

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

TUESDAY

1:00 P.M.

AUGUST 19, 2003

PRESENT:

David Humke, Chairman
Jim Shaw, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner
Bonnie Weber, Commissioner

Gary Neilson, Division Chief
Amy Harvey, County Clerk
Katy Singlaub, County Manager
Paul Lipparelli, Legal Counsel

The Board met in regular session in the Commission Chambers of the Washoe County Administration Complex, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, which motion duly carried, Chairman Humke ordered that the agenda for the August 19, 2003, meeting be approved.

03-39F MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORTS FOR JUNE AND JULY 2003

Commissioner Sferrazza requested year-to-date and month-to-date reports.

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, it was ordered that the Monthly Reports of Operations for June and July 2003 be accepted.

COMMISSIONERS'/CHIEF'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Neilson provided information concerning aerial support for wild land operations.

Commissioner Galloway had questions about the use of military aircraft in fighting fires. Commissioner Sferrazza requested confirmation that the Joint Fire Board determined they would only schedule their meetings on an as-needed basis, and items to be addressed by the Joint Fire Board would come before the Reno City Council and the TMFPD board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sam Dehne, local resident, voiced support for firefighters, but spoke against the bureaucracy that interferes with the process of fighting fires.

Al Hesson, area resident, addressed the need for citizens to pay attention to pedestrians to prevent further deaths and injuries.

Gary Schmidt, local citizen, addressed the Board regarding privately installed water tanks on private property and the possibility of using them for quick filling of fire equipment when fire emergencies occur.

Garth Elliott, Sun Valley resident, stated that Washoe County citizens are getting tired of over-regulation and now would be the time to do something about it.

COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS - REOPENED

Commissioner Sferrazza stated he is aware of the process by which criminal complaints are filed and has requested information from the District Attorney regarding the cases in Sun Valley.

Commissioner Galloway requested a future agenda item to address how the Fire Department makes arrangements with private citizens to use their water tanks.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

DAVID HUMKE, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

AMY HARVEY, Washoe County Clerk
and Ex Officio Clerk, Truckee Meadows
Fire Protection District

*Prepared by
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