

**MINUTES
SUN CITY FIRE DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017
9:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: David Scott, Chairman

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: David Scott, Walter Link, Jack Leonard, Robert Luger, David Mann

Members Absent: None

Staff: Fire Chief Mike Thompson, Assistant Fire Chief Ron Deadman, Vice President Rob Schmitz, and Administrative Manager Lisa Neubert.

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

I. Legal and Insurance

A. Chief Thompson reported that we are preparing to submit our CON renewal application.

II. Budget and Finance

A. Chief Thompson reported that we have received the 2017-2018 assessed valuation from the Maricopa County Assessor's office. The district received a 5% increase in the assessed valuation from 2016-2017.

B. Chief Thompson reported that the increase in PSPRS had an unexpected effect on our SAFER grant funds. This PSPRS increase will cause a grant shortfall of approximately \$400,000 - \$500,000. We have the money to cover this shortage. Financial Director Gabe Buldra should have a more accurate dollar amount at the next regular meeting.

C. Chief Thompson reported that the bonds went on sale last week and were sold out in 45 minutes. We were very lucky and the interest was much lower than expected which means we are projected to save approximately \$3,000,000 in the payoff of these bonds.

III. Fire Department Operations

A. None

IV. Ambulance Operations

A. Chief Deadman reported that the ambulance operations are going well. The benchmark of 300 transports per month is being met or exceeded. Some billing component issues have been identified and are being fixed. The ambulance on order should arrive by early March.

V. Grounds and Equipment

- A. Chief Thompson led a discussion on the refurbishment of E138 (unit no. 01463), a 2001 Pierce Quantum. Firetrucks Unlimited has provided a quote in the amount of \$254,854.00 to totally refurbish this unit and to install a refrigerated drug box compartment. The board unanimously approved the refurbishment in the amount of \$254,854. (M: Walter Link/S: Jack Leonard)
Ayes: David Scott, Walter Link, Jack Leonard, Robert Luger, David Mann
Nays: None**
- B. Chief Thompson reported that the Philips Customer Care maintenance agreement for the Department's HeartStart MRx monitors was budgeted and approved in the 1016-2017 budget therefore no action is required by the board. No action was taken.**
- C. Chief Thompson reported L131's aerial unit failed its yearly inspection due to possible stress fractures on the unit. Chief Thompson has been in contact with Hughes Fire Equipment, the local Pierce dealer, and they stated that in 95% of these failures the fractures are in the epoxy paint, not the metal. Hughes is going to verify all the fractures to see if they are paint or metal fractures. If the fractures are in the metal, Hughes can make the necessary repairs locally.**
- D. Chief Thompson reported that E132 is still out of service. He will give an update when he knows more.**
- E. Chief Thompson reported that an architectural firm has been selected after reviewing the RFQ proposals. The department will be meeting with Youngtown in the near future and there should be no zoning issues.**

VI. Special Projects

- A. Chief Thompson reported that the Boswell campus will begin a remodeling project of the emergency room and a redesign of its entire campus. SCFMD will be involved in all meetings pertaining to this project.**
- B. Chiefs Thompson and Deadman gave an update of the community paramedicine program that is being funded for six months by a grant from St. Lukes.**

VII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.**

FOR THE BOARD

Walter A. Link

**Walter A. Link
Clerk of the Board**

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