

**O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE (CPC)**

**Meeting Minutes**

Monday, July 24, 2017 - Station #3

1. President Ottomeyer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:** (Recording Secretary Lucido conducted roll call)

Scott Avery	<b>Present</b>	Asst Chief Moore	<b>Present</b>
Dave Buck	<b>Excused</b>	Pres Dr. Ottomeyer	<b>Present</b>
Jamie Cronk	<b>Excused</b>	Laraine Proctor	<b>Present</b>
Joe Donahue	<b>Present</b>	Vice Pres Kelly Rector	<b>Present</b>
Jim Frain	<b>Excused</b>	Teri Reiter	<b>Excused</b>
Dir Matt Gober	<b>Present</b>	Dir. Matt Simmons	<b>Present</b>
Tony Graceffa	<b>Present</b>	Chief Tom Vineyard	<b>Excused</b>
Dir Bill Laughlin	<b>Present</b>	Assistant Chief Vomund	<b>Present</b>
Mark Morrison	<b>Present</b>	Sr. Michaleen Vomund	<b>Present</b>
		Jim Worman	<b>Present</b>

**Guest(s):** None.

Dr. Ottomeyer welcomed Jim Worman back to the Citizen Planning Committee, and current members introduced themselves.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Ottomeyer asked for questions or comments regarding minutes of the April 24, 2017 Citizen Planning Committee Meeting. There being no questions or comments, Director Laughlin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Director Simmons. All members present were in favor of approving the April 24, 2017 minutes as presented; none opposed; Absent: Buck, Cronk, Frain, Reiter, Vineyard. **MOTION PASSES.**

4. **Reports:**

A) Assistant Chief Ken Vomund

- **Equipment** - New (9154) Pumper should be delivered by the end of August. The District sold the 1995 Freightliner several months ago; those dollars go back into General Revenue.

- The District purchased a Drone for \$1,700.00 for use on MCI training and calls, and can be flown over sites to take pictures and videos of the scene. Chief Officers have been training on it. It will be useful in brush fires, water rescue situations, and fire calls. Discussion of various scenarios where this will be useful.

- **Training:** County-wide MCI training was held including ambulance personnel; 9 days of training to accommodate all shifts.

- **Station Remodeling:** The stations are being remodeled to accommodate the 12 Firefighter EMT/Ps (5<sup>th</sup> crewmembers) being hired. Station #5 will be the first station to be remodeled, then Station #1, then Station #4; all bays will remain intact, the remodel is for living quarters; stations remain in service during the remodel. Joe Donahue asked about Station #5's solar panels: Solar panels

were installed on Stations 3, 4, and 5 at no cost to the District; Ameren won't raise our rates for 10 years. The incentives that initially allowed no-cost installation of these panels are no longer in place so it is cost-prohibitive to continue to install them.

- Jim Worman asked about any problems Station #5 experiences responding to calls since 364 has opened. Assistant Chief Vomund explained how the new configuration affects our response time, and while response time has slowed for some calls, we are within the response time expectations.

B) Assistant Chief Brian Moore

- Emergency Calls: The District has responded to 7 working fires; all were caused by careless placement of combustibles, i.e., tobacco, charcoal, fireworks disposal. Karen assisting with article that will be placed in the Community News regarding the hazards of careless disposal of combustibles. Chief Moore placing information on social media. Discussion. Crews are responding to 6-10 overdose calls a week; this is a problem for every area of our County.

- Keira passed away. District members and Honor Guard assisted with the funeral. We are staying in contact with the family to assist them in every way possible.

- District is progressing with the ALS transition. Training begins next week on the new cardiac monitors; equipment should be on the trucks in September; optimistically it will be 6-8 weeks to go to ALS. Engineer Kern Swafford just obtained his EMT License, and Chief Moore commended this achievement. Currently the District has 4 medics on staff plus Assistant Chief Moore. Jim Worman asked about the difference between EMT and Paramedic levels; Chief Moore reviewed the skill levels.

- District will hold its annual Ice Cream Social, August 30 from 5:30-7:30pm. This event is free to the public.

- Firefighter Community Outreach: Held its annual Fishing Trip for Delmar Garden residents at Bush Wildlife, it was a great success. Is assisting District families in need due to fires. Participating in the August 15 Jammin' in the Park, grilling hot dogs. Participating in Dardenne Elementary's Back to School night, grilling hot dogs and giving out chips and drinks. Participating in Westhoff Elementary's Change-for-Change event, matching what the students collect. Assisting with providing backpacks/essentials for District middle and high school students in need. Assisting with the O'Fallon Senior Center's Mouse Race event that benefits their Center and helps with the Meals on Wheels program.

- Assistant Chief Moore reviewed the District's Annual Report that Captain Alcorn put together; commended him on a job well done.

C) Fire Marshal Mark Morrison:

- Fire Prevention Bureau:

- The Easter Photo event held on April 8; 313 people attended.
- Spring Senior Safety Luncheons are complete; spoke to over 200 seniors about safety and the District going ALS, etc.
- Fire Safety Day is scheduled for October 8, at Kohl's parking lot.
- Santa Photos scheduled for December 2, 3, 4, at Station #4.
- We have 4,400 likes on our Facebook page.
- Reviewed commercial projects currently under construction.

- The O'Fallon Justice Center is coming along well. Jim Worman asked about the Kevlar walls in this building. Mark Morrison explained they are bulletproof rated and sandwiched between the drywall in certain areas of the building. It will stop a bullet, but will be difficult for Firefighters to cut through this material in a fire situation. Mr. Worman expressed interest in touring the building before it opens to the public.

D) Chief Vineyard

- Financial Overview:

(ALS, hiring, station renovation, covered under Assistant Chiefs Vomund and Moore's sections).

5. **Unfinished Business**

- None.

6. **New Business**

- None.

7. **Good of the Order**

- Kelly Rector read a letter in support of the firefighters and medics who responded to a call for a drowning, which was her friend's son. She reviewed their heroic actions and her and the family's appreciation of how they handled the call, and overall the emotional toll their jobs can take on them.

- Joe Donahue thanked the Firefighters for changing smoke detector batteries in homes and Villa complexes each year.

8. **Next CPC Meeting**

President Ottomeyer announced the next CPC meeting is set for Monday, October 23, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at Station #3.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin, seconded by Director Simmons, to adjourn the meeting; All members present were in favor of adjournment, none opposed; Absent: Buck, Cronk, Frain, Reiter, Vineyard. **MOTION PASSES.**

There being no further business, President Ottomeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Karen J. Lucido, Recording Secretary