

**MINUTES  
SUN CITY FIRE DISTRICT  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013  
09:30 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ed L. George, Board Chairman

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Board Chairman Ed George, Board Clerk Walter Link, Board Vice-Chairman Jack Leonard, Board Treasurer/Chaplain Bob Luger and Board Member Dave Scott.

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff:** Fire Chief Jim Haner  
Lisa Neubert, Administrative Manager

**BUSINESS CONDUCTED:** The Committees of the Board discussed various matters within their areas of responsibility.

**I. Budget and Finance (Luger & Leonard)**

- A. Chief Haner reported that the District has contracted with Gabe Buldra for financial services. Mr. Buldra will do financial reporting preparation and attend the monthly board meetings to present the Board's financial report.
- B. Chief Haner reported that the website for the District's auxiliary went live August 12, 2013. The auxiliary website is [www.scfdaux.org](http://www.scfdaux.org).
- C. Chief Haner reported that he had a radio interview on KTAR on a program called "Valley Watch" hosted by Phoenix Fire Department Chief Doug Mummert. Chief Haner provided an overview of the Sun City Fire Department and the District's financial struggles.

**II. Legal and Insurance (Leonard & Link)**

- A. Chief Haner reported that he has been in contact with David Sullivan regarding the Chapter 11 reorganizational bankruptcy filing by the Rural Metro Corporation. Mr. Sullivan assured him that business will continue as usual.
- B. Chief Haner reported that the District received a healthcare premium rebate from United Health Care (UHC) for 2012 in the amount of \$9,606.30. Healthcare reform laws require that an insurance company spend 85% minimum of collected premiums on healthcare claims. If they do not they must rebate the unspent money back to the healthcare plan sponsors. A percentage of this money must be rebated to all

employees who paid healthcare premiums in 2012 to UHC. The remainder of the money must be used to reduce future healthcare costs or promoting employee wellness.

- C. Board Clerk Walter Link proposed a five minute speaking limit in regards to board discussion. Board member Scott felt the speaking limit was not necessary as Robert's Rules can be used to keep discussion on topic. The proposal did not garner support and will not be placed on the regular board meeting agenda for discussion.

**III. Fire Department Operations (George & Scott)**

- A. Board member Scott complimented the crews of E133 on the maintenance and upkeep their unit. This unit was on display at the AFCA Conference held in Glendale last month.

**IV. Grounds and Equipment (George & Link)**

- A. Chief Haner led a discussion on the ALF truck project. This project has come to a standstill and there are no interested parties to continue on with the restoration of this apparatus. The Board will consider what to do with this vehicle and report at a future meeting.
- B. The board discussed the Ritter's property on 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The board directed Chief Haner to contact the Youngtown town manager to see if they are still interested in a possible property exchange.

**V. Special Projects (Luger and Scott)**

- A. Chief Haner reported that the District's policy manual is currently being reviewed and updated by Brenda Tranchina. Once the review and update are completed a labor/management committee will be formed to review the manual for possible changes. Once the labor/management review is done, the board will receive a red-line copy to review and possibly approve any requested changes.

**FOR THE BOARD**

*Walter A. Link*

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Clerk of the Board

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