

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 23, 2017 - Station #3

1. President Ottomeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Guest(s): None.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Ottomeyer asked for questions or comments regarding minutes of the July 24, 2017 Citizen Planning Committee Meeting. There being no questions or comments, Kelly Rector made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Laraine Proctor. All members present were in favor of approving the July 24, 2017 minutes as presented; none opposed; Absent: Laughlin, Vineyard).

MOTION PASSES

4. **Reports:**

A) Assistant Chief Ken Vomund

- Equipment - New (9154) Pumper was delivered and placed in service at Station #5. It is similar to 9134, and is a new color scheme – black over red.

- Ordered 4 new personal thermal imaging cameras; and explained how they are used.

- Dave Buck asked about the trucks having capability of turning traffic lights to red from the truck. Mark Morrison stated while that technology exists it costs up to \$40,000 per light. Assistant Moore explained how this works in St. Louis. Assistant Chief Vomund explained the pros and cons of these devices.

- Training: County-wide training will be held in November..

B) Assistant Chief Brian Moore

- Unicom Arc is assisting the District with its Facebook page, website, and newsletter. The goal is to keep our citizens informed of our activities and how we are utilizing the tax increase; going ALS, etc.

- The District is going through the hiring process for additional Firefighter EMT/Ps. Received 103 applications, with 15 of those not meeting the requirements of the position. All new firefighters hired from this point on will be paramedics.

- One of the fires the District responded to in August involved children. Due to fire safety training, the young children at one incident were able to leave the house and get help. An article on this incident will be in the District's next newsletter. Due to one fatal fire that occurred in the North-side of town, the District conducted a smoke detector drive in the Country Life Subdivision – we installed 86 battery operated smoke detectors. Mr. Donahue questioned the types of batteries to be used for smoke detectors. We recommend 9-volt, any brand but Duracell, because Duracell reacts negatively with some older smoke detector models.

- Studies have been conducted that show firefighters experience 4X greater chance of cancer due to the carcinogens they are exposed to over their career. The District is being proactive and has obtained wipes, spare hoods, spare gear and protocols to follow immediately following a fire. Assistant Chief Vomund explained the new hoods also have a vapor barrier that keeps out most carcinogens, where the older hoods are for heat protection only.

- The District's Ice Cream Social was a great success having over 500 citizens attend.

- Firefighter Outreach Committee assisted Dardenne Elementary School with their back to school event, where firefighters grilled and handed out hot dogs, and had fire safety give-aways and staged a truck for the kids and parents. A Keira Stout memorial garden at the YMCA was put in by our firefighters. Firefighters assisted the O'Fallon Senior Center with their fundraiser by helping with their Mouse Race event that raised \$3,300. Community Outreach donated \$2,000 in clothing and supplies to Ft Zumwalt School Middle and High School children in need. Firefighter Community Outreach funds do not come from the District – but are raised during an annual Trivia event, firefighters and members donate their time.

C) Fire Marshal Mark Morrison:

- Fire Prevention Bureau:

- Reviewed new construction projects in our District.
- Will hold Pictures with Santa on a Fire Truck again this year.
- October Fire Safety Day was a success with over 1,000 attendees. This year a Kids Firefighter Challenge was dedicated to Keira, and had purple helmets for the kids.

D) Chief Vineyard (Assistant Chief Vomund)

- Financial Overview:

The District has pulled the remaining bond money which will be used for Station renovations and equipment. Station #5's living quarters is gutted and renovation has begun. Station #1 renovation is expected to be completed in January 2018. Station #4 renovation is still under design.

The Truck Committee is looking into spec'ng out a new ladder truck for possible purchase in 2019.

5. **Unfinished Business**

- None.

6. **New Business**

- Discussion held that the positions of CPC President and Vice President are up for election. Dr. Ottomeyer requested nominations. A motion was
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made by Jamie Cronk to nominate Dr. Jim Ottomeyer for the President 2-year position, seconded by Kelly Rector. All signed Aye, None Opposed, Absent: Laughlin, Vineyard. **MOTION CARRIED.** Dr. Ottomeyer accepted the position of President.

A motion was made by Jamie Cronk to nominate Kelly Rector for the Vice President 2-year position., seconded by Laraine Proctor. All signed Aye, None Opposed, Absent: Laughlin, Vineyard. **MOTION CARRIED.** Kelly Rector accepted the position of Vice President.

7. **Good of the Order**

- Kelly Rector talked about the Rapid Access Program where first responders can gain entrance quickly to a senior's home. Dispatch & Alarm keeps the codes, and Fire, Police, and Ambulance can gain immediate access upon arrival at a residence. The outside lock-box for the Rapid Access Program costs approximately \$25.00, and can be obtained through the St. Charles County Ambulance District.

8. **Next CPC Meeting**

President Ottomeyer announced the next CPC meeting is set for Monday, January 29, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at Station #3.

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

There being no further business, President Ottomeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.


Karen J. Lucido, Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary