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SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Board of Directors Meeting

2021 Jan 7 @ 6:00 P.M.

*Due to the Covid-19 virus outbreak this regular scheduled January meeting was held via
ZOOM video conference.*

Links were posted with the agenda prior to the meeting

1) Introduction of Visitors

None

2) Attendees:

Board members present:

Ken Thomas - Chair
Mike Brandt – Secretary & Treasurer
Vince Johnston
Gary Kaszynski
Mike Parrish

Excused Board Member:

Department members present

Chief Eugene Farmer
Barry Picker
Millie Picker
Ric Scheffel

3) Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:12 PM by Board Chair Ken Thomas.

4) Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Thomas moved to approve the agenda as published, second by Mr. Kaszynski; motion carried.

5) Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2020 Dec meeting by Mr. Thomas, second by Mr. Brandt; motion carried.

S.P.C.F.P.D. Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District is to provide fire protection and emergency rescue operations within its 240 square mile district boundaries; encourage fire and human caused disaster prevention through community education; ensure the existence of a properly trained team of primarily volunteer firefighters who are able to, and motivated to, respond professionally and work safely; acquire and maintain the necessary equipment; and provide mutual aid to neighboring fire and emergency services departments, as requested.

6) Director's Chief's and Committee Reports

a. Chief's Report

Incident responses

	Month	Year to Date
Traffic Accidents	2	18
Medical	8	141
Wildfires	1	4
Smoke Reports	1	7
Structure Fire	0	0
Mutual Aid	1	8
Other	1	26
Total Calls	14	204

Water usage: kitchen: 606 gal.; maint & training 1714 gal.; fire suppression 700 gal.

Water Storage System: 30,000 gallons 100 % full

Summary:

1. Equipment status.
 - a. Unimog (Brush 9-2) leak in water tank, out of service
 - b. Med 9-3 transmission fixed
 - c. New Tender update - build date is Feb 12th in Canada, plus one month for the tank build.
 - d. Tender 9-1 sale offers – revisit with bidders.
2. Personnel status: 20 on roster, 14 active
3. Training
 - a. 1 EMT finished class
 - b. Next EMT class postponed 2 months
 - c. Firefighter 1 class postponed
 - d. Chief enrolling in ESA course
4. Fire billing policy – Chief Farmer is rewriting the policy.
5. Fire inspections -
6. UPRAD payment will be coming for the new communication system.
7. Dr DeWall allowed the department to begin transporting people once more as of Jan. 11, 2021. This will also allow billing for services provided.
7. Officers update –
 - Rick Scheffel – volunteer hours reported
 - G. Scott working on new hose distribution and identifying nozzle needs.
 - B. Picker medical report: less calls in 2020 due to losing some users that had been seen repeatedly. Medical runs are an increasing percentage of calls.

An ALS agency had to be called in for every call for the last year as a requirement from the medical director. This will only be on as needed basis.

2 new EMTs in 2020 and 3 need to be recertified.

Equipment enhancements – new stair chair purchased by the auxiliary is in Med 9-3. Lifting belts are in each ambulance and should prevent back injuries for the EMTs. New lifting mattress is also in use. Medical contact system is installed as part of a grant from the state and Newmont.

Medical training conducted for EMTs on 2nd and 4th week of each month.

Participating in pilot telehealth program. Grant to department is \$2732 – 135 for proposed, \$822 for utilities (cellular bill), \$1161.92 stipend.

2020 patient profile – 70% older than 63, 60% 70 or older. Calls breakdown were for a wide range of items – falls, trauma, heart attack, strokes and assaults. Only 7 extrications from Guffey Gorge this year. 18 patients were flown out (stroke, heart attack, injuries in the Gorge).

Response time affected by times of calls, 3.5 minutes during 9-3 operating hours, 10 minutes in off shift times. Arrival time average is 13-14 minutes after leaving station. As transport wasn't allowed in 2020 time on scene average is more than 1 hour due to waiting for ALS response for transport or repeated vitals record on refusal.

Med 9-3 (148 hrs.) was used in most calls, Med 9-1 second (30.3 hours), Med 9-2 (<10 hrs.). Ran 4600 miles and 188 run time hours. If transport begins again, we'd expect to add more miles. While Med 9-2 has low miles it's an older vehicle and parts are harder to find. Planning to request a grant for a new ambulance in Dec. 2022 with expected cost of \$200,000.

Grant requested for 3 new Tempest probes (50/50 split) – 3 monitors are \$95,000. Existing units are 10 years old and are no longer serviceable by the manufacturer.

Training planned for 2021 emphasis on geriatrics, diabetic and breathing/heart issues. Community outreach around EMS open House (sept?), Fall prevention and Stroke education.

b. Auxiliary Report:

Toys for Tots at the school were distributed and then extras were donated to a Canon City group aiding homeless people. Meeting planned for January 14th.

c. Regulatory Matters

a. No Later than January 15th, Submit Transparency Notice to DOLA and post on the District Website. (this has been completed).

b. By Jan 30th the adopted budget and budget message must be submitted to DOLA.

d. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report is available at www.guffeyfire.net

No extraordinary items to report this month. Budgeted expenditures for 2020 were not completed (purchase of new tender \$132k, garage doors project \$18,750, and final payments for electrical work

No requests for payment require Board approval.

7) New Business

2021 Planning

Complete 2020 projects – electrical rework and propane backup. Chief will follow up with the new potential supplier for a tank quote; Mr. Kaszynski will contact AmeriGas.

Chief Farmer will make a punch list of items remaining on the electrical project for review with the vendor.

8) Old Business

CIP discussion – complete CIP Document. 2021 plan forecasts ~119,600. Mr. Kaszynski and Mr. Brandt will review in light of budget expenditure shortfall from 2020. They will complete review by Jan 15 and give it to Chief Farmer for review with his staff.

Mr. Parrish has taken the lead for the garage door renovation, corrected the bid with the vendor and released the job.

Next meeting (February 4, 2021) may be held in person at Station 1 if Park County drops to yellow level for Covid. It will be hybrid (Zoom and in person) if level drops and Zoom only if it doesn't drop to yellow level.

9) Public Input

None

10) Adjourn meeting: Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. by Chairman Thomas.