



# Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

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Fire Chief

## ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT Thursday, February 10, 2022 Remotely Via Zoom

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Saylor. Board members present: Clark, Goold, Jones, Kelly, Saylor, Sheetz, White, and Wood. Board members absent: Orzalli  
Staff present: Chief Harms, General Counsel Lavra, and Board Clerk Penilla

Asked for a moment of silence honoring Captain Fortuna from Stockton Fire, and Matt Brabo from Cal Fire.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Arjil with Alpha One commented on presentation item 3, the 911 Ambulance Surge Protection Agreement. He is concerned with Section 6 of the agreement, and notified the Board Alpha One will not be able to sign the agreement with this language in place. He encourages staff to continue having additional dialogue, specifically related to protocols.

**After a brief discussion, on a motion by Goold, seconded by Kelly, and carried unanimously by member present, to move consent item two to the action calendar, and will be heard as action item number three.**

#### CONSENT ITEMS

**Action:** Moved by Kelly, 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 January 27, 2022.  
**Action:** Approved the Action Summary Minutes.
- 2. Revision to Positions and Authorization Document**  
**Recommendation:** Approve the revised position authorization document.  
**Action:** Item removed from consent calendar and moved to action items, refer to action item number three.

#### PRESENTATION ITEMS

- 1. Firefighters Burn Institute** (*Joe Pick, Executive Director*)  
**Recommendation:** Receive presentation, no action required.  
**Action:** Presentation received, no action taken.
- 2. 15 Years of Service to Director Clark** (*Chief Harms*)  
**Recommendation:** Receive presentation, no action required.  
**Action:** Presentation received, no action taken.
- 3. 911 Ambulance Surge Protection Agreement** (*Assistant Chief Law*)  
**Recommendation:** Receive presentation. No action required.  
**Action:** Presentation received, no action taken.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. **FY2019 Homeland Security Grant Program – Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Acceptance** (*Erin Castleberry, Administrative Specialist*)  
**Recommendation:** Adopt Resolutions approving the grant acceptance and budget amendment.  
**Action:** On a motion by Jones, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by the members present to adopt Resolution Nos. 2022-009 and 2022-010.
2. **Notice of Award – 908devices (UASI19 Portable High Pressure Mass Spectrometer)** (*Erin Castleberry, Administrative Specialist*)  
**Recommendation:** Approve the purchase of the MX908 Handheld High Pressure Mass Spectrometer from 908devices.  
**Action:** On a motion by Jones, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by the members present to approve the purchase.
3. **Revision to Positions and Authorization Document** (*Deputy Chief Bailey*)  
**Recommendation:** Approve the revised position authorization document.  
**Action:** On a motion by Kelly, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by the members present to approve the revised PAD.

The board recessed to closed session at 7:20 PM.

## CLOSED SESSION

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

Thomas Neville and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District  
Claim # SMDI – 548343; SMDI – 548191; SMDI -548227; SMDP - 549815 –  
Workers Compensation Settlement Authority –  
Colin Connor of Lenahan, Slater, Pearse & Majernik, LLP

**Action:** Moved by Wood, seconded by Sheetz, and carried (Aye: Clark, Goold, Jones, Kelly, Saylor, Sheetz, and Wood; Absent: Orzalli and White) to give the District's third party negotiator settlement authority.

2. **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 took no reportable action.

**The board reconvened to open session at 8:54 PM.**

## **REPORTS**

1. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**—(*President Saylor*)  
No report.

2. **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**—(*Fire Chief Harms*)

Sadly, Chief Harms shares that he recently attended two funerals. The first was for Elk Grove police officer Tyler Lenehan, and the second was for Stockton Fire Captain Max Fortuna.

### **Promotion**

Effective January 31<sup>st</sup> – BC Kim Fong

### **Reassignment**

Effective January 31<sup>st</sup> – Battalion Chief Brian Gonsalves was selected to fill the EMS Day Battalion Chief assignment.

### **Fill the Boot – Chief's Challenge**

Chief Harms was able to bring the trophy back to Metro Fire. Most importantly, the event raised over \$200,000 for the Firefighter's Burn Institute.

### **Political Update**

Chief Harms invited Jeff Frye to share political activity on federal and state issues related to the fire service. Jeff shares that January was relatively quiet in Washington D.C. and Sacramento, which is typical for this time of year.

Looking back to December, the advisor report highlighted the bills and how they can benefit the fire service. The Build Back Better piece allows agencies to focus on getting money for structural fire station needs, and has been put off until spring. The Fire Station Construction Grants Acts allows agencies to rebuild based on current code, so we are looking at that piece as well.

Related to Cap-to-Cap, the Public Safety Team is carrying the two papers from the fall virtual trip.

As for the state level, local policy advisors are going through the governor's budget, especially the \$45 - \$60 billion surplus. We are hopeful some of that money can be allocated to local level needs. There is \$1.3 billion allocated for pandemic relief, and we are working with elected

officials to have access to those dollars as well. Executive Staff and many others have been working on wall times, 201 rights, fireworks, and wildfires. New bills are due on February 18<sup>th</sup>, and we anticipate a couple thousand new bills. Once released, they will be reviewed and determined where the focus needs to be moving forward.

## **OPERATIONS' REPORT – (DC Mitchell)**

### **COVID**

Currently, 16 total members off as of this afternoon, 10 of the members off are line personnel, 6 professional staff. All 16 off are COVID positive, which is still trending in the right direction for us. He is happy to report that today we are fully staffed in operations.

### **Engineer Exam**

Phase 2 of the engineer exam finished up today. Final phase is the week of February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Stockton Coverage**

Captain Max Fortuna of Stockton Fire was killed during a tragic incident in the early morning hours of January 31<sup>st</sup>. That morning Stockton reached out for assistance, we responded with a task force of four engines and a battalion chief to assist with coverage during the day, and remained for the overnight hours with two engines and a battalion chief as they continued to deal with his death.

Shortly after our Sacramento Regional IMT was requested, and we approved the activation of the team to assist in developing plans for coverage and the celebration of life. During the celebration of life on February 8th, we sent an engine, truck, and battalion chief for 24 hours of station coverage so the members of Stockton Fire had time pay their respects. We also had numerous members attend the services.

Captain Matt Brabo's celebration of life is scheduled for tomorrow at Bayside Church.

### **Statistics**

There have been 3,661 total incidents since our last report on January 27, 2021, which is down a little bit since the last report. This averages to 262 calls per day. 65% of calls were EMS related incidents, and 143 were fire incidents which averages to 10 calls per day

## **3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT**

Local 522 Vice President Matt Cole thanks the Board for recognizing the members we have shared a moment of silence for, and asks that we have a moment of silence honoring Steve McCann from LA County. He echoes the previous comments related to membership being there in support of Stockton Fire.

VP Cole thanks the membership for working down to fill mandatories. He also reported 37 members were testing in Phase 2 of the engineer's exam. He wishes everyone best of luck as they move on to phase 3.

He thanked the Board for being so assessable since he took office. He also appreciates their visits to the fire stations, and the crews really appreciate making connections. He looks forward to continuing to work together, and looks forward to closing the gaps.



#### 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)

Report Out: Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Approved the observer during negotiations guidelines with a few edits from General Counsel.

Next Meeting: TBD

##### B. Communications Center JPA – (DC Wagaman)

Report Out: Wednesday, February 10, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Recently met on three action items related to large invoices for the Westnet gear, all three were approved. Additionally, CSD Fire appointed the General Manager as their delegate, with Chief Rodriguez as the alternate. They remain incredibly busy, still showing trends similar to 2021.

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

##### C. California Fire & Rescue Training JPA – (Chief Harms)

Next Meeting: February 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM

Location: 3121 Gold Canal Drive  
Mather, CA 95670

##### D. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Orzalli)

Next Meeting: February 24, 2022 at 5:30 PM

##### E. Policy Committee – (Director Goold)

Report Out: February 10, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Met earlier appointed a chair and vice chair, along with appointing Director Sheetz as the alternate. They reviewed five management policies related to data.

Next Meeting: TBD

#### BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director Jones thanks everyone for their participation and professional work.

Director Kelly appreciates the presentations from AC Law and Joe Pick. He also congratulates Director Clark on serving the board for 15 years.

Director Sheetz congratulates Chief Harms on the success at Fill the Boot – Chief's Challenge and thanks Joe Pick for sharing the stories. She thanks AC Law for her presentation, and congratulates Director Clark on 15 years.

Director Wood echoes the sentiments of other Directors. He thanks Joe Pick for sharing the heartfelt stories. He would love to see the crews receiving the accolades, as it is so nice to see the community reaching out to say thank you.

Director Goold also echoes the sentiments of fellow Directors. He congratulates Director Clark on 15 years. He ends his comments tonight with a thank you to the men and women of Metro Fire, especially those who welcomed him into their fire stations.

Director White wishes all of the candidates in the engineer exam process the best of luck on the next phase. He congratulates Chief Harms for the success in the Chief's Challenge, and Director Clark for serving 15 years. Lastly, he attended the Guns and Hoses football game where the Fire Dogs took the victory with a 7-3 win. He thanks everyone for their time and dedication to this event, which is now in its 48<sup>th</sup> year.

Director Clark thanks staff for their presentations, and the men and women of Metro Fire. He also thanks his fellow Directors, who work so hard, for the kind words.


Director Saylor echoes the comments of her fellow Directors.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

  
Cynthia Saylor, Board President

  
Walt White, Secretary

  
Melissa Penilla, Board Clerk