

1 **VASHON ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE**
2 **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

3 Minutes

4 **Date:** 1/13/15

5 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.

6 **Place:** 10020 SW Bank Rd., Vashon, EOC Room

7 **REGULAR MEETING**

8 **Present:** Camille Staczek, Chair
9 Rex Stratton, Commissioner
10 David Hoffmann, Vice-Chair
11 Candy McCullough, Commissioner
12 Ron Turner, Commissioner
13 Hank Lipe, Fire Chief
14 George Brown, Assistant Chief
15 Susan Wolf, Minute Taker

16 **Amendments to Agenda**

17 "Strategic Planning" is added to New Business by Commissioner McCullough.

18 **Approval of 12/30/14 Minutes**

19 Motion by Commissioner Hoffmann:

20 "I move we approve the minutes of 12/30/14."

21 **APPROVED, 5-0**

22 **Voucher Approval**

23 Motion by Commissioner Turner:

24 "I move we approve the referenced vouchers and transfers as detailed in
25 **Administrative Memorandum 01.13.15-1.**"

26 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0**

27 **Chiefs' Reports**

28 *Chief Lipe:*

- 29 • The fire service funeral for Milt Kranjceovich, a 50 year volunteer with VIFR, went very
30 well. Over 200 people were in attendance; the station looked great and everyone pitched
31 in to support the family for all their service to the fire district.
32 • The annual volunteer meeting was held. 40 people were in attendance, Chief Lipe
33 presented the budget and A/C Brown gave a presentation which he will share with the
34 Board momentarily. The Chief would like to publicly thank Ace Hardware for the
35 donation of door prizes for the volunteers.

- 36 • Attended a BLS meeting at which there was a consensus for disbursing additional BLS
37 funds. The District will receive approximately \$7,500.
- 38 • For the first time since Chief Lipe was 22, he's no longer wearing a pager because of the
39 new cell phone application (Active 9-1-1).
- 40 • He also met with John Hebert who came to the island.

41 *A/C Brown:*

- 42 • He attended a joint meeting with the Vashon School District and King County Sheriff's
43 Office (KCSO) to develop "Active Shooter" plans. Zone 3 (fire districts) already has
44 plans, of which the Sheriff's Office was unaware, so they are now sharing that
45 information.
- 46 • The Labor and Industries (L&I) investigation has completed their interviews and a report
47 should be forthcoming in one to two months.
- 48 • The District is concerned about the high costs of L&I claims because it raises our rates.
49 At present we are paying one of the highest rates among Washington fire service entities
50 at \$10,000 per month. There are several ways to reduce costs: 1) reduce injuries; 2)
51 utilize Light Duty; 3) file claims for medical expenses only, for those whose injuries
52 appear to be short term, and keep the employee on salary. Chief Brown asked for the
53 Board's approval to research keeping employees on salary. Several other fire districts do
54 this but a cost/benefit analysis is needed because rates are determined by a three-year
55 claim history. The pros are that we can change our mind if the employee remains out
56 longer than expected. The Board asked that the State Auditor's guidance be sought and
57 consensus was that this is a worthwhile effort to research.
- 58 • B/C Coll and A/C Brown attended a meeting with the Zone 3 Division Chief of Training.
59 All the area Training Officers used to meet and then go back to their departments/districts
60 and attempt to train their people. L&I fined SeaTac \$60,000 because they lacked
61 sufficient Incident Command System (ICS) training. They contracted with Kent Fire
62 Department to form a joint training consortium and got their fine reduced. Now, they are
63 asking others within Zone 3 such as Enumclaw, Vashon and South King, who will join
64 the consortium shortly, to join them. There are 20 Training Officers with a Division
65 Chief to consolidate training and make it consistent throughout the Zone. A/C Brown
66 will continue to meet with B/C Coll, Chief Lipe and other firefighters to see if this would
67 benefit the District.
- 68 • At the All Hands Meeting A/C Brown reviewed 2014 Operations. [He then presented his
69 PowerPoint presentation]
- 70 • VIFR advertised for residents and interviewed six for that position, as well as three
71 others, so it was a great idea to advertise.
- 72 • Active 9-1-1 will cost \$12 per person per year or \$600 annually to load the application on
73 their personal cell phones. We will not be discontinuing pagers.

74 **New Business**

75 ILA concerning Fire District Prorationing Resulting from the PSERN Levy

76 Motion by Commissioner Stratton:

77 **"I move we table the Interlocal Agreement with King County concerning**
78 **Prorationing."**

- 79 Agencies are still negotiating with King County on the language of the ILA and
80 Commissioner Stratton is hesitant to sign until the issues are resolved. The
81 county could still take \$0.06 of our \$5.90.

82 **MOTION PASSES, 5-0 TABLED**

83 Strategic Plan

84 Commissioner McCullough advised that she, Volunteer Lieutenants Krimmert and
85 Schwitters, together with Chief Lipe set some goals for VIFR, but they need community
86 participation. She asked that people think about it and suggest names she could contact.
87 People would need to be able to meet and work for about 40-60 hours over the next seven
88 months.

89 **Old Business**

90 Medic One Proposal

91 At a recent meeting, John Hebert informed VIFR and the Union that King County Labor
92 Relations is swamped. They are working on KCSO and Metro contracts, as well as the
93 Public Defenders becoming employees. But hopefully these major work elements will be
94 accomplished during spring and therefore the July date for our medics should still work.

95 **General Comments**

96 Father Tryphon has been ill and we are asked to remember him, maybe make a phone call or
97 visit.

98 **For the Good of the Order**

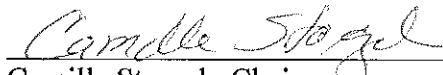
99 None.

100 **Documents Signed**

101 Having no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

102 *The next Regular Meeting will be on 01/27/15 at 6:30 p.m. at 10020 SW Bank Rd, Vashon, EOC Room*

Approved this 27 day of Jan, 2015.



Camille Staczek, Chair



Susan Wolf, Minute Taker