



**Thurston County Fire Protection District 8
Board of Fire Commissioners' Meeting
July 13, 2021**

MINUTES of the regular Board meeting held July 13, 2021, as a video-conference call, at the South Bay Station 8-1. Commissioners Zvirzdys, Harper, Kilpatrick, Bivens and Long were in attendance. Chief VanCamp Assistant Chief LeMay, Battalion Chief McBride and Secretary Stumpf also participated. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Chief's report: Using a handout, Chief VanCamp reviewed the June 2021 Monthly Report. Questions were asked for clarity. Topics of discussion included:

- Recruitment and volunteer applicants were discussed. We received 15 applications; six made it to the final phase; only three passed the CPAT.
- Drivers and new engine status were discussed by BC McBride and AC LeMay. BC McBride and Lieutenant DeGagne are visiting Wisconsin next week to do the final inspection on the engine. Then it will be shipped to the local Pierce Manufacturer for completion. We expect it to be here in about a month. Meanwhile, BC Clowes is working on driver training for the new rig. It was recommended that once it is in service, we hold a ceremony at the North Olympia Station 8-3.
- Ambulance transportation shortages were discussed, including how often we have had to transport. Questions were asked about whether we should consider providing this service on a regular basis and charging for it. Chief VanCamp explained that we are currently trying to meet our goals to staff two stations 24/7 and if we were to add transporting patients as a regular activity, we would need more personnel.
- We are seeking bids for repairs to the resident house that include the rear deck and an egress for the upstairs rooms. Door lock issues at the stations were also discussed.
- Commissioner Zvirzdys shared that FD6 is using containers as part of their training center. She recommended we look at them and consider doing the same. Chief VanCamp added comments that they are using them for live fire, which we would not be doing; however, we could certainly look at them for possibly a multi-level option.
- Commissioner Harper shared comments that the Board has not officially approved the hiring of three firefighters as part of Goal 1. Chief VanCamp responded that the district is moving forward with the hiring process, but we will not actually hire anyone without Board approval which will be requested when we are closer to that step.

Draft Policy 3-16-Por0 Workers' Disability Compensation: Using a handout, Chief VanCamp presented a draft policy 3-16-Por0 Workers' Disability Compensation for review only. He explained that it would be brought to the next meeting for approval. Commissioner Harper shared his opinion that there was too much detail in the policy, and it should be higher level, with the details kept in a procedure. Chief VanCamp agreed and said he would revise the policy.

Procedure 2-01-09 Non-secure Staging: Using a handout, Chief VanCamp shared details of the draft "staging" policy, explaining that it was created due to impacts of Thurston County law enforcement response changes in reaction to new legislation that could put our responders in harms way. A lengthy discussion ensued, and questions were asked for clarity. Commissioner Harper expressed concern that county officials should take responsibility for communicating to the public that these response changes may result in no one responding to some calls involving non-criminal behavior when law enforcement does not respond and the situation is deemed too hazardous for EMS to respond without law enforcement protection.

Secretary Report:

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Secretary Stumpf presented the minutes of the regular meeting dated June 8th for approval. Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Kilpatrick moved to approve the minutes as presented; Commissioner Bivens seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

Approval of Warrants - Warrants as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 45.24.080 and those expenses reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 425.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board with the last month's meeting minutes. Specific questions regarding some purchases were asked for clarity, including the Mysidewalk contract. As of July 13, 2021, after extensive review and discussion regarding the expenses, Commissioner Long moved to approve all warrant as presented. Commissioner Kilpatrick second the motion. The Board unanimously approved payment of warrants included in that list and further described as follows:

<u>General Fund (6680)</u>	Warrants 19284-19293	Totaling \$15,574.08
	Warrants 19294-19303	Totaling \$6,174.95
	Warrants 19312-19321	Totaling \$20,522.28
	Warrants 19322-19329	Totaling \$2,599.94
	Warrants 19381-19399	Totaling \$36,506.29
<u>Payroll Fund (6680)</u>	Warrants 19304-19311 & EFT6-25a-z	Totaling \$195,383.13
	Warrants 19330-19380 & EFT7-2a	Totaling \$38,230.45
	Warrants 19400-19404	Totaling \$20,959.11

Announcements:

- Chief VanCamp shared his recommendation that the August Board meeting remain virtual as we are still working under the L&I public meeting guidelines.

Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Zvirzdys shared comments of congratulations to the recent graduates.
- Chief VanCamp commented that Medic One has a ballot measure on the August ballot to restore their levy rate.

Outstanding Action Items:

- 78th Street easement parcel

Action Items:

- Draft policy to be revised
- Any changes to the staging procedure to be shared with the Board

Adjourn:

The Board announced that next regular meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2021, beginning at 5:30 pm. There being no further business, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

ATTEST:

Gloria Zvirzdys, as Chair for TCFPD 8

Daniel Bivens as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

Douglas Kilpatrick, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

William Harper, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

Pamela Long, as Commissioner for TCFPD 8

Heidi Stumpf, District Secretary for TCFPD