take the Thurman Bend neighborhoods into the Briarcliff E.T.J.

Briarcliff land transfer

Our lawyer, Ken Campbell, sent two draft proposals. One proposal for 100 year lease and one proposal for 150 year lease. The BPOA has a copy of the drafts and are looking them over. We have not received any word yet.

SAFER Grant

Chief Van Rens reported that we have received requests for additional information from the Dept. of Homeland Security. It looks like we may be awarded this grant but we have not received official notification yet.

Station 1 rebuild

Chief Van Rens reported that the ESD 8 board has voted to get bids for a “construction manager at large” and the first design meeting is complete.

RIC bag

All of the pieces for the RIC bag are in and the bag is essentially complete. All the shifts are looking at the bag and helping to determine how the bag will be utilized and implemented.

Command Vehicle

An emergency motion was passed by a call around vote on Jan. 18th. The motion allowed spending \$900 to have new decals and striped placed on the “new” command 801. See motion # 108-4

New Helmets

The new helmets have arrived and have been issued to the fire fighters.

EMS CE training package

The training package has arrived and is ready to be used.

CPR Manikins

The CPR Manikins have not been ordered yet.

2008 Calendars

The 2008 calendars have been ordered but are not in yet.

Chief Lamb

Asst. Chief Don Lamb has returned to work and has been cleared to work 5 half days a week 0700-1200.

New SOG's

Two new SOG's were sent to all PFD members. One of the new SOG's is entitled "EMS - Emergency Operations". The other new SOG is entitled "Harassment Prevention" and replaces the current SOG.

E-mail from Lt. Rudkin

The board discussed an e-mail that was sent to all of the board members from Lt. Steve Rudkin. The agreed to further investigate the issues that were brought up in the e-mail.

New Business

Motion # 108-4

A motion was made by Chairman Grubbs and declared an emergency motion due to time constraints, to spend \$900 to have decals and stripes placed on the "new" Command 801.

A call around vote was conducted on January 18th and Chairman Grubbs talked to Bruce Perkins, Laura King and Andrew Jackson. All three board members voted yes on this motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 3 For and 0 against.

Explorer Group report

Zach Watts and Kirsten Poalson were in attendance at the meeting to give a report on the status of the Explorer group and what they did in 2007.

EMS Class

Laura King reported that she will be starting an AHA, first aid and CPR class in a couple of weeks and that she will be starting classes to update AHA CPR cards for members whose cards will be expiring soon.

Motions voted on at the February meeting

Motion #208-1

A motion was made to have the BOD grant Chief Van Rens the authority to issue merit bonuses, not to exceed \$500 per person, per action, per activity worthy of recognition effective immediately.

This motion was declared an emergency motion by Chairman Grubbs, due to time constraints.

This motion passed 3 for and 0 against

A motion was made to adjourn by John and a second was made by Laura. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Signed by _____

Secretary John Roye Jr.