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ADOPTED ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Held at the following locations:

10545 Armstrong Avenue – Board Room

Mather, California

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Remotely Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Goold. Board members present: Clark, Costa, Goold, Jones, Wood and Webber. Board members absent: Rice, Saylor, and Sheetz. Staff present: Chief House and Board Clerk Rittburg.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment was received.

CONSENT ITEMS

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

- Action Summary Minutes**
Recommendation: Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of July 25, 2024.
Action: Adopted the Action Summary Minutes.
- Adopt Resolution – Voluntary Rate Range Program (VRRP) with State of California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for Intergovernmental Transfers (IGT) from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution reauthorizing the Fire Chief to enter into the necessary agreements with DHCS to participate in the VRRP IGT reimbursement period covering January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
Action: Adopted **Resolution 2024-105**.
- Parking Lot Lease – 7629 Greenback Lane**
Recommendation: Authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to negotiate and execute a lease agreement materially similar to the attached.
Action: Approved.

REPORTS

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

No Report

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

Good evening, President Goold, Directors, Colleagues, and Members of the Public.

Reassignments and Assignments:

- Congratulations to Captain Eric Haus who was selected to fill the EMS Day Captain assignment. Captain Haus will transition to the EMS Day Captain position effective September 1, 2024. Captain Erik Matteoli has been reassigned from the EMS Day Captain position to Suppression, effective September 8, 2024. Thank you to Captain Matteoli for his dedication and commitment while working in EMS.
- Congratulations to Battalion Chief Bryan Barthel, who has been selected to fill the Special Operations Battalion Chief Assignment effective August 25, 2024. Battalion Chief Grant Russell has been reassigned from the Special Operations Battalion Chief Assignment to Suppression, effective September 9, 2024. Thank you to Chief Russell for his dedication and commitment while working in Special Operations.

Due to the undetermined length of vacancies in the DC & AC ranks and for succession and mentorship opportunities:

- Effective August 1, Shift Commander Mike Johnson will temporarily serve in an out-of-class upgrade capacity as the Deputy Chief of Administration, and Deputy Chief Ty Bailey will temporarily serve as the Deputy Chief of Support Services.
- Effective August 21, Shift Commander Joe Fiorica will temporarily serve as the Assistant Chief of the Training Division, and Assistant Chief Chris Greene will temporarily serve as the A-Shift Shift Commander.

Training, Health & Safety Division Reorganization:

Effective August 21, 2024, the Health & Safety Division will officially be established as a separate division, no longer part of the Training Division. Battalion Chief Tony Peck will temporarily serve as the Assistant Chief of the Health & Safety Division in an out-of-class upgrade capacity. BC Peck will announce the new name of the division at the next Board meeting.

OPERATIONS REPORT – (*Deputy Chief Mitchell*)

Shift Commander Spotlight

DC Mitchell brought up AC Kiley Keeley spoke regarding a scene where Engine 21 and Rescue 21 rescued a trapped victim from a duplex fire in the morning of 8/15/24 and played a short video from the scene. AC Keeley then brought up the captains and crew of both E21 & R21 who spoke on the specifics of how they were able to get the person out of the house.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – (Out-of-Class Deputy Chief Johnson)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION

- CERT, now managed by PIO/Chief Wilbourn, set a new record for volunteer hours. We're proud to announce that 26 active members contributed 900 volunteer hours in July. Thank you to all those CERT members who took an active role in helping our members and our community.
- Metro firefighters and staff were invited to attend **14** National Night Out events all over Sacramento County on Tuesday, August 6. *National Night Out* is an annual community-building event held on the first Tuesday of August. Its purpose is to promote police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie, and crime prevention, aiming to make neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, the event's origins date back to the early 1980's. Thank you to all the crews and staff that participated.
- Chief Perryman received a grant for MIH and is collaborating with April West to produce a Fentanyl Awareness video for Opioid Awareness Day on September 21, 2024. The video will be distributed to all seven school districts in our area for education and prevention.

FINANCE

- The Division completed its annual training plan this past June. The average annual hours were 56, and everyone surpassed the 20-hour minimum annual goal.
- Emily Brown was selected to join this year's class in the Rancho Cordova Leadership Class, Number 27. The District has traditionally sent one suppression person to this program and will do that again this year. This year, the District opted to include a professional staff member and Emily Brown was selected as the first such representative.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- **Recruitments**
 - Reserve Firefighters – closed July. Apps being reviewed
 - Lateral Firefighter 25-1 Academy – closed 8/2/24. Apps being reviewed
 - Mechanic - closed on 8/16/24. Interviews 9/10/24
 - EMT 25-1 Academy – closed on 8/23/24, written scheduled 9/10 & 9/12
 - Paramedic 25-1 Academy – closed on 8/23/24

SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT – (Assistant Chief Law)

CRRD has had a busy season for weed abatement and inspectors and support staff have done a great job staying on top of inspections and following properties until compliance is achieved. The first round of abatement notices went out on May 1 giving owners 30 days to abate. Inspections were conducted the first week of June, with a 2nd round notices sent on June 4. The second notice gives a 7-day period to abate. The 2nd round of inspections was completed the 3rd week in June. The 3rd and final notice to abate provides 7 days to abate. After June 1st, any new complaints are provided 15 days to abate on the first notice.

- 1st Round Inspections: 596
 - Compliant: 452 (76%)

- 2nd Round Inspections: 144
 - Compliant: 114 (79%)
 - 35 parcels were posted with a final notice on the property
- Final Round Inspections: 35
 - Compliant: 24 (69%)
 - 9 parcels were referred to Sacramento County as an imminent hazard for abatement. The County schedules abatement and attaches a lien to the property.

Thus far in 2024 between January 01 and July 31 has had 525 vegetation fires, 89.5 % of which were contained to less than an acre. For the same timeframe in 2023 Metro Fire had 450 vegetation fires, 90% of which were held to less than one acre. Despite the 16.6% increase in fire activity, our weed abatement program is still assisting crews with containing the acreage burned.

Investigator Morton has had 2 custodial arrests since our last Board meeting. The first was a residential structure fire in Battalion 13 on 08/19. An unhoused male was in the home at the time and admitted to burning plastic sheathing off of electrical wires causing the fire, and on 08/20 Alex arrested another unhoused male who started a grass fire on I-80 in B5.

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT (Captain Sean Scollard, *Local 522 Vice President*)

BC Joe Aldrich spoke for Captain Scollard and thanked Director Costa and Rancho Cordova City Manager Micah Runner for their visit and ride along at Station and Squad 61. Local 522 has many upcoming events that we will be heavily involved with:

- IAFF Convention in Boston
- September 11th Memorial Stair Climb in Sacramento
- September 21st Fallen Firefighter Memorial Ceremony in Colorado Spring
- October 12th California Firefighters Memorial Ceremony in Sacramento

It's very busy year for out of county responses with multiple deployments to strike teams, 522 wants to thank all the crews and the personnel who stepped up to work to keep our stations staffed.

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)

President Goold requested an update from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee at a future meeting.

B. Communications Center JPA

Deputy Chief Mitchell announced that Deputy Chief Bailey will take over from AC Greene as the primary delegate for the Sacramento Regional Fire/EMS Communications Center.

C. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Jones)

Met tonight and received two presentations: 1. FY 2024/25 Final Budget which will come to the full Board in September for adoption 2. Bimonthly Fiscal Report through June 2024. One highlight to note is that we went from a 3.8% forecasted property tax increase to 4.8%.

D. Policy Committee – (Director Saylor)

No Report

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director Costa thanked Station 61 and crews for the ride along.

Director Jones congratulated Engine 21 and Rescue 21 for the saves on the fire. It's terrific to hear great outcomes.

Director Wood thanked DC Mitchell for bringing the crews in tonight for the shift commander spotlight.

President Goold stated we are making changes such as with Wellness and it would be great to see a community member or organization that has the wherewithal to provide us a space/building for a wellness center so that our men and women can meet the challenges they face and remain healthy.

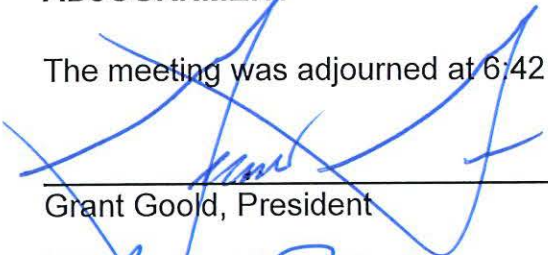
To view the video of the meeting, please visit the Metro Fire Website or our YouTube channel:

<https://metrofire.ca.gov/2024-08-22-board-meeting>


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dlrvvYCCJ_8

ADJOURNMENT


The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Grant Goold, President



Marni Rittburg, CMC, Board Clerk



Jennifer Sheetz, Secretary