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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

Thursday, October 13, 2022

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 6:01pm by President Saylor. Board members present in person: Clark, Goold, Jones, Saylor, and Wood. Board members present virtually via Zoom: Sheetz, and White. Board members absent: Orzalli and Rice. Staff present: Chief Harms, General Counsel Lavra, and Board Clerk Penilla.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT ITEMS

Action: Moved by Goold, seconded by Clark, 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 September 22, 2022.
Action: Approved the Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. Authority to Reenter Voluntary Rate Range Program (VRRP) – Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Program from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution reauthorizing the Fire Chief to enter into necessary agreements with DHCS to participate in the VRRP IGT covering the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2022-079.
- 3. Parking Lot Lease – 7629 Greenback Lane**
Recommendation: Authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to execute the lease agreement for 7629 Greenback Lane.
Action: Authorized the Fire Chief to execute the agreement.
- 4. FY2019 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant – Award Amendment Approval**
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution authorizing the Final Budget amendment to the Grants Fund 212G.
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2022-080.
- 5. FY2020 State Homeland Security Grant – Award Amendment Approval**
Recommendation: Adopt a SHSGP20 Grant Amendment Resolution and corresponding budget amendment resolutions.
Action: Adopted Resolution Nos. 2022-081 through 2022-083.

- Budget Amendment – Phase 2 Station Access Control Project Change Order**
Recommendation: Adopt the budget amendment resolutions for Phase 2 station access control project change order.
Action: Adopted Resolution Nos. 2022-084 through 2022-085.

ACTION ITEMS

- ImageTrend Contract Renewal & Test Site Implementation** (*Deputy Chief Mitchell*)
Recommendation: Approve the ImageTrend contract renewal for three years.
Action: Moved by Goold, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to approve the Imagetrend contract.
- Ratification of Resolution to Extend Teleconference of Board Meetings (Government Code 54953(e) (3))** (*President Saylor*)
Recommendation: Consider adopting a Resolution which would extend the ability to teleconference without compliance of Government Code paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953 from October 13, 2022 – November 11, 2022 or until further re-ratified.
Action: Moved by Jones, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2022-086.
- Industrial Disability Retirement – Brian L. Currie**
Recommendation: After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Captain Currie has suffered job related injuries and is eligible for an Industrial Disability Retirement.
Action: Moved by Wood, seconded by Jones, and carried (Aye: Clark, Goold, Jones, Saylor, Sheetz, Wood; Absent: Orzalli, Rice, and White) to adopt Resolution No. 2022-087.
- Industrial Disability Retirement – Richard F. Turner**
Recommendation: After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Richard Turner has suffered job related injuries and is eligible for an Industrial Disability Retirement.
Action: Moved by Wood, seconded by Clark, and carried (Aye: Clark, Goold, Jones, Saylor, Sheetz, Wood; Absent: Orzalli, Rice, and White) to adopt Resolution No. 2022-088.

REPORTS

- PRESIDENT'S REPORT—**(*President Saylor*)

President Saylor shared the Cancer Awareness Engine will be at Headquarters for the next Board Meeting on October 27th at 5:30pm. She invited those attending in-person to join between the Finance and Audit Committee and Regular Board Meeting.

Director Rice joined at 6:10pm.

- FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—**(*Chief Harms*)

New Hire

Welcome to Allisyn Mayhew who was hired as a Community Relations Specialist in Community Services Division effective October 10, 2022. She was previously with Fox news and brings a great deal of knowledge in public relations.

Retirement

Congratulations to Engineer Doug Boan on his retirement on October 7, 2022.

Congratulations to EMS System Technician Marcy Mateo on her retirement on October 10, 2022.

Meetings/Conferences

9/19-9/23 NFPA Urban Fire Forum: Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT). There has been much attention given to what we have done in California, and the presentations discussed that progress.

9/26, Sac Fire / Metro Fire: Fire Chiefs and DCs Meeting – Met with new Fire Chief Costamagna, and President Saylor and I attended his swearing-in ceremony. Congratulations to him and it was great meeting with him and his team and continuing those meetings.

9/28, Labor Management Collaboration Meeting (LMCM) – Had our monthly meeting where we discussed about ten items and a number of carry-over that was cleared off.

9/30, 22nd Annual Public Safety & Community Appreciation Luncheon where the topic was: raising awareness on fentanyl related deaths. There was much discussion of changing that from a fentanyl overdose to a fentanyl poisoning. Director Walt White was a member of the panel representing law enforcement, first responders and family members who discussed the importance of narcan and the importance of reversing the poisoning.

Participated in meetings with Rancho Cordova, where we continued to discuss fentanyl and the affect in our community, and had lunch with the Citrus Heights Police Chief. During the Rancho Cordova 2X2 we talked about the City Manager announcing his retirement, so it was great to wish him well.

OPERATIONS' REPORT

We have run 6,089 total incidents since our last report on September 22, 2022; an average of 290 calls per day. 188 fire incidents were responded to, average of 9 calls per day.

On Tuesday 10/11, 8 Metro Members were in attendance at the Mercy San Juan EMS Run Review. This is an educational opportunity for Pre-Hospital and Hospital care providers to review specific incidents that occurred recently and that offer an educational competent or lessons learned. Several cases were reviewed, allowing our members to get a better understanding of the Hospital and our members can work more efficiently together during the radio report and pass over to the ED staff. M23 and 6 members from Academy Class 22-1 attended. The annual holiday run review will take place on December 14th.

On October 1st and in coordination with the Staffing Team and Labor, we started a new callback staffing procedure to assist in daily staffing management. Although it is very early on and there are other factors to consider, we have seen a significant decrease in mandatory callbacks this month. However, we will need to gather more information over a longer period of time before making a final determination on the effectiveness of the procedure.

On October 8th, at 0500, E24 and AMR801 were dispatched for a possible overdose. Enroute, Fire Dispatch updated that there were 3 patients on scene, two of them unresponsive with chest compressions being performed by bystanders. E24 added S24, M109, and M23 to the incident

as well. On scene, crews managed three patients suffering from effects of a possible fentanyl overdose. E24 company officer, Captain Stephen Perry, managed what would be described as a chaotic scene, with three separate critical patients. E24 and S24's crew maintained care of the two patients under CPR, and assisted with treatment enroute to the hospital. Great job by all the members involved for maintaining composure, professionalism and high levels of patient care during a difficult incident.

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT

Matt Cole, Local 522 Vice President congratulated Marcie and Doug on their retirements they will be missed, and welcomes Allisyn.

They have had multiple service delivery meetings with several items discussed including deployment, how to increase services, and an added first responder on Squad 24 and impact they had. He confirmed the labor management meeting was productive and discussed benefits for members, community, and the organization. Negotiations have been productive, the Board will hear more about that in closed session. So far, the call back changes are seeing positive results. Wishes everyone the best of luck to those taking the engineer test this week. After this engineer test they hope to have the rank fully staffed, which will be the first time in a long time.

VP Cole attended a few events, including the star six golf tournament and legends of golf tournament to benefit the United Way. He also attended District Attorney Shubert's annual luncheon. It was an important discussion for our community and he urges everyone to visit onepillcankillsac.com and watch the various videos.

He confirmed the honor guard will post colors for the November Meeting, and do a presentation showing what they do for the community.

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 Saylor)

Next Meeting: TBD

B. Communications Center JPA – (DC Wagaman)

Report Out: October 11, 2022 at 9:00 AM

DC Wagaman reported that the new part-time medical director has started, and looks to support dispatchers. During their last meeting they addressed four items: Kaiser premiums increase of 6%, an org chart update, job description for executive assistant, and an update to the strategic plan.

Next Meeting: November 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM

C. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Orzalli)

Next Meeting: October 27, 2022 at TBD

D. Policy Committee – (Director Goad)

Next Meeting: TBD

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director Jones thanked senior staff for helping her get caught up from while she was traveling. She attended the Rancho Cordova 2X2, and was sad to hear the announcement of Cyrus' retirement, as he has been a huge supported of Metro Fire. She looks forward to attending the Sac County 2X2 Meeting next week.

Director Rice congratulated all, and appreciates staff's support who work behind the scenes to make everything go. As for cancer awareness month, Senate Bill 1127 is the workers compensation reform for cancer presumptive. Members do not have an easy time in the system, not at Metro Fire, but throughout the state of California. He proposes we do some work to those who receive a cancer diagnosis, get them on 48/50 time as appropriate so they can start getting better. He emphasized the importance of taking care of our members.

Director White thanked everyone at Metro Fire. He is currently in Utah with retired member Mark Van Brunt, and preparing for the 30th year of the Firefighter Combat Challenge. He appreciated Director Rice bringing up the cancer workers compensation issues, thank you for doing that.

Director Clark congratulated the retirees. He also attended the Legends Golf Tournament which benefits the food closet especially during the holiday season. He extends a special thanks to Gifford, Valenti, and Majestic for making the event successful at the barbeque.

The board recessed to closed session at 6:37pm with Directors Rice and White absent.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – One (1) matter of Workers Compensation Compromise and Release.

- A. Doug Dolezal and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim # SMDS - 550412 – Workers Compensation Settlement Authority –
Jessica Valenti of Lenahan, Slater, Pearse & Majernik, LLP

Director Rice rejoined at 6:45pm and participated in the below vote.

Action: Moved by Goold, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by members present to give settlement authority to Metro Fire's third party administrator.

2. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – two (2) matters of Industrial Disability Retirement.

- A. Brian Currie and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim # SMDQ - 550052 – Industrial Disability Retirement –
Ty Bailey, Deputy Chief Administration
Action: No action taken.
- B. Richard Turner and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim #4A22010MQ9T-0001 – Industrial Disability Retirement –
Ty Bailey, Deputy Chief Administration
Action: No action taken.

3. Conference with Labor Negotiator

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

- A. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

- B. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Battalion Chiefs Bargaining Group,
Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

- C. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Administrative Support Personnel (ASP)
Affiliate of Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

- D. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Safety Senior Management, Management
and Unrepresented Confidential Employees

- E. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Non-Safety Senior Management, Management
and Unrepresented Confidential Employees

Action: The Board voted unanimously to approve the tentative agreement between the District and Local 522 for those represented groups.

4. PERSONNEL MATTERS – PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957

Fire Chief Selection Process

Director White joined at 8:09pm during the Fire Chief Selection Process discussion.

Action: As authorized by the Board, General Counsel Lavra reported the Board has decided to undertake the process to appoint an Interim Fire Chief. The Board has developed a process to interview, appoint, and employment of an interim Fire Chief which will take place over the coming weeks. Anyone seeking additional information should visit the District's website.

The board reconvened to open session at 9:06 PM.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.



Cinthia Saylor, President



Walt White, Secretary



Melissa Penilla, Board Clerk