

SEELEY LAKE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:00PM FIRE HALL
MEETING DATE: September 15, 2020
MINUTES FOR: August 18, 2020

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

PRESENT

Scott Kennedy, Chair
Gary Lewis, Vice Chair
Rita Rossi, Secretary
Connie Clark
Jon Kimble
Dave Lane, Fire Chief
Lynn Richards, District Administrator

ABSENT

I. PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE:

Chief Lane led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Chairman, Scott Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Five trustees were present along with the Fire Chief and District Administrator.

Also in attendance were community members Lorraine Lane, John & Julie Bittel; Al & Donna Rios; Rick Weidner; Zoey & Cristine Matheny; Barbara Beery; Samantha Arroyo; Teri Johannson; Lavonne Dunster; Rudi & Janeen Mauldin; Ken & Joyce Jensen; Gary & Laurie Enger; Terry Lucke; Jeff & Alyssa McLean, Shirley Goudzwaard; volunteers Michael Richards and Michael Schnakenberg and Andi Bourne with the *Pathfinder*.

III. MINUTES:

Rita Rossi made a motion to approve the July 21, 2020 board minutes. Gary Lewis seconded the motion. Voting by voice, motion carried with none opposing or abstaining.

Gary Lewis made a motion to approve the August 14, 2020 special board meeting minutes. Rita Rossi seconded the motion. Voting by voice, motion carried with none opposing or abstaining.

IV. VISIT WITH GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA/CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Scott Kennedy changed the order of business to go to Old Business and read a statement/board comment in response to Alyssa McLean's public comment at the July 21st meeting. The following is the statement as submitted.

Alysa Mclean at last board meeting raised some questions and allegations in transparency offer the following.

- 1) Alysa's Employer contacted by our District Administrator who was also a patient there, concerns about Alyssa social media posts on to get a new fire chief....This has been directed to the chief, since the district employee is direct supervisor. This is a privacy issue if any action taken or disciplined if warranted. I reached out to employer with no return correspondence
- 2) Alysa mentioned pending law suit for embezzlement. This is not true. There is no pending law suit embezzlement with the Seeley Lake Rural Fire District. There have also been the same issue directed at our district administrator recently again. That is untrue also
- 3) Alysa mentioned chairman scuffle. You assumed HIPPA violation directed at me in your public comment. This allegation is expressly not true. I will state in my 40 years as a fire and medical

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provider, I have never been targeted in my volunteer positions or as an elected official as I was after sitting down at a Lindeys Steakhouse that night. Extreme profanity directed at me, threats, assault, intimidation, at myself, fiance and friends. Refer MT 45-2-107 for statue on this. Assault on my senior friend is also another issue under investigation by the sheriffs department, charges may be forthcoming. During the Sheriffs investigation, apparently the aggressors Matt and David Pitman and others were discussing a medical call with bartender. Karl the bartender commented to the aggressors "I got your back" after I was accosted with extreme profanity. This further fueled the situation. My fiance stood up and questioned their profanity. We paid out and retreated to the gangway only to be followed where shoving of my senior friend occurred. We retreated across the street where my vehicle and boat was. We were all pursued and further threatened.

- 4) Chief speeding through town. I spoke with chief and there was no contact with him on this issue. I further spoke to sheriffs department and no communication with the chief on that concern had occurred either. There was a Social media post from Terry Lucky stating 70 mph at ice cream location. Try to imagine that with any vehicle and in a congested area. The chief denies unsafe travel in an that emergency situation .
- 5) You mention adapt to the world of social media. We do not participate in such negative ventures on social media . Other than the positive aspects in fire and medical services on our website. We have a social media policy for professionalism and including personal, as do most businesses.

Citizens do have the right to public comment and opinion. Though anyone posting on public social media, which is not private as you state, derogatory and or incorrect information, defaming or untrue information, threats, unwarranted allegations or any correspondence in an effort to undermine the critical opertions of the Seeley Lake Fire District, is nothing less harmful to the citizens of the community. These direct social media posts threatening, unwarranted allegations, slanderous, death threat, apparently still happens from past individuals and there anoyomous spokepeople and followers who choose to remain anoyomous. This undermines current services and future volunteers, employees and sta ff.

In reviewing social media posts which appear to have disapeared, though we have electronic and copies supporting the above, it is evident that there is still disgruntale past volunteers that were fired or left on not such good terms. They continue to fuel and plague the district . They critique every detail of operations, scrutinize the fire volunteers, EMT's, paid staff including the Fire Chief a Paramedic.

There is nothing wrong with having different political views, opinions or otherwise. However, these noted actions are harming the people of Seeley Lake.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alyssa McLean stated she has nothing to do with the Facebook Page "Did You Know."

Lavonne Dunster stated she witnessed the chief speeding through town responding on a call, agreeing that it was 70 mph; that it was very scary.

Rudi Mauldin, former Frenchtown Firefighter/EMT, stated on January 7th, his wife was involved in a head-on wreck; she called him at work and he was involved in her extrication. What troubles him on this incident plus a motorcycle accident he was on scene with was nothing was being done, no basics, no ABC's, no baseline vitals. Mr. Mauldin also stated nothing was being done for the motorcycle patient's wife who had a broken arm, who was shocky and was asking for ice. He stated the answer they gave her was, we're out in the middle of nowhere and we don't have ice. He stated he hoped the ambulance had ice packs. He stated he got her in the ambulance, checked her

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pupils and made sure she wasn't going to die in the next 10 minutes. He stated nothing was being done on either of these scenes which really concerns him. He respects the chief's knowledge as being a paramedic and it takes a lot of training but was concerned that basic vitals weren't being taken.

Lorraine Lane, wife of Chief Lane, read a statement. (See attached)

Janeen Mauldin stated in regard to her vehicle accident, the chief never came over to her car nor did he check her out; she had to roll down her window and asked him to get her out of the car. She stated he was on the radio asking for extrication help. She stated she wasn't squashed in the car, that it wasn't needed. She stated she called her husband to come help her. She stated that her husband asked for a backboard and he and Ryan were the ones who took her out of the vehicle then the chief left her in the freezing rain. She stated once in the ambulance, she asked for meds. She stated she has a crushed distal end of the femur and complete break that was coming out the side of her leg but the chief didn't know that because he didn't check her and that a c-collar was never put on her. She stated during transport, the chief tried to take her right boot off and she screamed to stop, to cut the boot off but he pulled it off. She stated they received a \$10,000 ambulance bill and could have also had a life flight bill because the chief had requested them even though it was snowing with freezing rain. She stated she has a bar in her leg and can't walk without support and also injured her thumb and bleeding to the face due to airbag; never had blood pressure checked and she could have died in the vehicle after never being checked.

Chief Lane stated he was sorry that she and her husband had the perception that he did nothing. He stated he is a paramedic and she wasn't the only patient on that scene. He said he went to her first and talked with her as her airbags had deployed and asked her where she hurt and she stated she didn't know where her injuries were and she asked for help. Chief stated he knew she was breathing, had a pulse as she was awake, reached in and felt her pulse and at that point the chief knew she had her ABC's; he doesn't need a blood pressure cuff or a monitor or anything else to do that as he performed it that quick then went over to check the other patient and continued going back and forth between the two making sure that everyone was getting the care that he could as he was the only responder there at that time. He stated he has to prioritize and if she had the impression that he wasn't doing anything then he was sorry for that but she did receive good care and the treatment and did talk to her about her boot but doesn't remember cutting or pulling it off. As far as the helicopter, we don't know if they're going to fly or not but they will be requested as they make that decision. Chief stated he did the best he could for her and apologized that she didn't recognize in the beginning that she was getting the care she deserved. In regard to the c-collar, there are certain protocols that he followed.

Mrs. Mauldin stated the other patient had a broken arm and she had a broken femur and she was left in her vehicle. Chief stated he understood but both patients deserved care and he couldn't pull her out of the vehicle by himself. Mrs. Mauldin stated that Ryan and her husband pulled her out that the chief didn't. Mr. Mauldin stated that the chief did help get her out of the vehicle grabbing her legs along with him and Ryan. Mrs. Mauldin again stated the chief left her in the vehicle. Chief stated he had to because he was alone and more people were coming, he was just the first one there; he was doing the best he could for multiple patients.

Rita Rossi stated she's responded to many calls with the chief and he's always been very professional. It may look like he's not hurrying when he gets on scene but he's taking in the whole scene which is part of the size up and looks for what we've been paged out for; he does that before getting to a patient. If people would go to him with problems or questions, he will sit down and talk to you as he's easy to talk to.

Cristine Matheny stated in 2018, her daughter was involved in a head-on collision by Salmon Lake with a boy who was trying to commit suicide in the second car by trying to take himself out and her daughter. It was a pretty concerning scene, both vehicles were totaled, both people seemed to be ok. After her daughter was checked out in the ambulance, Rita (Rossi) proceeded to text someone saying that they should not call her daughter while she's in the ambulance even though she was done being checked on and was just sitting there because it was cold outside and was waiting on HP. Cristine stated he never came and saw Zoey, spoke to Zoey or checked her out. She finds that concerning as he is the paramedic and she was in shock. Cristine stated her daughter started coughing so bad to the point of almost puking and she came to the fire hall and told him how unprofessional she thought Rita was by texting people who was calling her daughter out of concern but she is her neighbor and has known her for a long

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time and she personally thought it wasn't any of Rita's business and felt it wasn't cute. After talking to him about Rita's unprofessionalism, she got nothing, nor did he call her back whether he talked to Rita or not and she feels something should have been said about that. Whatever goes on in the ambulance should stay in the ambulance. And that caused her drama after already dealing with so many issues with her daughter who couldn't work due to the coughing. Cristine stated she also asked him about Zoey's cough, if it could be from the accident and how concerned she was and asked about the air bag chemicals and he said that they were environmentally friendly and he was certain it wasn't due to the chemicals and later she talked to another firefighter person in Missoula and he asked her if the air bags were checked for holes in them and she told him no, that he didn't even go to Zoey's car. She stated finally, she took Zoey to the doctor and her throat was scalded with blisters and was so upset with herself for not taking her sooner but the airbag chemicals are extremely harmful. She stated she's concerned about some things as this is a small community and doesn't understand why everyone is so focused about Face Book and not the quality of care, it's ridiculous.

Rita Rossi stated while trying to assess her daughter and get the questions in her mind ready, her daughter received a text and Rita saw who it was from and she waited until the call was over and then texted that person as she knew them and they were previously on the department and asked them to just please wait until after the call as they were probably listening to a radio so they would have known when it was over to please wait until after she finishes assessing the patient to call them as it does interrupt to what you're trying to do. Cristine interrupted saying what Rita said was untrue and that Rita didn't have the right to text anyone who Cristine knew and who contacted her kid out of concern and felt she should have received an apology.

Jeff McLean stated he's very concerned about the changes of the mutual aid agreement with Life Flight and MESI. This department has always said how hard it is to get volunteers and is concerned that if the department is constantly transporting people to Missoula, it takes the best people out of town and when that second call comes in, the people of this community is going to suffer because our A Squad isn't here, in the community or in the district. The other concern is the amount of time it takes to get ready. It takes 25 minutes from the time they (Life Flight) get the call to be in the air to arrive in Seeley; now it takes 15 minutes to get somewhere, then decide Life Flight is needed, so now its 25 minutes rather than 10. That's concerning as this is an operation of seconds which seconds could matter between life and death. It seems the focus is on how much can be charged vs. the care of the people in this community. There's a perfectly qualified service in Missoula that can meet the ambulance; transfer like they have for 30 years and then bring the people of Seeley back into district so you're here to help the second or third call.

Scott Kenney asked the chief if the department has ever missed a call even on multiple runs. The chief stated not since he's been here. Chief Lane stated if Jeff would like to come and talk to him after the meeting, he would be happy to explain our operations and hopefully that can help him feel better. Jeff stated when people ask for it, bags get thrown into trucks and you leave the scene so doesn't have very much confidence in doing that. Chief Lane questions what Jeff was talking about. Jeff stated there was a recent incident where a patient requested to be transferred to MESI and an expletive was thrown and bags were put back into a truck saying, why, am I here and the scene was left. Chief Lane reiterated that he would be happy to talk to Jeff any time about the department's operations. Jeff stated that would be out of a public meeting. Chief stated Jeff is still has the right to his opinion.

Barbara Beery stated that the comment in the paper stating that no patient has ever suffered, really got to her this week. She stated she wanted to place a banner across her fence stating that no one has ever suffered, but try telling that to her deceased husband. She stated on the night that Nick passed away, if MESI had not been allowed to come up here, he would have died on the way to town. You say that he didn't suffer, but you weren't there; you didn't have to watch him struggle for air; you didn't have to see the fear in his eyes or the pain in his eyes for her to help him; you didn't get to hear him say I love you one last time or say I'm not going to make it this time as people aren't coming. You people didn't show up and then when she found out who was supposed to show up, you covered for him and said he wasn't on call. She stated she couldn't imagine what he went through in his last minutes and you say not to transfer to MESI. We need MESI and Life Flight to come up here; we can't depend on this department alone. The people who took him didn't know what they were doing, they even admitted to her they didn't, they asked her what they were to do. No one came, no one cared. Sixteen months ago, she stood her at a meeting wanting us to know everything and to what was going on, hoping for some kind of change but if not, to inform the rest of the community that if you can't count on Plan A, you better have a Plan B or C because they aren't

dependable and her husband wasn't the first one who passed away from this and won't be the last. This wasn't an isolated incident and nothing has been done about it. This department needs leadership, more training, more confident people with training. It's not the volunteer's fault they're not getting the training they deserve so they know what they're doing when they go on call, so whose fault is it. Whose fault is it when they show up on a scene and don't know what to do? She stated she waited for 45 minutes while no one answered the call and had to watch her husband slowly die and that wasn't the half of it. After the ambulance transferred him to MESI, they took him to a hospital he'd never been to and the history papers weren't transferred with him, so he was a John Doe and no one knew anything about him, didn't know what they were going to do with him. No one should have the power to say how someone's loved one should be transported, whether it's by air or by ground; they should have the right to decide how they want their own treatment and if you can't understand that and get mad, because someone wants to do something different than what you want. Chief Lane stated his intent was not to say he didn't suffer, his intent was to say he didn't suffer because of our people's actions. Mrs. Beery stated the service has gone downhill since 2016.

Lavonne Dunster stated what this conversation needs to be about is quality of medical care not about Face Book.

Someone stated that the only helicopter landing zone was at Clearwater Junction. Chief Lane stated that's not true, nobody has taken the helicopter away nor MESI hasn't been taken away.

Laurie Enger stated her and husband just moved to Seeley from Vancouver, Washington which is a big city, and they knew when they moved here that there's probably hardly not much medical help if something happens because there's probably not much tax base for medical treatment here except for maybe one paid person. If you've ever been involved in any kind of volunteer organization, nobody helps you except for a few. Someone stated, so we shouldn't depend on them. Laurie stated no, they're volunteers; they're putting in their time and energy doing something they love and it's really sad that people die and people get hurt but they're all volunteers except apparently Dave. Would everyone be willing to pay more in taxes to get another ALS person?

Michael Richards stated the comment about Seeley having no helicopter landing zones and having to go to Clearwater concerns him as there are at least five designated landing zones in our area with the main one being at the Medical Center and can make one if necessary as its done all the time on remote calls. These volunteers work hard, train hard and try to respond to the calls that they can and are doing the best they can do for this town. We have a limited staff; people don't want to give back to their community; we've gotten a lot of bad publicity which is unfair and invites anyone who has a question about the department to come and talk to him or the chief. He stated he hopes that everyone can leave this building tonight understanding that we care about this community and have the ability to take our patients into Missoula and to be open minded and again to come and talk if anyone has any questions..

Mrs. Beery questioned if her family wasn't that important that no one showed up because everyone thinks they'll show up. Chief Lane stated everyone's family is very important to us as they're part of our community. It was a 17 minute response time not 45 and is very sorry for her loss. Someone questioned why the other services (MESI & Life Flight) were taken away. Chief Lane stated nothing has been taken away; they're still available to us, it's just how they're available to us, that's all.

Joyce Jensen stated she's very sorry that so many people here tonight have had bad experiences and that her heart aches for all of them and who've they lost, however, my husband is here tonight because these people saved him and I had the choice to have him go by Life Flight or ground ambulance to Missoula and I decided without a doubt to Life Flight him to Missoula. There are a lot of good and positive things that have come; have lived here many years as well and again, am so sorry for those whose had bad experiences but yet I'm sure there's a lot who have had wonderful ones too and they're not here tonight. Ken Jensen stated he was here tonight because of these guys.

Alyssa McLean stated she first wants to clear her name by saying she has nothing to do with the Face book page "Did You Know" and has spoken out against it to how toxic and divisive it is. She stated she want you both (Dave & Lorraine) to know, you're my neighbors; I respect you as human beings and think you're a lovely couple; not speaking to your character and think you're good people. I acknowledged that you're experienced and capable, but

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she's here to discuss is not even Lynn calling her employer because that's small pie compared to what's gone on here tonight. There's a lot of eye on this department and it's not about taking people's jobs or change stuff; what it's about is my loved ones having dangerous experiences that they believe they were wronged and I wasn't there but they're my loved ones and I believe them just like you would believe yours. When you were first hired on the department, I personally wanted to see you succeed after we got the terrible interim chief out of here; I was so glad to have you, I really was. Her role here is that she loves her community, she grew up in the fire industry in the Missoula Fire Department family and have a little bit of knowledge and love people and loves everyone here and wants to support this department; this fight is so crazy and I can't believe it's all over Facebook. Everyone came here tonight so show that there wasn't one isolated incident and we want to plead with you to have some empathy and humility for us and believe we've been wronged and don't just deny, deny, deny because you believe it may be a legal thing. I see a lot of people who are in public service, in these positions who think that an admission of a fault or gee I wish that would have been different, are just plain allergic to it and I know that each and every one of you way better than that and are different than that and are good humans and know you have us in your heart. Am glad we came here tonight to talk all this crap out and it's been very hard but please don't come to my employer; it's concerning to me that that's the route we're going instead of pursuing the people we think are mad at us and say, can we work this out. You can keep telling us to come to you; the department should seek out people who are disgruntled; why do we always have to go the extra mile when we're the ones who's been through the trauma and feel like we've been wronged.

Scott questioned Alyssa to why she assumed he violated HIPAA just because he's who he is at a restaurant. Alyssa stated she assumed with all the people involved in a public space (too many people started talking at the same time and can't decipher what was being said). Alyssa stated the walls have eyes and ears in this town, it's really hard and a struggle and a slant page it's not fair to you guys and it's bull but it's a really, really highly politically charged time in history and everybody can stand up and speak right now and have to stand up for what we believe in. She's not here as our enemy as she loves the community too and loves humans too but doesn't possess the skills or personality type to be a first responder but has over the years has tried to get involved with this department and still plans on trying to in the future and wants to work with you people, all of you. Let's be more human to each other. I won't post on Facebook, I will keep that opinion to myself because she will trust the board to do whatever action that needs to be acted upon regarding any incidents and we are all watching and want change.

Samantha Arroyo questioned Alyssa her reference to denial when the board or department denied rather than acknowledging; was it a flat out denial or was it more of a situation of no comment. Alyssa stated she read the letters that Scott wrote to Barbara (Beery) and will retract the word denial and call it deflection. Samantha stated she realizes that everything that goes on within the department, especially if there's a complaint, there's a lot of legality that's involved and a lot of times, members cannot give you the answers you want legally. Alyssa agreed saying she totally understands that.

Lavonne Dunster stated just like the night of the speeding thing, Scott saying surely that didn't happen, that was a blatant lie as she watched it with her own eyes; that's what we're talking about, listen to us please. We didn't come here to stir up crap, we've been watching crap. Scott questioned if the sheriff department was contacted and the incident investigated? Someone stated no, we came here to contact you. (There was a lot of arguing and talking at the same time).

No other public comment was made and there was no correspondence reported on. Please note, some discussion may have been omitted as people didn't go to the lectern where one of the recorders was placed which made it very hard to hear as the meeting was held in the bays of the department plus people wearing their masks as well.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Jon Kimble made a motion to approve the July 2020 financial report in the amount of \$30,477.03. Rita Rossi seconded the motion. Voting by voice, motion carried with none opposing or abstaining.

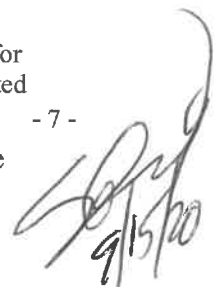
VI. REPORTS:

1. **Call Volume** – Chief Lane reported there were 42 calls in July 2020 compared to 55 in 2019. Total calls for 2020 is 162 compared to 187 in 2019. Scott questioned what the average yearly calls totaled. Chief Lane stated

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approximately 320 per year. Scott questioned how many EMTs were on the roster. Chief Lane stated approximately 13; four just completed their endorsement class with two others who need to start theirs, so we are upgrading our training.

2. Recruitment – Chief Lane reported two new members, one is an EMT, are still going through probation and finishing task books.

3. Grants – Chief Lane reported that all grant applications have been submitted and still waiting to hear back.

4. Updates /Actions – Nothing was reported on.

5. Membership Report – Nothing was reported on.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Response to Public Comment – See Scott Kennedy’s board statement which was read during public comment and is attached.

Alyssa McLean questioned if she was on the agenda to speak to the board. Scott stated she was listed under the public comment section. Someone stated, she didn’t speak. Scott stated, she did speak.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approve Maintenance Manager Job Description – Chief Lane reported there is an open position and updated the old job description to better fit the department’s needs including emergency response.

Cristine Matheny interrupted this business to question the difference of being on the agenda and the public comment part in order to speak. Scott stated she (Alyssa) had longer than two minutes just like last time and tonight the board has been more lenient with everybody letting them speak freely. Scott invited Alyssa to go ahead and speak. (Please see her comments under Public Comment.)

Chief Lane stated this is recommendation for the job description. Gary asked if this the decision could be made at the next meeting. Chief Lane stated absolutely but was hoping he could hire someone before then; would like to post it under civil service for one to two weeks in more than a couple places. It’s going to take a couple weeks of posting; interview process; testing process and vetting takes time as well. Gary stated he’s concerned the requirements are too much. Chief Lane stated most of those are desired not required. Connie Clark questioned the clause at the bottom. Chief Lane stated if we desire to hire someone with EMS qualifications, and at some point want this person to be certified, then he doesn’t have to re-hire somebody else or that person, we can changes to that job description. To be reasonable, one can say we will give you six months to a year to become an EMT and then they have the right to acknowledge that or not, you as a board have that right to make that decision; that clause is giving you the right to make that change.

Rita Rossi made a motion to approve the Maintenance Manager’s Job Description. Jon Kimble seconded the motion. Voting by voice, motion carried with none opposing or abstaining.

IX. NEXT MONTH AGENDA ITEMS:

Reports;

X. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING:

Upon motion duly seconded, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m. The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

Approved:


Chair of the Board


Clerk of the Board

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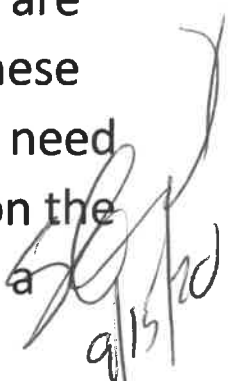
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My name is Lorraine Lane.... I'm the proud wife of Dave Lane, the Fire Chief of Seeley Lake. Two and a half years ago we moved here.... found a beautiful home, we were welcomed into the community... have made friends with some wonderful people.... Then I came across the social media page, of Did you Know?

Well I was surprised reading this..., first off, the author of the page doesn't have the guts to use their name....so I assume it's a female.... since its filled with so much drama. And she begs for people to engage and interact on the site.... Which some do. The same handful of... use to be volunteers of this community.

They call this page ...Did You Know.... when it should be called, ...You Got that Wrong! ...They claim to know about the Chief and the fire District.... The chief runs calls at all hours, not just between 9 to 5.... That may be the time your ear is glued to your scanner..., however, he has run 78% of all the calls that go out.... compared to 63% of the last chief.... The stats are all kept on file! Yes, he is ALS certified, ...however, most calls that they go on are BLS calls.... The volunteers are trained to care for these patients.... all the way into the hospital. There is no need to hand the patient over to another ambulance.... on the side of the highway.... That is poor patient care and a



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hazard to the crew and the patient. If for some reason ALS is at the hospital and a call goes out, the volunteers can handle it.

Maybe you've forgotten, Seeley Lake is a BLS service. Your taxes do not cover ambulance coverage, they only cover fire.

Your page always talks about, how good the department was in the past.... Really....so good you walked away or was fired.... I don't hear the community rallying for your return.... so how is this page working out for you? ...Does it help you to call the new Fire Chief names or talk about his experience, or how he, panics on scene? That last one was read by Alisha..., here in this room.... I just wonder Alisha, what call was that?... What call were you on scene with him...? I worked at this man's side for 10 years, and he does not panic. He's done this line of work of work for 35 years.... I can tell you, there hasn't been on any call in Seeley that would make him panic.

There is one person on this page who claims the Chief wouldn't be able to handle a fire like the Rice Ridge Fire.... I beg to differ with you!... First off, never, has he left a fire line!... Can you say the same...? this man not only worked as a full time Battalion Chief/paramedic....



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during the fire season, was selected to be a member of a Type 1 National Incident management team... So as devastating as the Rice Ridge fire was to you.... I can assure you... had he of been here.... the fire wouldn't of been the same. It would have been put out early. That's what firemen do.... Remember.... that fire happened on your watch!

None of you people know him.... You're not his friend or colleague.... never ran a call with him.... came into his office and meet him.... Yet, you all judge him. He stopped and asked you to put out a fire in your yard!... Really! And you whine about it on social media! ...What kind of man does that?... Whines on social media? ... That's his job! Your tax dollar at work!... When there's no burning..., that means everyone. It doesn't matter if it's a warming fire for your kids!... Put on a jacket, go inside. You're not special. When it comes to fire, its always those little one that grow into big ones.

So, we are here...in this meeting.... not shaking in our boots! I do have a question... at the last meeting, Alisha.... You asked for a new Chief.... Why? tell me what he has done.....look around this station.... He's brought more to this department then the last Chiefs! ...he's brought in just over a hundred thousand dollars in grant money!...he's got the station a new brush truck... a

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vehicle exhaust systemThe SCBA bottles recertified, other new equipment....oh and lets not forgetthe wonderful people who stop by and donate to the foundation!

So you people have your social media page, Did you Know....You people are pathetic...someone who would fit right in with the people of Seattle or Portland.....Your hatred and ugliness is sad it comes from inside of you.... So if airing your lies, ...and ugliness make you feel better...keep on typing. Someone, somewhere, ...likes a good fiction story. Be part of the solution not the problem.

Thank you for your time

SAW
9/15/20