

**Board of Fire Commissioners  
Spokane County Fire Protection District 10  
929 South Garfield Road  
Airway Heights WA 99004  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 1, 2015

6:00 pm.

Chairman McKelvey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

**Present**

Commissioners Jim McKelvey, Jerry McCoury and Ken Pegg; Administrative Director Peggy Callahan; Chief Nick Scharff and Deputy Chief Orlando Sandoval.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Executive session was added to agenda; agenda approved as amended.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Minutes from November 3, 2015 budget hearing and regular meeting were approved as mailed.

**Correspondence** – SCFD10 will be “adopting” a family through American Childhood Cancer Organization/Inland NW (ACCOIN) again this year for Christmas. Donations are being taken through December 14. We will plan on having the family come visit the station on December 16<sup>th</sup> to tour the station and pick up their presents.

**Financial Report**

AP Warrants 11483 – 11557 totaling \$77,334.90 were approved. AP ACH totaling \$262,114.29 were approved. Payroll Warrants 807745 – 807755 totaling \$10,577.23 were approved. PR DD/EFT/ACH totaling \$81,871.20 were approved.

**Chiefs Report 12/01/15**

- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Wind storm 2015
  - Damage throughout district and entire county
  - Over 600 fire calls dispatched in CCC mainly between 3-8pm (old record 400)
  - 1001 assisted at dispatch help sorting fire calls (life threatening vs. down lines or roads blocked). Additionally approximately 700 calls did not get dispatched or looked at till much later (next day)
  - Over 200,000 Avista and Inland customer without power
  - Chief attended Daily DEM/ EOC meetings through weekend and into the following Monday

- Multiple Red Cross shelters were set up throughout county for several days
  - All county radio tower sites ran on generator back up for several days without any significant issues. Even though radio tower sites were a priority for utilities it still took several days to get most back on line
  - Station 10-2-3-4 without power several days. No well, lights or heat until we used the small generators to fire propane and gas units to maintain minimal heat. Station 10-4 resident firefighters stayed at 10-1
  - Internet issues at station 10-1
  - Many citizens still dealing with Comcast and internet issues
  - Lots of extra workload by career and volunteers, a big Thank You for work done safely!
  - One home structure fire possibly as a result of outage
  - Some citizens just plain hard to please in times of stress
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- Chief spending about \$1000 on EMS bag CO monitors (firefighter safety )
  - Training room improvements still forthcoming electrician has been BUSY
  - Still working on list of items forthcoming to declare surplus.
  - Recruit school 2015-2 Graduation Dec 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at Medical Lake High School

### **Old Business**

1. CSA Update – Nothing new to report.

### **New Business**

1. Health Insurance Coverage and HSA Contributions – AD Callahan presented information on Health Insurance coverage for volunteers through the Washington Fire Commissioners. With the ability for volunteers to get healthcare insurance through WFC the district can now offer a Health Savings Account (HSA) to the volunteers. We currently have a FEMA grant to cover the cost of the HSA, and a recent amendment to the grant will allow us to offer the HSA without having to make it a matching program. We will plan on starting this program January 1, 2016.

### **Public Comment**

Commissioner McKelvey opened the meeting up for public comment.

Lt John Koberstine commented on how appreciative he was of the hard work the commissioners do to provide safe, well made and effective equipment, apparatus and gear for the career staff and volunteer members of SCFD10.

**Executive Session** per RCW 42.30.100(1)(g) Commission McKelvey took the board into executive session at 6:36pm, session will last thirty (30) minutes. Those included in executive session were board members, Chief Scharff and AD Callahan.

7:06pm – Executive session extended twenty (20) minutes.

7:26pm – Executive session extended fifteen (15) minutes.


7:41pm – Regular meeting resumed.

**Adjournment**

A special meeting will be scheduled for December 15, 2015, time and location to be announced.

The next regular meeting will be January 5, 2016 at 6:00 pm at Station 10-1.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

  
James McKelvey, Chairman  
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