

**Board of Directors
Minutes**

Regular Meeting

September 16, 2008

Pursuant to the proper public notice, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Klamath County Fire District No. 1 was held at The Center for Occupational Health, 2621 Crosby Ave., Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Members Present: Gloria Storey, President
Alan Scott, Vice President
Rod Green, Director

Members Absent: Mike Harrigan, Director

1. Call Meeting to Order

President Storey called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Storey led the Board and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Secretary-Treasurer Green, seconded by Vice President Scott, carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Bill George – “I live at the Running Y. My wife and I own a home there. I have two topics that I would like to make comments on at this meeting. After making these comments, I would like the opportunity to make a couple of recommendations.”

President Storey indicated that Mr. George would be limited to five minutes. She asked if he could make his comments in five minutes. Mr. George said he did not think so. He asked permission to have more than five minutes. Vice President Scott asked Mr. George how long he thought his comments would take. Mr. George indicated that he would take ten minutes. President Storey said that would be fine. Mr. George then continued.

“The first subject I would like to talk about is fire station number five, the new fire station. I would first like to point out why having that station open is so important. I am going to focus on the Running Y area because I am most familiar with that. The nearest fire station serving us, station number four on Campus drive is four miles from the gate, much further to all the homes and so on inside. My home is one of the closer ones I would say, but I am a mile and a half from the gate, so that makes it eight and a half miles from my house. Just in case there’s any question about it, Running Y is no longer just a few homes in the sticks, there are approximately 450 individual dwelling units, hotel units, 89 time-shares, conference center, sports center, an increasing number of retail stores, and so on. In other words, there are a lot of people there. Not having ready access to the fire station with ambulance represents a health and safety issue for us; puts a lot of people in jeopardy. The ambulance and fire station is too far away. It’s also a serious problem with our fire insurance. As most of you probably know, fire insurance companies typically rate people based on the ISO code, from one to ten. Four is typically a good code. In order to achieve a four you need to have a fire hydrant within a thousand feet of your home and a fire station within five miles. Obviously you don’t satisfy that. Insurance companies have been overlooking

that for some period of time. They are stopping doing that. They are tripling insurance or cutting people off. I had a neighbor who called up the other day and told me she got her insurance bill for fire insurance and it was triple because of no fire station. She said well the fire station is going to open in August. They said ok, we'll back off this time. But it's coming; it's a real serious problem. Now there may be some disagreement on this but as far as I'm concerned, fire station number five construction was completed on December 15, 2007. About the only thing that wasn't done of any significance was some communication gear that wasn't installed. Of course, we understand it could have been installed but for some reason the previous fire chief held it back, we don't know why. But essentially the station was done at that point in time. That's been nine months ago. I just could give you some thoughts about when that station is done also, at the January 15th Board meeting, Chief Kenworthy said the inspections to close out the construction contract will be completed in a week. Early in February, I met with the fire chief. He said at that time that the fire station would be opened no later than June 1st, absolutely. I asked him to repeat it; he repeated it, no question about it. I was quite dismayed that we were sitting there in early February and he wasn't going to open a completed fire station until the end of June. I was angry, but what could I do; I walked out. The fire station still isn't open. The chief obviously didn't know how to tell the truth. On the February 19th Board meeting, Chief Wenzel also said that there would be a fully functioning fire station by June 1st. It may have been fully functioning, but it's not operating. In April, chief came to the Running Y and spoke to our security committee meeting. At that time, he said the fire station would be opened July 15th. Still didn't open. I should also point out something that early in the station planning process, in 2005, then Fire Chief Hard came to the Board and he said that one of the things that would be doing is closing down a redundant fire station, redistributing the equipment and personnel, and selling the land and building. This would make the financial strengths of opening a new fire station much easier."

President Storey stopped Mr. George and asked him to repeat the part as to when Chief Hard stated that. Mr. George said, "Chief Hard stated to the Board that he would be recommending closing a fire station, redistributing equipment and personnel, and selling the land and the building." President Storey indicated that she didn't remember that particular statement. Mr. George said that it was made. Vice President Scott asked if this was at the May meeting. Mr. George said that it could have been, that was about the right time frame. President Storey asked May of what year. Mr. George said it was 2005. Mr. George went on "to point out for everybody's benefit that apparently because of a consolidation of the Klamath County and the Klamath City Fire Districts some years ago, there are three stations located rather close to one another. Clustered I would call it. Station number one here, 1.7 miles to the west is station number three, 1.8 miles to the east is station number two. So what we got here is a situation where there are a lot of people in an overlapping fire district as far as being within five miles of a station and we're sitting out there with an empty fire station."

"I might add that Chief Hard came to like the next meeting and very quietly withdrew this suggestion. If he explained it, it went over my head." President Storey asked what suggestion Chief Hard withdrew. Mr. George stated "that it was suggested closing a station and redistributing its assets, he came to the next meeting, I believe it was the next meeting, it might have been two, and he said well, we thought it over and were not going to do that now. That was essentially my recollection from three years ago. So as far as I'm concerned about fire station number five, the fact that that fire station is not open is an absolute outrage."

The second subject that I would like to talk about is the tax levy. The other night I went to your special meeting, which I learned that District No. 1 plans to put a 34 cent per thousand tax levy on the November ballot. In the material that they handed out and they talked about, they made a couple of comments that I thought was very interesting. They said we haven't had an increase in our \$2.88 per

thousand for a long time and this will be only a little over 3% increase in taxes. Well this is a really great scam, if I may call it that. What you fail to say is that the 34 cents is an 11.8% in your budget. That is the number we ought to be focusing on. You also fail to mention that the fire district also gets annual increase of tax dollars because of two reasons. One, more properties are added to the tax rolls, and two, the assessor increased the assessed value of properties on a regular basis. That's a fairly substantial amount of money. As a matter of fact, in the last five years, starting with the fiscal year 2002-2003 through last fiscal year 2007-2008, that increase by my calculations has averaged 5.7% annually compounded, or \$1,572,000; big numbers. If you add that 5.7% you have been getting from increased taxes to the 11.8% that you want to put on the budget, you're asking for a 17.5% increase in your budget. This seems pretty bizarre to me. One other thing, which I may not have my facts totally correct, it is my understanding that although Chief Hard told us at the time that we were planning for the fire station that there was money in a reserve, which would almost cover the cost of the fire station, my memory was that it \$897,000; it was approaching a million dollars and he thought the fire station was going to be \$1.3 million. Even though that was supposed to come from reserves, according to him at that time, I understand that you actually borrowed \$1.7 million last year. Now, I may have that a little twisted, but that's what I understand, that you borrowed \$1.7 million."

"At any rate, there is not much doubt about that you want to increase your budget by 11.8%, plus all the money that you get on the general deal. I think this is something that you've got to recognize it's probably, when this gets out, it's gonna be looked at as pretty unrealistic when tax payers who think a 4% increase in a budget is a big number."

"I would like to conclude by making two recommendations. One, I would like to recommend do whatever required to open fire station number five in no more than a week. We've waited nine months, this is nonsense. Excuses, we don't need any more. Open the station. Two, I would suggest that the board request that the County Commissioners appoint a blue ribbon commission to investigate Fire District No. 1 to find out why they didn't build a station with reserve funds, why the station sits idle for a long time, and why they need such an incredible amount of money on the operating levy. I would hope that maybe such a commission could be put together and somebody who really understood government accounting and had a real bias in favor of the tax payers might need (*content unclear on recording*), somebody like County Treasurer Mike Long. That's the end of my comments."

President Storey thanked Mr. George for his comments. She asked if there were any other public comments.

Joann Staunton – "I have been a resident here in Klamath County for close to 40 years. I have been on two taxing boards in this county. I really believe that there is some accountability that we really need to work on here, because we are not getting the answers that we should. My husband and I live at the Running Y and we've been there for ten years. Our fire insurance was cancelled because of the distance of the fire station and because of where we are located in the area out there. My husband and I have paid, over the ten years, \$14,000 to Fire District No. 1 and that's why I believe there needs to be some accountability. Because there is over \$600,000 a year from our residents, and we have a lot of residents out there, that does come to Fire District No. 1. I don't think we have gotten the answers as to why we haven't had the station open. I would like to know who's accountable for signing off on the station. I understand the polished concrete has cracks in it, and who is accountable for that, to sign off on a building that isn't completely up to par. Also, when I called to find out when the fire was going to be, I went to some of the safety meetings at the Running Y and every time there was some other different date, as Bill George said, that when it was going to be open. There was never any reason. I called recently and they said it would be October 15th because some of the wiring wasn't done. There needs to

be some accountability and I believe the Board and I've been on boards before in the taxing districts and I think you have to accept some responsibility and give us some really, really clear answers. The public needs to know and I don't think you're going to get a tax increase unless you're really, really honest with the public and tell them actually what is going on within Fire District No. 1 that we haven't had this new station that's been sitting there operable, in function, and service so that we can lower our insurance, get our proper coverage during high fire seasons and anytime, because the population is increasing and we're increasing our taxes, but we're not getting the result of our district. I would like some answers to that. Thank you."

Vice President Scott replied that he would like to answer that the accountability does fall on the Board. President Storey stated that there are legal issues involved where the District cannot open the station as of yet. The reason the District is seeking a tax increase is because the District took over the ambulance service and the revenues that are generated from the ambulance itself do not cover the expenses. When Medicare took its cut, it literally took half of the revenue away to operate that ambulance. The District can let the ambulance go and have some other independent company come in here and you don't know what you're going to get. We have felt a responsibility to serve the public because that's what we are, a servicing agency. That is one of the reasons why the District has had shortfalls. The District has had to compensate because of the revenues not coming in to pay for the ambulance.

Ms. Staunton asked if fire station five was in the 2007-2008 budget. President Storey replied that the district started planning for this in the 2005-2006 budget. She said that the District had almost six months of working with the Running Y to get the land set up to where the District could build on it. The District had an agreement with the Running Y that stated the fire district would have the station in the process of being by June of 2008, not up and running, but in the process of being built. The Fire District exceeded the Running Y's deadline. She stated that the station could not be opened because the tone-out system was not installed until the first part of September. Chief Kenworthy indicated that it is still not installed. Ms. Staunton asked why that was. Chief Kenworthy commented that the contractor with the contract for the tone-out system is too busy to get out there.

Ms. Staunton then asked if the District had it in the 2007-2008 budget to man the fire station. President Storey stated that it is management's rights to man any station where they deem appropriate. The District has employed Dr. Ritter to make map overlays as to the urban growth boundaries to where we needed a station. Several years ago, Falcon Heights wanted a fire station. There wasn't any place to put one so the District wrote a mutual aid agreement with Kingsley Field to cover that area. There are other developments that are projected to have more homes than the Running Y, but the District looked at the actual growth itself and Running Y was the next on the list. The District has done the best that we could, but we did not have enough money to build the station and purchase the land. Running Y said that they would give the District the land if the District built the station.

Vice President Scott commented that the Board can understand the public's frustration seeing the station there, having their costs go up. But he indicated that there are reasons why the station is not open. Vice President Scott pointed out that the public should not let their frustration overrule the high level of service that this community has come to expect. Vice President Scott then commented that he felt the Board should move on with the meeting.

President Storey asked if there were any other public comments. Being none, the Board moved to the next item.

5. Financial Reports

a. August 2008 Report

Phil Hull started by talking about the status of a new auditor. After talking to Attorney Gourley, Phil reported that the District can do a contract with an auditor as a sole-source. Phil reported that there are two local auditors that can do the audit, but one cannot start until after the first of the year. Phil presented the proposal from the local auditor that is able to start fairly soon.

Phil then moved through the financial reports. He reviewed the Projected Cash Balances report. The Board did not have any questions on this report. Phil indicated that there is a change to the actual Cash Balances report. The SV Payroll Checking figure of \$244,978.37 is bank statement balance. Reconciled, that figure is actual \$111, 389.29. That changes the total to \$1,513,003.62. Phil commented that the District is 17% through the fiscal year at the end of August. The General Fund is at 13.78% of fuel costs. The Ambulance Fund is at 17.64%

President Storey asked why there was such a big jump in revenue in the Ambulance Revenue. Phil commented that the District was in the process of setting up electronic payments from Medicare. In July, that process was delayed and there were no payments made during that month. The August Revenue reflects that catch up.

The General Fund Revenue is at 1.6% and that is because most of the money will come in during November. Total Suppression expenditures so far are 14.2%, Prevention is at 12.7%, Administration is at 11.6%, Training is at 11.2%, and Hazardous Materials is at 13.7%. The Ambulance Fund is tracking revenue at a little bit above the 17% and expenditures are at 13.8%. After the discussion, Vice President Scott made a motion to accept the financial reports for August, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

6. Action Items

At this time, the Board is now acting as Contract Review Board and will take up the matters of:

a. Approval of the Fire Chief to sign the KCICG Intergovernmental Agreement – *Tabled from June 24th Board Meeting*

Chief Wenzel asked that this item be tabled again.

b. Contract for Station 1 Apron Repair

Chief Kenworthy apologized for distributing the information at the Board meeting. In summary, the asphalt in front of the apparatus bays at Station 1 has broken up and a portion of it needs to be replaced. Before going forward, Chief Kenworthy stated that Captain Teaford has been on light duty at Station 6 and most of Chief Kenworthy's report is thanks to Captain Teaford's work. Chief Kenworthy then reported that the District solicited bids for the asphalt replacement and received three bids from local contractors qualified to do the work that is needed.

The contractor's were asked to provide a bid to 1) remove the damaged asphalt, 2) remove any substandard base rock and provide up to ten tons of new compacted base rock, and 3) install 5" of new asphalt in two lifts. This follows the ODOT standards. President Storey asked how big of an area this is. Chief Kenworthy could not answer that. Battalion Chief Morehouse estimated the area to be 50' x 60'. BC Morehouse clarified that it is just the area in front of the three main apparatus bays facing Gettle Street. President Storey asked if the area was all breaking up. BC Morehouse indicated that it is

all breaking up where the vehicles are coming out of the station. He indicated that the area has been patched multiple times.

Chief Kenworthy reiterated the urgency of getting this completed before the winter months set in because once the moisture and the freezing and the thawing, it will be awful to get the apparatus in and out of the station. The proposal tonight is not another band aid. This is expected to be a fix that would last for a number of years. The District received the following three bids:

- Rocky Mountain Construction - \$8,570.00 (Bid does not include removal and replacement of substandard base rock)
- Klamath Pacific Company - \$13,718.58
- Knife River Materials - \$9,859.50

Chief Kenworthy recommended that the Board authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a contract with Knife River in the amount of \$9,859.50 for the necessary repairs. President Storey asked if this was budgeted for. BC Morehouse indicated that Chief Spradley has reviewed the budget and knows that there are sufficient funds to cover these repairs. BC Morehouse also indicated that he did not think this particular item was budget for because it is a repair. Chief Wenzel reported that during the budgeting process, there were three or four specific items that Chief Spradley had budgeted for. Chief Spradley was not present at the meeting and could not confirm this. The Board reviewed the budget with Phil.

Vice President Scott asked how soon the work would be completed. Chief Kenworthy replied that the contractors would have to start the project by October 1st. Chief Kenworthy also said that the funds for these repairs may also be in the Station Reserve Fund. President Storey asked if this could be patched. Chief Kenworthy replied that it could be patched, but in his opinion, the District could put a \$4,000-\$5,000 patch on this and then be back discussing this again next year. Vice President Scott asked clarified that the \$9,859.50 bid is just for the repairs at Station 1. Chief Kenworthy responded that this is correct. Vice President Scott asked if there were anymore larger purchases for Station 5 and Chief Kenworthy replied that there is a significant amount of money that still needs to be spent on Station 5.

President Storey asked the Board what they wanted to do. Vice President Scott indicated that until the Board knows how much money needs to come out of the line item for other things, like Station 5, he doesn't see how he can approve this. He would like to postpone this until he has that information. Chief Wenzel indicated that the apron at the fire station takes a lot of wear and tear from the heavy apparatus. He indicated that the patches will only last for a little bit. Chief Kenworthy reiterated this by saying that the problem is below the asphalt and that is what needs to be repaired. BC Morehouse invited the Board to stop by Station 1 to see the amount of patches that are already there.

Tom Janora from the public indicated to the Board members that the difference between the patches and the actual replacement is a matter of a few thousand dollars. President Storey replied that she understood that. She is looking at the amount of money in the Station Reserve Fund. She cannot see the District using all the money in the Reserve Fund. After the discussion, Vice President Scott made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a contract with Knife River Materials in the amount of \$9,859.50 for the replacement of the apron at Station 1, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

c. Contract for Station 3 Driveway Access

Staff requested that this item be tabled until the October meeting.

d. Contract for Station 6 Roof Repairs

Chief Kenworthy reported that the roof at Station 6 has continued to leak and contractors have told staff members that the existing roof covering simply can no longer be relied on to prevent water from making entry to the building interior. The insurance adjuster that responded the last time we made an insurance claim as a result of the roof leaking told us that any additional damage from the roof leaking would not be covered by our insurance because the cause would be determined to be due to lack of maintenance.

Captain Teaford put together a spec package for bidding. Comparable bids to remove and replace the existing roof covering with a new roof covering with an industry standard warranty were solicited and received from following three local roofing contractors:

- Linkville Roofing - \$25,360
- Henris Roofing - \$26,285
- Powless Roofing - \$17,990

Chief Kenworthy indicated that their bids were all comparable. Staff is requesting that the Board accept the lowest bid and authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a contract with Powless Roofing, Inc. to remove and replace the existing roof covering at Station 6. Chief Kenworthy added that the roof covering comes with a 20-year warranty for the roof covering and a five-year workmanship warranty. President Storey asked if this was the total costs, with no hidden costs. Chief Kenworthy replied that once they remove the old roof covering, it is possible to find dry rot that will need to be repaired. Chief Kenworthy said that Powless is able to do this job at such a lower cost because they have the roof membrane left over from another job. This was purchased quite some time ago so the cost was lower than today's price. After the discussion, Vice President Scott made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a contract with Powless Roofing, Inc. to remove and replace the existing roof covering at Station 6 in the amount of \$17,990, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

At this time, the Board is no longer acting as the Contract Review Board and the next item on the agenda is:

e. Appointment of a New Board Member

After reviewing and interviewing applicants for the vacant position on the Board of Directors, President Storey made a motion for Richard Schuster to be appointed to the Board as a Director, seconded by Vice President Scott, carried unanimously. President Storey then asked Chief Wenzel to set up a meeting to discuss the process.

f. Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week 2008

Chief Kenworthy reported that the Fire District is continuing the tradition of participating in the National Fire Prevention week. The theme of this year's Fire Prevention week is "It's Fire Prevention Week, Prevent Home Fire". The District will be having the annual open house on Sunday, October 5th at Station 2 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm. Vice President Scott made a motion to accept the Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week 2008, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

g. Approval of the August 19 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice President Scott made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

h. Approval of the September 2 Special Meeting Minutes

Due to lack of a quorum of meeting attendees, these minutes could not be approved.

i. Ratification of August 2008 Bills

Vice President Scott wanted to thank the employees of the Fire District for watching the expenses. A motion was made for ratification of the August 2008 bills by Vice President Scott, seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Green, carried unanimously.

7. Informational Reports

a. Bond Measure 18-72

Attorney Gourley spoke about Levy 18-72. He clarified that the sentence in the measure that states that approval of this operating levy may result in more than 3% increase. This sentence is required. President Storey added that the District's tax rate has been \$2.88 since 1998. The increase in property taxes has not offset the cost of operating increases. She also indicated that the District's tax rate in 1992 was \$3.38. The District has had to cut back. Vice President Scott indicated that in 1992, the Board made the decision to give the taxpayer's back their money and lower the tax rate. He also pointed out that the District's costs have gone up, but the ability to get money for services rendered has gone down. President Storey pointed out in the Board packet on page 44, Major Incident Types for the incident runs. She indicated that the majority of the District's time goes to medical calls.

Attorney Gourley clarified that the District's measure is 18-72. President Storey would like to see an article in the newspaper to explain better to the public what the District is seeking. Attorney Gourley cautioned President Storey on the limitations to what the District can do. She reiterated that it is important that the public understand. Tom Janora asked for clarification on the transports. He asked if the District assists the transport team. President Storey said that the District does charge for it, but if they can't pay for it, the District doesn't get paid. Vice President Scott talked about when the District took over the ambulance service.

b. Wocus Road Fire Station Discussion

Chief Wenzel indicated that he was not sure why this was on the agenda, but he would answer any questions regarding this station. President Storey asked if the District had contacted the Sheriff's office regarding the expenses to maintain the station. Chief Wenzel reported that he has a meeting at the Sheriff's office this week. Chief Wenzel reported that the District no longer sees a need for that station and if given direction from the Board, Chief Wenzel would look into surplusizing the property. The Board agreed that it might be time to do that. Training Chief Keady commented that it might be worth some money to lease that building to an entity like 911. Chief Wenzel will bring some different options to the next board meeting.

Administration

a. Update on Lakeshore Fire Station

Chief Kenworthy reported that, with help from Captain Teaford, the District has identified a final list of things or issues that need to be completed and who is responsible to take care of those issues. He stated that there are four items that the general contractor needs to come back and deal with. The general contractor has been notified of these issues and is planning on coming back to fix them. The electrical contractor is responsible to still do the tone out system. Chief Kenworthy reported that there a couple of things that need to be changed, i.e. the lighting in the hallway needs to be put on a switch instead of being on all the time. There are a couple of questions on the plumbing. He indicated the District is still investing these issues. The overhead door contractor is responsible to come back and program the bay doors for the particular apparatus that will be there. Other than that, it will be getting apparatus out there.

Chief Kenworthy reported that the District is still responsible for some work that needs to be done in the captain's office. There is a lot of cleaning that needs to be done. The computers and the technology are out at the station, but are not set up or running yet. Part of that is because the station is not staffed. The gym flooring is purchased, and the crews will be installing that. Some of the fitness equipment has been ordered. The District is required to have this equipment by contract. Shelving units still need to be purchased and installed. Chief Kenworthy reported that something needs to be done outside to prevent some massive erosion.

Chief Kenworthy reported that cleaning equipment and kitchen supplies have arrived. Significant items left to be purchased would be the television, the vacuum cleaner, floor polisher, and a few furnishings. Chief Kenworthy reported that the current 3114 will be moving from Station 4 out to Station 5. President Storey asked when the tone out system is going to be in. Chief Kenworthy said the latest word was that the contractor would be there to install it October 1st. The contractor indicated installation would take about a week. The District does have a backup plan using portable radios. Personnel can function with the portable radios if need be before the tone out system is installed.

Chief Kenworthy commented that there is a lot of equipment that needs to be, or has already been, ordered to outfit the reserve engine to put it in service. President Storey asked when 3114 would be going out to Station 5. Chief Kenworthy indicated that Chief Spradley would have to answer that when he returned. BC Morehouse reported that 3114 has already been renumbered at 3115. The District is currently running a backup engine as a front line engine for 3114. BC Morehouse indicated that the District is in the process of getting bids and purchasing some of the smaller tools like hand tools, hose, nozzles, and saws. In addition, medical equipment and rope and rescue equipment for the engine is being looked at. The Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) also needs to be purchased. This will cost approximately \$4,500. BC Morehouse has an estimated cost of \$5,500 for portable radios. For major equipment, the District would need to purchase a set of jaws, the thermal imager, a positive pressure fan, airbags used for rescue.

Bill George indicated that most of the District's calls are medical calls. He would make a guess, considering the age of most of the homeowner's at the Running Y, that medical calls would be the greater percentage of medical calls. Mr. George understands the Fire District No. 1 has five ambulances. BC Morehouse replied that the District does have five front line ambulances. Two are currently staffed with a two person crew. One is stationed at a station that has an engine company also, and depending on the call, they will take the engine or the ambulance. Two other ambulances are in reserve and are also used for inter-facility transports. Mr. George asked why the District would not place an ambulance at Station 5. BC Morehouse responded that many fire departments send an engine with an ambulance. Many times, the engine is much closer than the ambulance is. The engine carries paramedic equipment on the fire engine. The paramedic on the fire engine would be able to do the same procedures on a patient prior to the ambulance arriving.

President Storey stated that this portion of the meeting was not an open discussion. President Storey invited Mr. George to meet with BC Morehouse after the meeting to get his questions answered.

b. August 2008 Web Site Statistics

Chief Wenzel presented the 2008 Web Site Statistics. The Board did not have any questions regarding this report.

c. October Chief Officers and Duty Chiefs schedules

The Board reviewed the Chief Officer and Duty Chief schedules for October. Chief Wenzel corrected the Chief Officer Schedule. He will not be attending the National Fire Academy at the end of October.

d. Thank you letters

The Board was presented with the thank you letters that the District received over the past month. Chief Wenzel commented on the newspaper article regarding firefighter/paramedic Jerry Baird on page 41 of the Board packet. Chief Wenzel reported that he had the pleasure of riding along with 3114 today and they went on several medical calls where Jerry was the lead paramedic. He commented that he is a great paramedic, but even a better asset to the Fire District.

e. September Fire Chief's Community Activity Memo

Chief Wenzel presented his community activity report.

f. Other reports of the Fire Chief

Chief Wenzel commented that since he has been with the District in the beginning of January the ambulance service has been black marked as losing money and costing the District money. In Chief Wenzel's perspective the fact that the District is able to use those paramedics as firefighters also never seems to get mentioned in the discussions about the ambulance service losing money. In Chief Wenzel's view, the fire service in this District receives more benefit from the fact that we have the ambulance than what the ambulance receives from being attached to the fire district. The 12 people assigned to the ambulance are regularly used as firefighters because of their crossed-trained capacity. Chief Wenzel pointed out that these 12 people are helping out the fire side much more than the fire side is helping out the ambulance side. He reiterated the fact that if a private ambulance service takes over, they are not going to assist the District with fires and all of the rest of the calls that aren't part of the 80% medical. He reminded everyone that it would be four less firefighters at a structure fire without the District's ambulance crews.

Operations

a. Incident Activity through July 31, 2008 – Revised

The Board was presented with a revised copy of the Incident Activity report through July 31st.

b. Incident Activity through August 31, 2008

The Board reviewed the Incident Activity report through August 31st.

c. September Operations Chief Community Activity Memo

Chief Spradley was not present at the Board meeting. President Storey asked about his activities on August 26, 27, and 28. She asked what type of water tank was the citizen interested in donating. Chief Keady reported that a citizen contacted him regarding a private firefighting tank that was left on some property he owned. Chief Spradley went out and looked at it for potential use. President Storey then asked who Chief Spradley spoke to on the 27th at the Running Y about the opening of the Lakeshore Fire Station. The Chief was not sure. President Storey asked about the August 28th phone call to a Portland Attorney requesting personnel information in regards to a potential subpoena. Attorney Gourley indicated that he was also part of this.

Training/Ambulance

a. September Training Calendar

The Board reviewed the training calendar for September.

b. August Training Statistics

The Board reviewed the training statistics for the month of August.

c. September Training Chief Community Activity Memo

President Storey asked about the surprise drills that Chief Keady and the BC's were running. Chief Keady reported that these were some hands-on drills such as pulling hose or setting up a rope system. These drills were actually received quiet well. President Storey then asked who Chief Keady forwarded information regarding a county wide ambulance billing meeting to. He replied he gave it to the District's billing department.

Chief Keady commented that during the month of September, the District brought in Tim Deitz, a mental health worker and previous captain from TVF & R. He trained with each shift on how to deal with what they see and how to deal with the critical incident stress they incur. The Chaplains helped to put on this training and put together an impromptu training for families. All of the employees and their families were contacted and we held family communication meeting. Captain Deitz met with a room of 30-40 employees and their spouses. Chief Keady reiterated that this was a good thing for the employees, and families of the District.

d. EMS Billing Reports

Chief Keady reported that income is up in the EMS Billing. Some of this is because of a change in the process of how we are doing things. In addition, some of the older accounts are going to be timed out. This is part of cleaning up the process.

Prevention

a. September Fire Marshal Community Activity Memo

Chief Kenworthy presented his community activity memo for the month of September. He pointed out the significant fire at the King Wah restaurant. This was determined to be accidental. Chief Kenworthy gave a brief report on the incident.

8. Adjourn

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 8:50PM.

Executive Session – Under section 192.660 (2) (d) to conduct deliberations with the persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations. The Board of Directors will not reconvene to regular session.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Klamath County Fire District No. 1 Board of Directors will be at The Center for Occupational Health, 2621 Crosby Ave., on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

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