

**MINUTES
SUN CITY FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014
9:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Ed L. George, Board Chairman

ROLL CALL:

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

Members Absent: None

Staff: Fire Chief Mike Thompson, USCFFA Vice President Rob Schmitz, USCFFA Trustee Kevin Brown, and Administrative Manager Lisa Neubert.

BUSINESS CONDUCTED: The Committees of the Board will discuss various matters within their areas of responsibility.

I. Budget and Finance (Luger & Leonard)

A. No report.

II. Legal and Insurance (Leonard & Link)

A. Chief Thompson gave an overview of the current and future trends in emergency medical responses due to changes in the Affordable Care Act. Because of these changes hospitals and fire departments are working together to accommodate the changes that affect Medicare payments by instituting community based paramedic programs, fire station health clinics, etc. In order to promote the fire department's role in community medical care and reflect the services that they provide many fire departments (Tempe, Mesa, Surprise, Florence, and Avondale) have changed their fire department names to include the word "medical". Chief Thompson proposed to the board that the Sun City Fire Department change its name to the "Sun City Fire and Medical Department". After discussion the board voted unanimously to change the Department's name to include "and Medical". Changes to signage, apparatus, uniforms, etc. would occur over this coming fiscal year. (M: Jack Leonard/S: Robert Luger) *Motion Carried*

Ayes: Ed George, Jack Leonard, Walter Link, Robert Luger, and David Scott

Nays: None

- B. At 9:55 a.m. the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session for the purposes of discussing a personnel matter pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38.431.03(A)(7). (M: David Scott/S: Walter Link) *Motion Carried*
Ayes: Ed George, Jack Leonard, Walter Link, Robert Luger, and David Scott
Nays: None
- C. The board ended the executive session and resumed the special meeting at 10:05 a.m.
- D. Chairman George stated that the board has given consideration to filling the vacant fire chief's position permanently. A motion was made and carried to fill the vacant fire chief's position with interim Fire Chief Michael Thompson. (M: Jack Leonard/S: Robert Luger) *Motion Carried*
Ayes: Ed George, Jack Leonard, Walter Link, Robert Luger, and David Scott
Nays: None
- E. *NOTE: This item occurred at 10:50 a.m., after Item V. Special Projects.* USCFFA Vice-President Rob Schmitz and USCFFA Trustee Kevin Brown stated that they wished to address the Board regarding Item II, C. of the agenda but wanted five minutes to confer with Chief Thompson. After conferring with Chief Thompson, there was an interactive dialog between the board and labor with regards to the appointment of the permanent fire chief. Labor was supportive of the appointment of Chief Thompson.

III. Fire Department Operations (George & Scott)

- A. Chief Thompson reported that he and Battalion Chief Hood met with Boswell Hospital to see if they had interest in a community integrated paramedic program. Boswell was very receptive to the idea and has been in contact with the District's medical director Dr. Gary Smith. Chief Thompson will update as this program progresses.

IV. Grounds and Equipment (George & Link)

- A. Chief Thompson reported that E1340's last day in service is today, June 10, 2014. E1340 will be put into service as E131 and the current unit assigned as E131 will be put in reserve as E138.

V. Special Projects (Luger and Scott)

- A. Chief Thompson gave an overview on a recent grant submission to Gila River Office of Special Funding for ten (10) sets of turnout gear. The District will also be applying for a SAFER grant through the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) in the near future.

FOR THE BOARD

Walter A. Link

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Clerk of the Board

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