

Jackson County Fire District No. 5

MEMORANDUM

Date: FEBRUARY 20, 2018
To: BOARD of DIRECTORS, Fire District
From: CHARLES HANLEY, Fire Chief *CH*
Subject: FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

ECSSO/Emergency Communications Center of Southern Oregon – No report. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Risk Management – No report. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Labor Relations – The Fire Chief attends union meetings by request and has had ongoing discussions with Local 2596 President Aaron Bustard regarding District operations, roles and responsibilities and ongoing cooperative efforts between management and labor. See Executive Session. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Fire Stations – Soliciting quotes for maintenance, repairs and modifications to JCFD No.5 Fire Facilities for FY 18/19 Budget. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Grants – We have applied for grants through SDIS, 2 Hawk Winery, Firehouse Subs, Home Depot and AFG for fire station security, rescue equipment, AutoPulse Resuscitation System, training props, SCBA and apparatus. FEMA (SAFER) has not announced funding opportunities however the application period is expected to open soon.
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Strategic Planning: Strategic Planning Workshops have been conducted for employees to initiate an inclusive process of creating mission centered goals and organizational objectives that are being developed based on policy priorities. Information/Data is being gathered and analyzed for the 2018/19 Budget. Draft document is underway.
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Incident Activity – Structure fires, vehicle fires, vehicle accidents and medical emergencies We continue to respond to all calls for service and rely on auto/mutual aid when necessary. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Training – Centrelearn (Computer Based Compliance), Water Tender Shuttle, Rope Rescue, MVC Operations, Cardiac Management, SCBA/Mayday, Company Performance Standards, ICS and Firefighter 1 skills (student firefighters).

Rogue Valley Fire Agencies/Cooperators – The primary focus for the Rogue Valley Fire Agencies is the Task Force/Strike Team configuration and rotation for the upcoming fire season and the continued development of a robust mutual aid system. Areas of concern continue to be radio communication, training opportunities, mobilization and deployment and coordinated evacuation.

The Fire Chief met with new Fire Chief of Ashland to discuss the development of regional training, joint purchasing agreements/shared services and increased levels of cooperation and automatic/mutual aid in the south county These efforts are critical to a more seamless fire protection system.

We recently attended the ODOT/Jackson County Seismic Triage and Lifeline Routes Stakeholder Meeting. This is in keeping with our commitment to emergency management and planning. We recently hosted the Rogue Valley Traffic Incident Management Team Meeting and the OR/CA Winter Conference. Along with our Rogue Valley emergency

service cooperators we continue to review ways to enhance efficiency and better respond to specific incidents. As previously reported the Rogue Valley has the second-highest collision rate in the state. Traffic and congestion on I-5 are a major reason for the high volume of incidents. During peak travel times, weather, incidents, congestion (special events), minor crashes, breakdowns and distracted drivers create or exacerbate hazards. Additionally, we are in the Cascadia Subduction Zone and the Pacific “ring of fire” which is responsible for over 1000 earthquakes in Oregon every year.

Fire Prevention – We are primarily performing Code enforcement and life safety inspections, issuing burn permits, conducting driveway access and bridge safety surveys, reviewing new construction and developing pre-fire planning programs and working with local communities to provide fire flow requirements. In addition, we have been asked to comment on street widths and traffic calming as part of local improvement projects.

Crews have also been assisting local teachers in the Talent Middle School’s “School of Design and Innovation by demonstrating pertinent science related topics like simple machines (mechanical advantage/leverage). Future presentations will include hydraulics and friction loss.

Captain Bolstad attended the 2018 Oregon Fire Prevention Workshop in Ashland, February 13-15.

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Apparatus –Emphasis is on fluid analysis and visual checks and computer evaluation of apparatus to determine reliability, address safety concerns, determine candidates for replacement/retirement, the viability of significant repairs, routine maintenance and annual services. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley

Budget – Budget is tracking, and overtime expenditures are due primarily to callback, summer staffing and reimbursable events. Major emphasis is on training and gathering quotes and information on proposed expenditures. Program managers have begun evaluating daily requirements, operations and maintenance needs.

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Community Outreach/Activities – Our commitment to the community continues with fire station tours, smoke alarm checks and replacements. The upcoming "Hands-only" CPR for Talent Middle School seventh graders (TMS 3/15) will be our third-year working with Medford Fire & Rescue as part of a valley-wide effort teaching about 150 students. Phoenix Parks and Greenway Easter Egg Hunt (PHS 3/31) and a Safety Fair is scheduled on the same day to promote local emergency support programs (Talent Community Center 3/31). A Pancake Breakfast is scheduled at JCFD No.5 Fire Station 1 to raise funds and awareness for CERT, FH 5 Foundation and other local groups (5/12).

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Recap – The Fire Chief, DC Lockett and on duty crews along with Director Harrison (CERT) and FH5 Foundation attended the Talent Community Development Fair. **Reporting:** Chief Hanley