

**PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 3  
WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

Vice Chair Dalton called the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present with Chair Sheeran and Commissioner Rankin excused. Also in attendance D/C Sagers, A/C McCurdy, Director Wick. A sign-in sheet was provided for additional attendance.

All rose for the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Commissioner Erb moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Clancy seconded. Motion approved unanimously.**

**PRESENTATION**

- Merit Award – Captain Gary McVay was presented a Merit pin and Chief Sharp read a memo relative to the Merit award, it thanked Captain McVay for his quick response while on vacation in Chelan. Captain McVay noticed an elderly man in the water and quickly stepped in to help. The elderly man was having trouble breathing and Captain McVay ran to his personal vehicle where he had a personal first aid kit with a breathing apparatus and provided medical aid until the medic unit arrived on the scene. Chief Sharp thanked Captain McVay for his distinguished efforts. Presented Captain McVay with a plaque and read the recognition. Commissioners and Staff thanked Captain McVay for his hard work.

**Adjourned meeting at 5:33 for congratulations and pictures.**

**Vice Chair Dalton called the meeting back to order at 5:36.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisting of Board Minutes of September 05, 2017. Warrants 51854 through 51906 totaling \$120,885.80. Warrants 51907 through 51981 totaling \$384,373.43. Finance Report August 2017. August payroll \$2,098,196.38. August Alarm Summary.

**Consent Agenda approved unanimously.**

**CORRESPONDENCE - None**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS - None**

**STAFF REPORT**

- Chiefs Report –
  - Chief Sharp briefed the Board on response teams for Hurricane Harvey and Irma. WPFR had one employee, Firefighter Chris Pfaff, on a Washington Task Force that was deployed for a week and a half. He is now on his way home. Chief Sharp thanked Firefighter Pfaff for his service for this deployment. The Incident Management team was also deployed. Two days into the trip they were turned around and cancelled. Chief Sharp advised the Board that a mission number was assigned verbally however final paperwork was never created. It is unclear at this time if the District will be receiving any federal funds. Details are being worked on at this time.  
**Vice Chair Dalton asked if it was possible to speak at the different civic clubs about the fire departments deployment at some of these major disasters. It is great for the citizens to know their first responders are helping out during these times of need.** Chief Sharp commented that he will look into this and feels it is a great idea.
  - The City of University place has 13 parcels that are surrounded by the Town of Fircrest. The area is in unincorporated Pierce County. The City of Fircrest is looking into annexing the property into their city. This makes sense that these parcels would fall under Fircrest. This will take them out of District 3 and has a very low impact to the budget.
  - WPFR was awarded the AFG Prevention grant. \$158,000.00 was awarded for a smoke alarm program targeting high risk apartments.
  - Korean Firefighters visited Station 31 today. These four firefighters were awarded a Valor award and were brought here to look at a local fire department. A station tour was given and they exchanged gifts with us. The Korean firefighters were very impressed with our station and the 9/11 Remembrance Park.

- Advised the Board of the passing of former Police Chief Bret Farrar. He will be missed. Funeral is Saturday at 4 PM at the Baptist Church on 112<sup>th</sup>.
- Tuesday September 26, 2017 two of our firefighters will be starting Paramedic School.
- The training department is offering a presentation from Jeff Hoquiam on Firefighter Stress and the impacts on the Homefront to WFPR firefighters and their significant others. Jeff is an awesome speaker and this is very important to the health and wellness of our firefighters.
- Recent activities –
  - Community Assets Lunch – September 7, 2017
  - Light My Fire Auction in Tukwila – September 09, 2017
  - Fill the Boot at the Lakewood Towne Center. Sept 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - September 11, noon at the Lakewood City Hall and 6:30 at Station 31 ceremonies in remembrance of 9/11, it was very well attended.
  - September 13, 2017, Staff attended the Safe Streets Breakfast at the Landmark.
- Upcoming events –
  - September 27, 2017 Red Cross Luncheon – One of our citizens has been nominated. Fingers crossed to have a winner.
  - October 03, 2017 Ram Takeover for Caring for kids
  - October 05, 2017 Rotary function at Lakewood Theater
- Update on the B & I – A/C McCurdy briefed the Board on the meetings with contractors and sprinkler requirements for the B & I. Five or six things need to be completed in order for them to reopen. Prevention and the City are working very closely to try and get them open.

#### BOARD COMMENTS

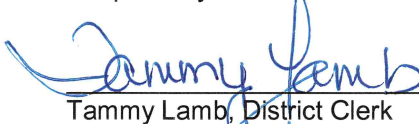
- **Commissioner Erb** –Congratulated Captain McVay. Congratulated Tammy Lamb on the awarding of the Prevention grant. Thanked everyone for their hard work.
- **Commissioner Clancy** – Congratulated Captain McVay.
- **Commissioner Dalton** – Dittoed the comments for Captain McVay and Tammy Lamb. Stated it is nice to see the department so involved civically. Very important for everyone to be stewards of the community.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56.

Next meeting October 03, 2017, Station 21 @ 5:30

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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 Tammy Lamb, District Clerk

  
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 Bart Dalton, Board Vice Chair

  
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 Koree Wick, District Secretary