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Large Participating Local Governments (January 1-June 30, 2024)

Spokane Valley Fire Department

Fire District #9

Fire District #8

Fire District #3

(Six PLG voting members needed for a quorum)

Small Participating Local Governments (January 1-June 30, 2024)

Cheney Fire Department – Tom Jenkins – ASB Chair

Fire District #10

Fire District #13

Airway Heights Fire Department

Other Participating Local Governments

Fire District #5, Fire District #11, Fire District #2

ASB Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2024, 1:30 P.M.

Present

Daron Bement, Nate Whannell (ZOOM), Dre Stevens (ZOOM), Dan Cecil, Dave Baird, Lonnie Rash, Tom Jenkins, Cody Rohrbach, Alli Sargent; AMR: Tim Loncon, and Jack Busch (ZOOM); Patty Ruggiero

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Chief Bement

Second: Chief Rash

May 8, 2024 ASB Meeting Minutes approved.

Agenda

New Business:

1) Introduction of Alli Sargent, District 9

Chief Cecil introduced Alli, who will be helping with the organization and minutes for future ASB Meetings.

2) SVFD's last ASB Meeting

Chief Jenkins thanked Valley Fire for all the years of service and hard work they provided as Contract Administrator for the ASB. He welcomed Alli to the ASB team. Chief Jenkins asked District 9 if they are still comfortable with the transfer from Valley Fire to District 9. Chief Cecil said they are getting closer. Alli met with Patty and Trish at Valley Fire last week so they could show her each of their responsibilities they handled for the ASB. They are looking forward to the challenge and will keep an open dialogue going forward. Chief Baird advised Valley Fire will be giving a thumb drive with all the ASB information directly to District 9 after the end of June. Chief Jenkins reminded everyone that the ASB is an open public meeting and minutes will continue to be tracked and accessible to the public. He said it is already busy in the fire districts so the July meeting may need to be deferred to August.

3) Discuss transfer of ASB funds from SVFD after June 30

Chief Baird advised AMR had given Valley Fire a fee to hire a full-time Contract Administrator. He wanted to clarify, since that was not used, would Valley Fire need to transfer it back to AMR or transfer it to the District 9 for the ASB? Chief Jenkins acknowledged there had been an increase in administrative fees to offset Valley Fire's people's times and other expenses. He said

he believes the ASB can keep some for legal fees, future needs, etc. If needed, we may request Attorney Snure for some guidance. Chief Jenkins commented that the remaining funds, including the Contract Administrator fee should be transferred to District 9. Since there was a quorum, a vote was held.

Should the remaining funds go back to AMR or be transferred to the new Contract Administrator, District 9?

Motion to approve the funds to be transferred to District 9: Chief Rash

Second: Chief Bement

Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Jenkins asked anyone that has any questions to contact him. He asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding call responses? Chief Baird said there are very few exceptions for the last month. He has not had a chance to send an e-mail out to the group.

4) Contract Update

Chief Jenkins informed everyone that they have solidified a good product with Mike Lopez. They made some healthy changes to the language. They will sit down with AMR on Monday to discuss negotiations to solidify by the end of the month. Jack Busch confirmed he will attend that meeting.

Roundtable

District 8 – Chief Rash

Area coordinator training tomorrow at 8:00 AM at City Fire Training Center.

Chief Jenkins thanked him for all the work he put into the training.

District 9 – Chief Cecil

Recruit school will be over on July 11th. They are looking forward to getting them on the trucks and working. Chief Walkowski announced his retirement, September 1st and they wish him well! The Fire 9 Commissioners will be selecting the interim Fire Chief until they can do the search to find the right fit to replace Chief Walkowski. Chief Jenkins asked them to let him know if they need help with anything.

Alli said she wanted to attend this meeting to see how the meeting flows.

Spokane Valley – Chief Baird

They will have 13 Recruits that will be graduating from their Academy and they will be in the stations this summer. They run a grueling Recruit School. They have 6 Paramedic students in clinical rotations now and they should be certified by the end of the year. He said they hope to be done with contract negotiations with AMR by July 1st.

They used the Butterfly Ultrasound twice on two patients with no palpable pulse, which resulted in 2 saves in the last 6 weeks. They are going to get all their Paramedics trained on the Butterfly Ultrasound. The training is intuitive and it is non-invasive. He strongly recommends it. He also mentioned the positive results at the EMS Council yesterday.

Chief Jenkins thanked Patty for the help with the ASB over the years.

District 3 – Chief Rohrbach

He appreciates the county-wide support they received with yesterday's fire. He thanked everyone for their help. 3+ outbuildings were lost, but no primary residences were lost. Valley

Engine 6 and District 3 Attack truck were able to save an outbuilding and residence. Overall, they had a really good command and control with a good outcome. The conditions are here; the fire season is really setting up for the year. They are doing the final inspection of a mobile Comms Unit. It probably won't be operational this fire season but want to make it available to regional.

Chief Jenkins assisted them with their recent interview for Public Affairs Director. They hired Teri Bunce, who is the current Chief of Public Affairs at Fairchild Air Force Base. She is currently on active duty so she has a soft start date.

AMR – Tim Loncon & Jack Busch

Tim said they have been busy with contract stuff. They have another neo class starting in July. Jack advised there had been an issue with ESO uploading charts to the hospital. That has been resolved. They are still working on ESO to Image Trend.

District 13 – Chief Bement

They had a couple of crews standing by to help District 3 with yesterday's fire.

Cheney – Chief Jenkins

West Plains Volunteer Recruit Academy will be tomorrow night.

His Administrative Secretary is retiring after 43 years.

One of their 3 Battalion Chiefs went to District 10. They are going to restructure the department a little bit; Chief Jenkins, 2 Deputy Chiefs, 10 line Firefighters with volunteers. They are working through promotions and processing.

District 10 – Dre Stevens

Chief Malone was not able to attend the meeting today. Jon Henke started on June 26th.

They are undergoing a lot of administrative changes.

The ceremony for their prior Captain Ron Cato will be on June 21st at Noon. There will be a procession from Station 92 to Calvary Chapel. He welcomed everyone to join them as they support the family. Their PIO will send an e-mail with more information.

Airway Heights – Chief Whannell

Nothing

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Chief Bement

Second: Chief Cecil

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 PM.

Next Meeting:

TBD