

Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors of the

FLORISSANT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

6p November 29, 2023

Station 1 Florissant Fire

2606 W. Hwy. 24, Florissant CO 80816

In person or ZOOM MEETING

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1. Judy called the meeting to order, since Paul was attending on ZOOM, at 6p.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call - Present: Paul del Toro (ZOOM), Judy Dunn, Allen Schultz, Dave Groat (ZOOM), & Chief Quick.
4. Old Minutes Approval: The October 19, 2023, meeting minutes were approved.
5. President's Report: (Paul's complete notes are attached to these minutes.) a. Treasurer Announcement - Paul stated that Bob Perry has resigned as board treasurer for personal reasons. We are sorry to see him leave but want to thank him for his significant contributions these last 6 months! His work put us in much improved financial condition, and he was instrumental in the success of the Pancake Breakfast. His work on the 2024 budget is very much appreciated and we wish him well and look forward to working with him as a member of the greater FFPD community. We will be looking for a replacement board member over the next couple of weeks. Individuals who have an interest can e-mail a 1-page cover letter to Board@florissantfire.com with their qualifications, why they have an interest in serving and their capabilities. We are looking for a board member first, but treasurer-specific would be wonderful. We'd like to receive as many as possible and hope to review and then at the December meeting vote and appoint this new individual. b. Paul stated that \$27,000 had been found in the operating fund which he believed was formerly the Firefighter's account. There was discussion about re-establishing the Firefighter's account (moving the \$27k into a separate account or leaving it in the operating account but ear-marking it for the firefighters). Various options of the volunteers having control over these funds, but still reporting on them to the Board (who continue to have fiduciary responsibility). Possibly capping the amount in the account and replenishing funds somehow as they're used. Final decisions were tabled until the firefighters can discuss and amend their by-laws to reflect this new financial element. Additional discussion involved a Fire Corps member who's recently undergone surgery, this might be the type of situation the firefighters' direct funds towards – but caution is to be exercised in determining need and who may be served and who might not be. Formal requests would need to be discussed and voted on at formal meetings. Guidelines will need to be developed.
6. Vice President's Report: Judy read her report and provided rebuttal to recent attacks in social media (see attached). Judy mentioned that we don't typically have structure fires – our calls are predominantly medical and wildland fires. She praised the firefighters for their efforts and expertise on the recent fire – despite the attacks in the media.
7. Secretary's Report: Dave said there had been one CORA request on 10/19/2023 by A. Sutton. Audio/Video of October board meeting were sent out right away. Minutes from the October meeting were requested and as those were just approved this evening, Dave has just now sent them out, fulfilling the request. Capt. Sebring has requested the department provide her with a cell phone as she, as Public Information Officer (PIO), is fielding far too many calls on her personal phone. Costs will be for the phone and apx. \$20/mo. **A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase a cell phone and add Cindy to our existing plan with the Chief.**
8. Chief's Report: Chief Quick had to leave on a call, so Allen had his notes and reported in his stead. Volunteer hours from 10/19 – 11/29 were 1,128 hours. Of 27 incidents 30% were fire and 59% were EMS. Average response time was apx. 13 minutes. Allen read an email from Renee Bunting, Sheriff office PIO, to the Teller County Fire Chiefs: Thank you for your support at the event this weekend. 10a – 2p time frame was great for

collecting toys for Christmas presents for local kids. 'Shop with a Hero' is set for December 8, 9 & 10 8a to noon – we can use your help.

9. Public Comments: A ZOOM attendee felt Allen had been disrespectful, but Judy & Paul explained the board's intention is to be respectful of all individuals who participate. He stated it's not really unexpected because of how difficult the past board has made things for the current board. Judy stated we are trying to do our best and if we do get out of line we apologize. Robin stated the difference between this board and the last one is the open communication we now have. We work things out as a community, she said it's a "big difference and a helluva improvement".

The holiday party is scheduled for Sunday, December 17th at 4p and is for EVERYONE: Firefighters, FireCorps & Friends and their families.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolynne Forster, Volunteer Administrator