

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

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020 - Station #4

1. Dr. Ottomeyer called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** (Recording Secretary Lucido conducted roll call)

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

Guests: None.

Dr. Ottomeyer called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Battalion Chief Mel Emge who passed away recently; stating he was a great friend, firefighter, and human being.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Ottomeyer asked for any questions or comments regarding the October 28, 2019 minutes of the Citizen Planning Committee Meeting. After discussion, Director Laughlin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Sr. Michaleen. All members present were in favor of approving the October 28, 2019 minutes as presented; none opposed; Absent: Buck, Donahue, Gober, Morrison.

MOTION PASSES.

4. **Reports:**

A) Assistant Chief Ken Vomund

- Equipment - New E-One ladder truck ordered; delivery date now delayed until mid to end March 2020. The District is receiving a 3-year bumper to bumper warranty, upgraded from 1 year, and is receiving interest on the money put down when the truck was ordered.

- Purchased a new inflatable rescue boat and wetsuits in 2019.

- Training: In-house training being conducted.

B) Assistant Chief Brian Moore

- Pictures with Santa and Santa Runs were very successful with a large citizen turnout. Community was amazing and generous with donations of canned food and toys; this drive helped serve over 100 families through St. Vincent DePaul in O'Fallon, and any remaining food and toys were donated to a Parish in North St.

Louis City. Dr. Ottomeyer stated the firefighters were all smiles and welcoming at the Santa events, and the parents and children appreciate this. The toy drive for the Salvation Army event was also very successful. The District adopted 3 O'Fallon families for Christmas. The District had a display in O'Fallon City's Celebration of Lights; Chief Moore thanked the Board Members for assisting at this event.

Several upcoming events: February 21, 2020: Mouse Races at Knights of Columbus Hall to benefit St. Baldricks. March 20, 2020 Trivia night at the Elks Lodge to benefit the O'Fallon Firefighters Community Outreach; this is the largest fundraiser for Outreach and all proceeds go back into the community. Outreach has also established (5) \$1,200 scholarships for District high schools for vocational and/or emergency services education. Scholarships will be awarded in 2020. Assistant Chief Moore thanked the Board of Directors who are very supportive of Outreach's activities and events.

O'Fallon City recognized two District Firefighters who conducted a water rescue along with an O'Fallon Police Officer.

Volunteer Firefighter Neil Fredrick's father was in a bad accident, and the District is keeping his family in their thoughts and prayers. Neil is an important cog in all Outreach's activities.

C) *Chief Vineyard for:* Fire Marshal Mark Morrison.

- Fire Prevention Bureau: - No report.
- Fire Prevention Clerk Payne retired after 30+ years, and Firefighter Engel transferred into the office as a fire prevention specialist.
- Turtle Creek Development submitted plan with updated street width of 20' which meets fire code, so the District approved the plan.
- Discussion held of several commercial business that will be opening.

D) *Chief Vineyard*

- Financial Overview:

Board of Directors approved the final 2020 Budget. There was a 12% increase in Health Insurance premiums and worker comp premiums increased; all other categories remain status quo, with no big projects scheduled in 2020. The new ladder truck purchase was moved from the 2019 budget to 2020 budget due to its delay. A ladder truck usually lasts 12-13 years. The District remains in very good financial shape and the Board of Directors remain conservative.

Operations:

Beginning a battalion chief promotional process due to the passing of Battalion Chief Mel Emge. The District has made an offer of employment to another firefighter-paramedic, Allison Adams.

Putting together a committee to look at new breathing apparatus, our current SCBAs are near the end of their life; looking at purchasing in 2021.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

- None.

6. **New Business**

- Mr. Frain was contacted by a friend who lives by Station #4, that the outside sign is too bright. Assistant Chief Moore said that we have also noticed how bright it is, and have turned it down once – will adjust it again.

- Mr. Frain asked if there was a Board seat up in April's election. Director Simmons is running for the seat as incumbent; Mr. Frain stated his support.

7. Good of the Order

- Sr. Michaleen commended the District and firefighters for their great tribute to Battalion Chief Mel Emge, noting that firefighters were in attendance at the funeral from fire departments in St. Charles County, St. Louis and surrounding counties and cities. Director Laughlin said he was proud of the send-off the District gave Mel Emge.

- Assistant Chief Moore commended O'Fallon Police Sergeant Weeks who helped organize the Honor Guard that stood for Battalion Chief Mel Emge, and Sgt. Cook, head of traffic division for organizing the traffic situation; noting all motorcycle police that attended were there on their day off; this participation included St. Charles and St. Louis county and city, and the Highway Patrol.

8. Next CPC Meeting

Dr. Ottomeyer announced the next CPC meeting is set for Monday, April 27, 2020, 7:00 p.m., at Station #4.

Dr. Ottomeyer called for meeting adjournment. All members present were in favor of adjournment, none opposed; Absent: Buck, Donahue, Gober, Morrison.

There being no further business, Dr. Ottomeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.



Karen J. Lucido, Administrative Assistant