

# Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

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# ADOPTED ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT
Thursday, May 9, 2024
Held at the following locations:
10545 Armstrong Avenue – Board Room
Mather, California
&
Remotely Via Zoom

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Goold. Board members present: Costa, Clark, Goold, Jones, Saylors, Sheetz, Webber and Wood. Board members absent: Rice. Staff present: Chief House and Board Clerk Rittburg.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments were not received.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

Moved by Director Wood, seconded by Jones and carried unanimously by members present to adopt the consent calendar as follows:

1. Action Summary Minutes

**Recommendation:** Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2024.

Action: Adopted Minutes.

2. Revision to Positions and Authorization Document for Temporary Position Recommendation: Authorize the temporary change in the Positions and Authorization Document for the addition of one Grant Specialist position for the period of six weeks.

**Action:** Authorized the temporary change in Positions and Authorization Document.

# **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Adopt Resolution – Calling the November 5, 2024 General District Election and Requesting Consolidation with the Statewide General Election and Approving Requirements of the Candidate Statements

(Board Clerk Marni Rittburg)

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution calling the November 5, 2024 General District Election, requesting consolidation of this election with the Statewide General Election, and requesting that Sacramento County provide election services for this election.

Action: Moved by Director Jones, seconded by Costa, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution 2024-080 calling the November 5, 2024 General District Election, requesting consolidation of this election with the Statewide General Election, and requesting that Sacramento County provide election services for this election.

## **REPORTS**

## 1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - (President Goold)

President Goold thanked all the staff who worked on planning the trip to Capital to Capital in Washington DC and the Members of Congress who met with us.

# 2. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT — (Chief House)

Congratulations to Inspector Rebecca Leda from the Community Risk Reduction Division (CRRD) who was awarded Fire Official of the Year for 2023-24 by the California Building Officials (CALBO). Inspector Leda serves as the President of the Northern California Fire Prevention Officer (FPO).

Last night I was attended, with Chief Rudnicki and Chief Mitchell, the 2023 California EMS Awards banquet in Napa where Battalion Chief Scott Perryman was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the State Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) for his leadership and efforts in providing services through the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) program.

# **OPERATIONS REPORT** – (Deputy Chief Mitchell)

# 1. Annual Cooperator's Meeting

- Held pre-fire season each year, hosted by Metro Fire
- Largest attendance ever, here in this room, Metro, SFD, Cosumnes, Folsom, NEU, AEU
- · Great relationship building before the incident

# 2. Copter 3 Delivery

- We now have Copter 3 out at St. 115 as of Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>
- Crews are evaluating the mechanical status, testing the systems, and training on the new airframe
- Expect to see Copter 3 in service this summer, allowing us to expand our resource capabilities and provide higher levels of air operations service to the community

#### 3. Transition to Wildfire Season

- Effective Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 0800, the county fire agencies will transition to wildfire response levels
- Light fuels are drying out and are starting to be available burn; fuel moistures are right at historical norms for this time of year

 Discussed the outlook for the upcoming season, and expect normal fire potential through June and July; models are showing a forecast for an above normal hot and dry August and fall season with anticipated above normal fire activity

#### 4. Service Delivery Member Recognition

- Service delivery presentation update coming to the Board first meeting in June; lots of positive things happening on May 13<sup>th</sup> to increase services
- Our members are also doing great things to move us into higher levels of service, and so I'd like to call Chief Fiorica to the podium to recognize one of them right now...

Chief Fiorica presented Noah Kellogg with his Paramedic badge.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT** – (Deputy Chief Bailey)

#### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION:**

- Bodycam/UK PIO Wilbourn worked with media from the UK to tell the story of the rescue/grab
  of Captain Lemon and Firefighter Hodge in 2022.
- Station 51 Open House June 1, 2024, from 10:00 am to Noon.
- Career fair season at the schools is April & May and the firefighters have been busy doing the career day school circuit talking about being a firefighter, and showing off the fire engine.
- With summer around the corner, we are working on social media stories about bike safety, weed abatement, drowning prevention, and celebrating EMS week which is May 20-24.

#### FINANCE:

No Updates

#### PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

No Updates

#### TRAINING:

- FA 24-1 graduation, 11 recruits on May 17<sup>th</sup>
- FAIRAS "Drive to Survive" training program will be hosted at Metro Fire on May 21, 2024:
  - o Station 106 at 9:00 am
  - o Training Division at 1:00 pm

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- EMS Systems Technician Started 5/7/24
- Logistics Manager Interviews 5/13/24
- Paramedic Interviews for 24-2 Academy 5/13 & 5/14
- Fire Inspector I Orientation scheduled for 5/17/24
- Dozer Program Manager Closes 5/17/24
- Fire Engineer Phase II This week

#### **BACKGROUNDS:**

- 1 Chief Pilot
- 2 MIH Providers
- 16 External Firefighter Paramedics

12 Internal Firefighter Paramedics

#### **RECRUITMENT & OUTREACH:**

- Twin Rivers School District is moving forward with a CTE Pathway in Fire Technology at Rio Linda High School modeled after the program at Del Campo. We were hopeful to have this project operational this coming fall, but that isn't going to happen as cost is the current challenge. Tim White will be working with Training, BC Fong, and the Reserve program in an attempt to coordinate efforts in a way that supports, not only our full-time operational needs but the Reserve program as well.
- The mentor program continues to draw interest from paramedic students looking for internships.
   Captain Ellis in EMS has oversight of the internship program. He is tracking and prioritizing people who want to work at Metro through multiple points of contact and demonstrating that we are investing in their individual process.
- Chief House accompanied Tim White to a Career Presentation at Sierra College in April.

# **SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT** – (Deputy Chief Wagaman)

#### Logistics:

• We are expecting a retirement within our Logistics Division. We have an internal recruitment process happening now for our next Logistics Manager.

#### Facilities:

- Station 50 dormitory remodel:
  - o Flooring, Framing, drywall, and paint completed.
- Station 102 squad addition:
  - EMS 24 has been relocated in to new dorm at front of station.
  - EMS 24 office has been relocated to small room off of dayroom.
  - Framing ongoing in new Squad 102 dormitory.
- Station 21 security, new slider installed leading into the gym.
- Station 41 parking lot sealcoat completed, and all parking stalls restriped.
- Station 27 HVAC replaced.
- Station 59 parking lot seal and stripe completed

#### Facilities Plans:

- Major roof repairs on stations 24, 21 and 32 scheduled.
- Commercial carpet cleaning for stations 54, 22 and 102 scheduled.

#### Fleet:

- Work continues getting the new Ambulances and Type Vs into service.
- The new S61 has been completed, and S102 close to being finished.
- The California Fire Mechanics Academy is taking place.

#### IT:

No report.

3. SMFD - FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT (Captain Steven Oberlander, Local 522 Representative)

Captain Oberlander stated he was here in place of Sean Scollard who is currently attending the CPF Conference in San Diego where he was able to tour their Fire Wellness Center.

#### 4. COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

All Committee Meetings will be held at the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Board Room, 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Mather, California unless otherwise specified.

## A. Executive Committee – (President Goold)

Asking our Legal Counsel to look into the history of the Board of Directors compensation.

B. Communications Center JPA – (AC Greene)

No Report

C. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Jones)

No Report

D. Policy Committee – (Director Saylors)

Met tonight and heard presentations from Melisa Maddux on two revised policies that have been brought up to date, the Reinstatement Rehire Policy and the Sick Leave Policy.

## **BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Director Costa congratulated our two award recipients. Thanked Chief House for his leadership.

Director Jones requested a squad ride along.

Director Clark thanked the men of women of Metro Fire for providing excellent service.

Director Sheetz congratulated Noah Kellogg for achieving his Paramedic badge. She also echoed the sentiments from Chief House regarding BC Scott Perryman. Looking forward to graduation and having 11 new members join our amazing team.

Director Wood reminded everyone that The Firefighters Burn Institute is looking for Firefighter volunteers for Luau on the Links which will take place on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at Haggin Oaks and tickets are on sale now, please go to <a href="https://ffburn.org/">https://ffburn.org/</a>

President Goold wanted to acknowledge all Metro Fire members in what you do every day. It may never come to us as an item but I'm in awe of everything that happens and you make our jobs easier as elected officials.

#### CLOSED SESSION:

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 6:42 PM on the following matters:

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PENDING LITIGATION Pursuant to California Government Code Section § 54956.9(d): One Case
  - Case No. 34-2020-00286706-CU-BC-GDS
     Medic Ambulance Service, Inc. v. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
     John Lavra, General Counsel

#### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT OUT:**

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:13 p.m. General Counsel Lavra reported the Board met in closed session on one item: Pending Litigation, no reportable action was taken in closed session.

To view the video of the meeting, please visit the Metro Fire Website or our YouTube channel:

Jennifer Sheetz, Secretary

https://metrofire.ca.gov/2024-05-09-board-meeting

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9t-uKlc\_oOUGNrmogdQ\_QA

**ADJOURNMENT** 

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Grant Goold, President

Marni Rittburg, CMC, Board Clerk