

CLACKAMAS DISTRICT FIRE DEFENSE BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held at C-COM

October, 2005

Chief Kunze called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. Members in attendance:

Ed Wilson	Lake Oswego Fire	Doug Branch	Boring Fire District
Michael Funk	Gladstone Fire Dept.	Alan Hull	Estacada Fire
Darryl Krupicka	Canby Fire	Bill Anderson	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
Ted Kunze	Canby Fire	Ryan DesJardin	C-COM
Jim Paul	C-COM	Bob Cozzie	C-COM
Ted Megert	OSFM	Gregg Cline	ODF
Joe Misso	Molalla Fire Dept.	Dave Olson	Hoodland Fire Dept.

Others in attendance:

Phil Moyer	AMR	Gene Juve	CCEM
Ken Cushman	ODF		
Cindy Kolomechek	CCEM		

* = Agenda item for next meeting

MINUTES: Minutes of the September 2005 meeting were approved.

- Motion to approve Dave Olson
- Seconded by Ed Wilson

TREASURER'S REPORT:

None
Previous Ending Balance - \$ 1183.27
No Checks Written.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Radio: Daryl Krupicka
 - a. Latest draft of the VHF radio template reviewed.
 - b. 800 MHz - Day Wireless gave a report on what agencies need to do to standardize A Zone radio templates. Simulcast F1 and F4, new system will be up by the end of October. The plan is to run both systems side-by-side initially. Template may have to be changed to 100.0 Hz on PL codes from 91.5 hz.
 - c. Board was reminded that NEXTEL is picking up the cost for reprogramming the radios. WCCA will begin reprogramming radios in mid December.
 - d. May Day Channels – board was informed that there will be two simplex channels available on Zones A, B and C. “May Day” channel is to be programmed in position #16 on each zone.

- e. Information shared indicating that the fire service regionally is looking at changing radio terminology from “TAC” channels to “OPS” channels.
 - f. Chief Branch informed the group that the Sandy stand-a-lone site is up and running utilizing Pub Safety #2.
2. Fire Operations Group –
- a. Chief Branch reported that the group had recently adopted Bi Laws outlining how the committee will operate.
 - b. Chief Branch asked the members present to send him any issues/concerns that they would like the Fire Operations Group to work on. Issues being worked on by the committee include High Rise Operations, 2-in-2-out, Rapid Intervention of missing and trapped firefighters, and emergency communications.
 - c. The Fire Operations Group is active and meets regularly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
3. EMS –
- a. Phil Moyer shared that the EMS section would be meeting on September 27th to review goals and to re-establish/re-affirm section priorities.
 - b. Clackamas County ALS transport contract expires January 15, 2006. Clackamas County Board of Commissioners is currently reviewing recommended revisions to the ASA. Given the January 15th expiration date for the current agreement with AMR, it is believed that the County will need to extend the current contract past the January 15th date.
 - c. Integration/Medical Direction – there continues to be discussion about the need/desire to have a single point of contact for medical authority. This issue continues to be debated within the EMS community. Nothing is expected to change in the near future regarding medical authority.
 - d. Chief Kunze informed the board of Health Division recommendation/proposal that would require 1st Responder training to be affiliated with a Community College. Discussion that this requirement could hinder 1st Responder agencies in rural communities.
4. Water Rescue –
- a. Michael Funk – Reported that the section reviewed the 20 most recent water rescue calls. Most of the calls turned out to be “good intent”.
 - b. Next meeting is scheduled for October 11th at Lake Oswego Fire.
5. Technical Rescue –
- a. Captain Oliver – shared with the group a request from Chief Ed Kirchhofer to put together a group of Chief Officers to discuss the creation of a Clackamas County Special Rescue Response Team. The concept would be to draw upon regional resources, training and expertise.
 - i. Chief Committee created a task force consisting of:
 - 1. Ch. Kirchhofer from Clackamas County Fire Dist. #1 as Chair.
 - 2. Ch. Branch from Boring Fire

3. Tim Marroney – Molalla Fire Dept.
4. Possible representative from Gladstone Fire Department.

New Business: No report

PSAP Report – Bob Cozzie introduced/welcome as the new C-COM Director.

OFSM – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

OB-1: Cindy Kolomechuk informed the board that the Clackamas County Commissioners will sign a memorandum of understanding that would commit them to work cooperatively to implement and regularly update the Clackamas County Wildfire Protection Plan. The board discussed at length the merits of having the Fire Defense Board Chair sign the memorandum. A vote taken at the end of the discussion authorized Ch. Kunze to sign the agreement. Chief Kunze commended Cindy and those involved in the development of the plan for all of their hard work.

OB -2: Alpha Dispatching Policy from AMR was implemented on August 15th. The policy allows for diverting resources to more critical calls (i.e. divert from a Code #1 call to a Code #3 call). Policy seems to be working well. Fire Defense Board confirmed their support of the policy.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

GO-1: Phil Moyer stated that the System Enhancement Group recommendations will be implemented beginning November 1st. Implementation of a standard back board practice will be one of the first system enhancements implemented. AMR is/has purchased additional backboards so that AMR transport units can supply replacement back boards to 1st responder units prior to leaving the scene. AMR and Fire backboards will become interchangeable.

GO -2: Chief Kunze reminded the board of the upcoming OFDDA/OFCA conference in Seaside, OR. He encouraged all to attend.

GO-3: Board notified of the November 1st Fire and Insurance Information Service of Oregon and Idaho Summit being held in Lake Oswego. At this summit, those in attendance will be revising the criteria for evaluating homes for setting insurance premiums.

GO-4: Chief Branch raised the issue of staffing the Fire Operations Center during greater alarms or major incidents. Board members were asked to come to the next meeting with contact information of those individuals that they would like to be added to the CFOC page out.

There was discussion on whether or not the “Strike Team Leader” schedule should be used to staff the “Dispatch Liaison” position year-around.

A decision was made to move notification of the SFMO from the 3rd Alarm to the 5th Alarm for incidents occurring in the County. Motion made by Ch. Branch and seconded by Ch Anderson.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 A.M.

Next meeting date: November 10th in Molalla.