

LEHIGH ACRES FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT

COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

October 31, 2016

The October 31, 2016 regular Commission Meeting of the Lehigh Acres Fire Control and Rescue District Board of Commissioners was held at Station 104, 3102 16th St SW, Lehigh Acres Fl 33976, The meeting was opened at 5:00pm by Chairman Kruse. Present are: Commissioners Adams, Becker, Carter and Kruse; Interim Chief Rob DiLallo, Assistant Chief Bennett, Division Chief Nickell, Finance Mgr Larry Tibbs, Administrative Director Platas, Admin. Ass't II Williams, Attorney Pringle. Commissioner Smith had an excused absence.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Kruse gave the invocation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Kruse asked if there are any additions, corrections, or deletions to the Agenda.

With none noted, Commissioner Carter motioned acceptance with a second from Commissioner Becker. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Treasurers Report
- Minutes-Final Budget 9/27/16
- Minutes -Commission Meeting 9/27/16

Commissioner Carter motioned to accept the consent Agenda with a second from Commissioner Adams. Motion carries.

PRESENTATION- Swearing in of new employees:

- Devin Ameroso
- Ryan Cerone
- Michael Hoefft
- Byrne Gribbin
- Mario Santana
- Javier Bermudez
- Maury Morejon
- Denford Miller
- Ashley Zalewski
- Julio Lalondriz
- John Felipe
- Arthur Pegler

An Ax was awarded to retiree Terry Sexton, plaques were awarded to Commissioner Adams and Commissioner Becker who are leaving the board due to their term expiring and an appreciation plaque presented to Finance Manager Larry Tibbs who resigned. Refreshments were served immediately following the awards ceremony.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Chief DiLallo presented the department reports as follows:

- Annual Budget
- Transport Fees update
- Responded to a total of 964 incidents during the month of September
- There were 2 structure fires in September
- EMS Patient contacts- 715 EMS Contacts for the month of September. The amount of patient contacts increased by 17.0% from September 2015 (611).
- Transports: 611 transports for the month of September. This was a 5.5% increase from last month (579). The amount of transports also increased 23.7% from September 2015 (494).
- Chief touched on response times in the district
- Fire Fighter Paramedic Schelm was promoted to to Field Trainer
- Lieutenant Riccardi received a grant from FDIC @ 100% from Honey Well & Dupont
- We had 1 resignation, their last day will be November 12th
- November 18th is Fire Fighter Terry Sexton's day of retirement
- Anita Kressel and Jodi Haidle are new employees starting in the next few weeks. Anita is taking Larry's place, she was employed with us in the past.
- Larry Tibb's last day will be 11/4/16
- Update on the ride time agreements
- Aladtec Software Program will be in the first operational phase as of 12/1/16
- Make A Difference Day/Fire Prevention Day event- there were 4,500 that attended. We handed out 1040 bags of Popcorn, 1,800 Snow Cones, 900 Hot Dogs, 850 Goodie bags with Fire Prevention materials, coloring books, erasers, 154 Community Safety Books, 250 Stress balls donated by PAC, 200 United Health Care- Band-Aids/holders
- We are in the process of putting together a Holiday party funded by the employees and staff, more info to come.

Assistant Chief Bennett: Chief Bennett reported that the drought index is normal for this time of year. He reminded residents that the time change is this weekend, remember when you set your clocks back to change your batteries in your smoke detectors. He gave an update on M Star's reporting and Documed. Several questions from Commissioner Carter were asked about M Star's and Chief Bennett answered them appropriately stating he would keep the commissioners informed on this topic.

DVP: None

Division Chief Nickell reported on the brush trucks and fire season. They are progressing forward with the brush trucks and has no significant issues. Commissioner Kruse asked how the new ambulances are coming along and he reported all is well.

Larry Tibbs reported that the treasures report in the book is in fact the end of fiscal year report.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Pringle stated, nothing new to report on the Fire Fee Assessment at this time. He thanked Commissioner Becker and Commissioner Adams for all of their years of service and for working so well with him. He wished them both well.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Robert Anderson- Asked about Viles & Beckman refund and bill for Attorney Pringle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fire Fee Assessment- Attorney Pringle stated, no action required at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrative Position & Job Description- Chief DiLallo presented amended changes of compensation advancement to Administration Assistant II and changes to that job description. Commissioner Kruse questioned the increase and concessions for all office personnel. Chief spoke on her concerns and after much discussion between commissioners, Commissioner Carter motioned to approve the increased compensation in the salary with a second by Commissioner Becker. All in favor, Motion passed 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Adams thanked all the staff, lines men, Chiefs and Commissioners for being able to work with them during his time as Commissioner. Commissioner Becker thanked staff and Chief for all the hard work it takes to serve this department and community, he spoke briefly about the Assessment Fee and the future of the department. Commissioner Carter thanked Commissioner Adams and Commissioner Becker for their hard work and wished them both much success in the future. Congratulations to Lieutenant Brooke Ricciardi on the grant she earned and reminded everyone that fire season is coming and to stay safe. Commissioner Kruse congratulated all the new employees and thank you to all commissioners and staff for all you do.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS: Chief thanked Commissioner Adams and Commissioner Becker for all of the years of service with the district. Chief thanked Larry for his time with us, he is going to be missed. Thank you to the staff and welcome new employees.

ADJOURN: 6:23 pm



Commissioner