

CAPTAIN'S MEETING
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Fire Chief Van der Veen; Division Chief Ward; Captains Ahrenholz, Davidson and Schmidt.

FIRE CHIEF

Crew Appreciation

Chief Van der Veen voiced his appreciation to all members/crews for continuing to work hard with due diligence and flexibility in spite of the pandemic. In addition, Chief Van der Veen recognized Lt. Riehl for his work to ensure that the district continues to have the needed cleaning supplies.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations are a personal decision and not mandatory by the district. Chief Van der Veen does plan to have the vaccination.

Update Regional Fire Authority (RFA)

Chief Van der Veen stated that RFA discussions continue to move forward positively. A professional communication consultant will assist with the public outreach process.

There was one meeting in January and two are scheduled in February. Two open houses have been scheduled for February 18 at 1:00 p.m. and February 23, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

Chief Van der Veen noted that although many district needs had been identified over the years by various reports, little to no action has been taken by past administration. A plan will be developed to address the issues moving forward which will take both time and money to complete.

Even with the resignation of a District 4 commissioner, and as long as an ongoing replacement process is in place, the RFA Planning Committee can continue to move forward.

Discrimination and Harassment Training

Members can expect discrimination and harassment training within the next couple of weeks. The training will include online modules, similar to EMS Online.

The company also offers performance evaluation training for company officers.

OPERATIONS

New Printers

The district has contracted with Oasis/Tech Help to provide and maintain printers at various stations. The printers have been delivered and installed however, the drivers had not been installed causing some issues. Chief Ward intends to follow up with Oasis/Tech Help regarding providing additional training if needed.

It was noted that any computer or printer issues should be routed through the Tech Help request form via the Extranet.

Community Paramedic

Community Paramedic Tiffene Hanson noted that the district has 600 frequent customers in the area. Tiffene has requested to attending a future meeting to discuss her role in alleviating/reducing some of the frequent calls.

EMS Committee

Chief Ward continues to solicit members to monitor current EMT requirements and ensure EMS training is completed and documented in ResQHub for the remainder of the year. This will provide the training captain the opportunity to focus on developing the training program. The process may not begin until after the promotional process has been completed.

The Captains agreed to consult with their crew regarding interest.

Operative IQ

Oasis/Tech Help will install Operative IQ mobile on all mdc's. Once completed, FF Wohlrab will provide training (video) on how to enter fuel slips from the mdc. Since apparatus service requests are triggered by mileage, this should enable maintenance to be completed in a timelier manner.

FF Brown has agreed to manage Operative IQ. Training on the program is expected in the near future.

TRAINING

Training Records

There was discussion regarding how training records are entered into ResQHub. Currently, Cpt. Davidson enters the training portion and sends the fire related documents to Kelly, who adds them to the member's training file.

There was discussion regarding what should be kept in the training files and what should be documented in ResQHub (electric files only) and shredded.

If online programs are utilized and paper copies not kept, how can the information be retrieved if the district does not continue to utilize the program?

Further discussion is expected once the training captain position is filled.

Training Captain Position

Once the training captain's position is filled, it was suggested to have him/her visit other successful training departments to see how their program is run and how state and federal mandates are followed.

There was discussion regarding how the cpts can support the training captain.

Appreciation

Chief Ward recognized Cpts. Ahrenholz and Davidson for their efforts and work on the rookie books, best practices and ResQHub. Cpt. Ahrenholz recognized Lts. Hofstad and Scott for their work on the pre-academy and task books.

Rookie Book

Cpt. Ahrenholz noted that the rookie book still requires additional work. Supporting documents are still needed and some areas need to be more specific. The hope is to have the material completed by the time the probationary firefighters complete their North Bend training.

Items discussed for consideration when the probationary firefighters return include:

- Utilized as a fourth for a predetermined amount of time to be able to understand the flow of a shift prior to being assigned.
- Objectives and measurements in place for probationary year
- Pulling shifts at Station 63
- Ladder training (operational)

North Bend Academy Opportunity

The captains were invited to go to North Bend throughout the academy to visit with the probationary firefighters in order to learn about them, show support and ultimately determine station and shift placement.

SHIFTS

AShift

Hose should be delivered to Britton Loop Station 12 in the near future. Assistance will be needed to unload the hose. It is not clear how hose testing will be completed; however, it is expected to wrap up by June 29.

It is expected that the members who were not able to finish their FFII training at North Bend due to COVID-19, may complete their training in the near future. An inquiry was made regarding more senior members who also need the certification.

BShift

To provide better customer service, all assistance with fire alarm and smoke detector replacement will be routed through the DFM.

Cpt. Davidson recognized FF Briskin for his diligence and persistence cleaning the station between shifts during the pandemic.

Currently the newly acquired foam is being stored in the training tower at Station 12. Since it is not adequately protected, it was agreed to relocate the foam to apparatus bays at each career station. Cpt. Schmidt will coordinate the distribution.

CShift

Cpt. Schmidt discussed debit day issues with regards to having an unnecessary fourth member scheduled on shifts. The district expects to review the debit day process to determine a more beneficial process for members and the district in the future.

Chief Van der Veen will continue to report overtime to the commissioners on a monthly basis.

The group agreed to keep the lines of communication open utilizing Team Meets to stay on top of ongoing topics.

DShift

Chief Ward will distribute the current stock of MSA cartridges to be utilized at each career station. Since these particular masks are not able to be deconned, and if there is a potential respiratory issue or COVID response, they will need to be replaced following the call. The district will be replacing them with the original pink filters that can be deconned, in the near future.

Chief Ward expects to complete the final inspection on the aid units the end of February. When completed the apparatus will be delivered via flatbed.

Elliot and FF Freeman expect to complete the final inspection for the engine sometime in March.

Surplus items are being stored at Wiser Lake St 70.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 4, 2021 (*all officers*)