

**Pedernales Fire Department
Board of Directors Meeting
March 3, 2008**

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

Members Absent: Laura King (8/07)

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

Guests in attendance: Chief Ken Van Rens, Asst. Chief Mark Warren,
FF. James Bowers, FF. Scott Wegner, FF. Josh Crowther, and FF. Chas Campbell

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the February board meeting were read by John. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bruce and a second was made by Andrew. 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 Andrew to approve the treasurers' report. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Call Volume

As of this meeting, PFD has made 118 calls in 2008. Average response time, 8:12 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.

MDC's

Chief Van Rens reported that the City of Austin is working on problems that they are having with Motorola and Sprint equipment. The programming of the MDC's are on hold until these problems can be worked out or a new carrier is chosen.

County wide second alarm agreement

The county wide second alarm agreement has not been declared "official" yet but if we have a large fire and we need help, we can call for a "second alarm" and we will get two Engines companies and 1 Ladder company. AFD dispatch will decide which companies to send and from which department.

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

The Briarcliff attorney has edited the proposals that we submitted and have returned them to Ken Campbell so that he can look them over.

SAFER Grant

Chief Van Rens reported that we have received confirmation that we will be granted the SAFER grant. Susan Edwards, from Senator Cornyn's office will be at our next general membership meeting to give us a certificate.

Station 1 rebuild

Chief Van Rens reported that we have completed the second review on the initial design and we are now working on the construction documents.

RIC bag

Training on the use of the RIC bag is ongoing. Scenarios that will include the deployment of the RIC bags will be held in April. Once all of the training is complete, the RIC bag will be placed in service on Engine two.

Command Vehicle

The new striping on Command 801 is complete and the vehicle is in service.

CPR Manikins

The CPR Manikins have not been ordered yet.

Chief Lamb

Asst. Chief Don Lamb has started working on a limited work schedule. Chief Lamb will be working 5 4 ½ hour days per every two weeks.

Motions that were voted on at the March meeting

Motion # 308-1

Motion to allow Explorer Post 8 to open a checking account using PFD's Federal tax #. This motion was declared an emergency motion by Chairman Grubbs due to time constraints.

The motion passed 3 For and 0 Against

New BusinessPay raises

Chief Van Rens reported that he will be using unused money that has been allocated for career staff pay to give all of the career staff a .50 and hour pay increase effective April 1st. This does not include a pay raise for the command staff.

Billboard by station 2

Chief Van Rens reported that a company that builds billboards has asked permission to use the right of way at station 2 to gain access to the lot to the west of the station to build a billboard. The board discussed the issue and decided that they were unanimously against the idea and asked Chief Van Rens to deny permission.

Process for submitting a motion

The board discussed and agreed to develop a written process for submitting a motion that is to be considered by the board for a vote. The process will be developed and submitted to the board members at the April meeting. Once the process is approved by the BOD, the membership will need to vote on the new process so that it can be added to the By-Laws. Chairman Grubbs expressed that this would be a good time to change some wording and do some housekeeping on our by-laws. The board agreed and the changes will be submitted to the membership for a vote along with the new motion submission process.

Personnel changes

Chief Van Rens reported that we will be having the following personnel changes:

FF. Jacob Cooper has left our department to take a firefighting position with the Waxahachie Fire Dept. We wish Jacob all the best and good luck!

FF Romy Stevenson will return to full time status and will be a station lead on the A-shift at station 1.

FF. Scott Wegner will be changing from full time status to part time status because he has been hired by the Pflugerville Fire Dept.

FF. Stormy Davis has been promoted to station lead and has been moved to the C-shift at station 1.

Motions that were submitted for a vote at the April BOD meeting

Motion # 408-1

Motion to combine the “Stipend Reimbursement Program” and the “Volunteer Staffing Program” and pay volunteers \$2.50 and hour for their response to calls, participation at training and attending meetings.

Motion #408-2

Motion to spend \$2210.32 to buy new tires for Engine 1.

Motion #408-3

Motion to spend \$4150.00 to have a mechanic from Ferrara come to Pedernales and complete a full “preventive maintenance” and “pump test” on both Engine 1 and Engine 2.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Signed by _____

Secretary John Roye Jr.