



CLACKAMAS DISTRICT FIRE DEFENSE BOARD

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Minutes of the meeting held at Sandy FD February 1, 2007

Chief Branch called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Members in attendance:

Gary McQueen	Sandy Fire	Doug Branch	Boring Fire
Ted Kunze	Canby Fire	Mic Eby	Hoodland Fire
Vince Stafford	Molalla Fire	Gary Anderson	Colton Fire
Rod Yoder	Aurora Fire	Ken Cushman	ODF
Phil Sample	LOFD	Brent VanKealen	TVF&R
Ted Megert	OSFM	Dustin Morrow	TVF&R
Bob Morrisey	Estacada Fire	Jonathan Smith	Clackamas Fire Dist. #1

Others in attendance:

Dale Miller	AMR	Larry MacDaniels	CCCH
Gerry Wiese	C-COM		

* = Agenda item for next meeting

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

PRESENTATION: Residential Sprinklers – Phil Sample

Every year in the United States approximately 3,500 people die in residential fires. We have the technology to fix it. The state has a campaign promoting residential sprinklers. Phil represents the OFCA on this issue. Others represented in the coalition are the fire marshals and fire districts. Currently local fire jurisdictions are prevented from requiring residential sprinklers in their programs by the Building Codes Division (BCD) by OAR. About 6 months ago Medford attempted to require residential sprinklers in their area and the BCD informed them that they didn't have the right to do so and would file an injunction if it were pursued. Requiring residential sprinklers is not currently a tool that we can use to prevent the loss of life and property. Not to rule out the State Fire Marshal's Office, but fire protection primarily falls on the local agencies. This campaign is to request that the BCD change the OAR to allow the option for local jurisdictions to decide what is right for our own communities. The campaign is enlisting assistance from cities, counties and local fire agencies for support.

There was some discussion about working with the Homebuilders Association and the Association of General Contractors about trade-offs for installing sprinklers. Tradeoffs could include smaller mains, fewer hydrants, reduced street widths and more. These tradeoffs may help residential sprinklers pay for themselves. Fifteen years ago Scottsdale, AZ required residential sprinklers in all new homes. Since then they have had 13 fire deaths, all in non-sprinklered home. Not one death in a sprinklered home.

Each fire agency should work with their local water providers to get system development charges reduced for homes that are installing sprinklers systems. Homes with sprinkler systems will use less water than those without in the event of a fire.

Viewed the video "Built For Life" – This video can be obtained by contacting Vickie Pritchett at 615-533-0305 or vickiepritchett@aol.com. Their website is: www.fireteamusa.com

Fire agencies around the state are passing resolutions to send a request to the BCD for this change. More information about this subject will be arriving in your mail soon.

MINUTES:

- Minutes from the January 2007 meeting were presented. A change under committee reports, item number 3 changed from "Jan" to "Jon".

- *MOTION: Kunze/Stafford moved and seconded to accept the minutes with the change. Passed*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beginning Balance	\$1,882.39
Checks Written	\$21.26
Ending Balance	\$1,861.13

- There was discussion about changing the signers on the checking account to reflect current positions on the board. The signers on the account will be the president, the alternates and the secretary/treasurer.
- *MOTION: Kunze/ Stafford moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Passed*

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Branch – An email was received from Chief Hendricks, the Fire Defense Board Chief from Marion County concerning their meeting with DEQ (discussion later) and a mutual aid agreement with Clackamas County. The Marion County Fire Defense Board meeting in Silverton may be a joint meeting with Clackamas County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- OC/EEM: Gene was unable to attend. Dana called with the following information:
 - Each fire agency will be provided with a copy of the Clackamas County Resource Directory and the Emergency Operations Plan on CD.
 - The Top-Off exercise will take place on October 15-24. The EOC will be activated for 32 hours. We will need to staff the EOC during that time.
 - UASI 2005 equipment has been sitting in a warehouse in Portland since November. It has been inventoried and will be ready for distribution in the next couple of weeks.
 - UASI 2007 is now starting. Kevin Donegan will be working on it.
- Radio Committee: Mic Eby
 - Gerry - The multi-cast project is ready to go at Timberline. It should be on the air tomorrow (2/2/07). Transportation has been an issue getting to the site. Programming information will be available at the next VHF users meeting.
 - Gerry – Fire Dist. #1 will be switching over to new tones by 2/13. This will free up the antennae on Suncrest and allow VHF Dispatch (F1) to be tested and tuned. This should mean better coverage and quality.
 - Gerry – The FCC has made a frequency that CCOM uses to uplink to Mt. Scott, available for commercial use. T-Mobile has purchased the spectrum and will be negotiating with CCOM for replacement equipment costs. CCOM has other alternatives to control the site and may direct the funds towards the Linhart/Brightwood project.
- Fire Operations Group: Jonathan Smith
 - The group will be meeting again soon.
- Regional Operations Group: Doug Branch
 - Met yesterday and adopted the air management guideline which was emailed last evening.
 - Currently working on the high rise fire operational guideline. TVF&R is taking the lead on this.
 - Resource typing is still being worked on. Issues remain with CBRNE, squad and chief designations. Medic and rescue units are defined.
 - Working on the highway response guideline as presented by the Metro Fire Safety Officers.
- EMS: Alan Hull (Bob Morrissey)
 - Funds may be available for out of district responses to EMS calls from the system enhancement fund.
 - There are 25 scholarships available for the ECCEMS Timberline Conference on May 3-5, 2007.
 - A unique patient identifier is being developed to track patient outcomes. This may be in the form of a bar code.
 - Changes to EMS protocols will be bi-annually instead of each year.
 - The Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington County EMS protocols do not exist as one document. Each county has their own.
 - BLS & ALS members are being sought for the Public Government Relations group. Contact Larry MacDaniels if interested.
 - \$95,000 has been budget to provide equipment and training for the EZIO. The program will be out to the fire agencies around July. Phil Moyer is working on this.
 - There has been approximately \$75,045 spent on the 12 lead ECG program.

- Stafford – Physio-Control and Phillips are both unable to provide parts due to an investigation.
- Water Rescue: Mike Funk – No Report
- Fire Prevention Cooperative: Todd Gary – No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- OB-1: The DEQ meeting has been changed to Tuesday, February 13th, 1000-1500 hrs. at Boring Fire District, 28655 SE Hwy 212, Boring, OR (Sta. 140). The subject is multi-discipline outdoor burning enforcement. Please contact Doug at dbranch@boringfire.com or 503-663-4638 if you will be attending. Marion County fire agencies had a similar meeting last week and have considered no longer providing enforcement for air quality issues. They have determined that the authority to enforce air quality issues is non-existent outside of the fire code (i.e. proximity to structure, fire season, etc.). This meeting is open to anyone that is interested.
- OB-2: The Fire Defense Board roster and station staffing table have been updated.
- OB-3: Ed Kirchhofer is working on the bylaws revisions.
- OB-4: Dustin Morrow is maintaining the FDB website at www.cdfdb.com Meeting minutes and other information is available. Contact Dustin for additions or changes.
- OB-5: Committees – A draft list of committees will be emailed out for updates and additions. Contact Doug if you would like to serve on a committee. The EOC committee needs to work on updating the Fire Resource Management Plan and come up with a plan for staffing the EOC. CFOG will roll into the FOG.
- OB-6: The FDB roster is being updated by Chief Branch

NEW BUSINESS:

- NB-1: Committees – A draft list of committees will be emailed out for updates and additions. Contact Doug if you would like to serve on a committee. The EOC committee needs to work on updating the Fire Resource Management Plan and come up with a plan for staffing the EOC. CFOG will roll into the FOG.
- NB-2: Discussion about the volunteer EMT tax break that is available and the fact that virtually nobody in the county meets the criteria. Gary McQueen met with Senator Metsger six months ago to discuss a tax break for all volunteer firefighters. Contact your legislator if you are interested in pursuing this.
- NB-3: Larry MacDaniels – SB162 was introduced by DHS and has the potential of affecting all first responder agencies that provide EMS. This bill allows DHS to inspect your fire engine if it runs on EMS calls. There are provisions for licensing agencies, personnel and equipment. Contact your legislator to oppose this.
- NB-4: Ken Cushman – A draft document that outlines typing for wildland equipment has been submitted by the NWCG working group. Copies were sent out to the FDB via email last week. Please contact Ken if you have any questions. Currently there are 3 or 4 groups working on equipment typing.
- NB-5: *A letter to the Clackamas County Commissioners requesting that they endorse the campaign to request that the BCD change the OAR to allow the option for local jurisdictions to determine the necessity of residential sprinkler systems. A draft letter will be presented at the next meeting.

PSAP REPORT: No Report

C-COM REPORT:

- Sarah Stegmuller is now working for CC Emergency Management. Her replacement is Trisha Hayes.
- The Linhart/Goat Mtn. simulcast project has received notice to proceed.
- MDC users are going to need to reprogram. Re-banding will start at the end of the month. Mt. Scott and View Acres will be changed.

LOCOM: No Report

OSFM: A cover memo and proposed goals for the biennium was handed out. OSFM met with the DPSST staff and discussed a proposal to coordinate, deliver and audit training for fire prevention professionals. After a long illness, Tom Hatch with OSP is returning to work tomorrow.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- GO-1: Doug Branch - This past week there were three large scale incidents. There were no trucks available in the county. Incident commanders may be contacted by the county fire chief or an alternate to check if your incident is escalating and if you will require additional resources.
- GO-2: Doug Branch – Thank you to Dustin for working on the website.

- GO-3: Vince Stafford – No paramedic test for recertification.
- GO-4: Ken Cushman – New engine construction is starting. Received an air-ride cab that they are not happy with.
- GO-5: Ken Cushman – Fire danger signs are being maintained and improved. Signs will be made to receive inserts that will provide other fire prevention messages during the off season.
- GO-6: Ted Kunze – A reminder about the OFCA conference on April 12-14 at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond. Register soon. Ted has announced his candidacy for first vice president of the OFCA and will be soliciting your help.
- GO-7: Ted Kunze – A lot of bills are being introduced in the legislature. Check the OFCA bulletins and emails for more information. If you have any questions about where OFCA stands on issues, call Ted. One of the bills to watch is the Presumptive Cancer bill that is pending. The OFCA supports this bill. Studies show conclusively that being a firefighter is directly associated with certain types of cancer.
- GO-8: Ted Kunze – Canby used the Reach helicopter at a recent incident. Their helicopter has wheels and not skids. They need to land on a hard surface. They can only communicate on VHF. They appreciate GPS coordinates when flying to our area. Contact Reach to provide training for your agency.
- GO-9: Ted Kunze – Thank you for all the firefighters that have helped in Canby. Crews were all very professional.
- GO-10: Ken Cushman – The investigation of the Esperanza Fire is starting to focus on what the firefighters could have done differently and taking the focus off of the criminal aspect. Remember professional liability insurance.
- GO-11: Gary McQueen – Sandy has new apparatus. 2 Engines – 4x4 International chassis, 1250 GPM 2-stage pumps carrying 750 gallons. An attack tender with a 1000 GPM pump, 100 gals. class A foam, and a bumper turret.
- GO-12: Gary McQueen – Had an inquiry on their fire grant to replace station generators and all their VHF radios.
- GO-13: Gary McQueen – Purchasing Firehouse Software with Molalla, Estacada and Boring.
- GO-14: Doug Branch – TVF&R is getting new 800 Mhz. radios from the 05 UASI Re-Programming funds. Dustin will check on the disposition of the old radios.
- GO-15: Bob Morrissey – Thank you to the crews that helped out at the fires in Estacada.
- GO-16: Bob Morrissey – Estacada also had an inquiry on their grant. They will be replacing 50 sets of turnouts, an SCBA air compressor, cascade system, and purchase a turnout dryer.
- GO-17: Gary Anderson – Air trailer is now in service.
- GO-18: Dustin Morrow – TVF&R currently has many capital projects. Replacing and adding stations, new apparatus.
- GO-19: Jonathan Smith – Just opened the Pleasant Valley station. Not currently staffed 24 hours. District 1 and Boring Fire have a cooperative agreement in the area.
- GO-20: Jonathan Smith – Many organizational changes with pending retirements. Marc Crain will be retiring at the end of March and John Oliver will be replacing him.
- GO-21: Larry MacDaniels – The public health sector is engaged in pandemic flu planning. A health educator will be meeting in Sandy on February 7th. They would like fire officers to work with them for a coordinated response.

Meeting Adjourned at 1033 hrs.

Next meeting date: March 1, 2007 at the EOC



Submitted by Bob Morrissey