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July 19, 2023 Lake Grove Fire District Monthly General Board Meeting Minutes

Board President Grant Howell called the General Board meeting to order at 5:37 pm via Google Meet and held in person at 5 Centerpointe 1st Floor Conference Room.

In Attendance:

Grant Howell, Bret Hanson, Sherry Patterson, Jon Harrell, Allen Patterson, Battalion Chief Scott Vachter, the On Duty Crew from Station 210 – Dan, Candace and Ryan, Michelle Cushing

Business:

1. The Board reviewed the agenda for tonight's meeting.
2. The Board reviewed the minutes from the General Board meeting on June 21, 2023.
 - a. Jon moved to approve the minutes; Allen seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**
3. The Board reviewed the minutes from the Executive Session on June 21, 2023.
 - a. Jon moved to approve the minutes; Sherry seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously**
4. Fire Chief's Report – Battalion Chief Scott Vachter and the crew from Station 210 joined the meeting tonight.
 - a. Portland Fire & Rescue, in partnership with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, hosted one of two Portland Metro Fire Camps at their training center in Portland, Friday July 14 through Sunday, July 16. Forty-six young women between the ages of 16 and 22 attended the camp, which was led by professional firefighters from multiple agencies. Lake Oswego Fire Department's own Candace Grimes participated in the training and shared with the Board about the camp.
 - i. The camp's mission is to recruit women to consider a rewarding fire service career. It is designed to instill confidence and build teamwork skills through hands-on firefighter training. The camp itinerary consisted of various stations and scenarios each day such as taking hydrants, hose practices, controlling nozzles, standpipe evolutions, rope operations, ladders, search and rescue, vehicle extrication, forcible entry, emergency medical skills, nutrition, physical fitness, and interview techniques. By the time the camp wrapped up on Sunday, the 46 young women conquered tough challenges they may have never otherwise had an opportunity to experience. They learned that they are capable of being a firefighter. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue will be hosting the second Metro Fire Camp Friday, July 21 through Sunday, July 23.

- b. Scott shared data from the last 5 years of incident calls on the 4th of July. The data presented was for both the number of calls in the Lake Grove Fire District (LGFD) and the City of Lake Oswego (LOFD). Even with the 4th being on a Tuesday in 2023, there were the most calls this year. There were 3 calls in LGFD and 27 calls in LOFD.
 - c. The Board continued their discussions with LOFD on lateral blast areas and propane tanks. The Board asked Jon to reach out to Fire Marshal Gert Zoutendijk to discuss new steps.
5. Oath of Office – Allen, Sherry and Grant read and accepted the Oath of Office of the Lake Grove Fire District.
6. Board goals for fiscal year 2023-2024 – Grant asked each of the Board members and Michelle to think of various goals for this upcoming fiscal year and plan to share and discuss at the next Board meeting.
7. The Board asked Michelle to invite Assistant Fire Marshal David Smith to an upcoming Board meeting. The Board would like to hear about CERT training and GMRS radios among other things.
8. Financial Report
 - a. The Board reviewed the monthly financial report.
 1. Allen moved to pay the bills as presented; Sherry seconded the motion.
Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Both bank reconciliations were completed for June 30, 2023. Grant and Jon reviewed and approved these bank reconciliations.
9. Safety Update
 - a. Grant asked the Board members present if they were aware of any safety issues and the response was no.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.