

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

TUESDAY

4:15 P.M.

JULY 11, 2006

PRESENT:

Bob Larkin, Chairman
Bonnie Weber, Vice Chairman
Jim Galloway, Commissioner
David Humke, Commissioner

Amy Harvey, County Clerk
John Berkich, Assistant County Manager
Melanie Foster, Legal Counsel
Marty Scheuerman, Division Chief

ABSENT:

Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner

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:

06-34F AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, on motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Chairman Larkin, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, it was ordered that the agenda for the July 11, 2006 meeting be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Juanita Cox referenced a program that aired on local television regarding the Andrew Lane Fire.

Sam Dehne explained why he referred to himself as the Encyclopedia of Reno Government.

Gary Schmidt said copies of the video *The Fire Still Burns* were available, and he planned on distributing them to Citizen Advisory Boards.

COMMISSIONERS'/MANAGER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Weber requested a meeting with the Chiefs of the Volunteer Fire Departments.

Commissioner Galloway requested a policy or data on how calls were dispatched to volunteers when a regular unit could not respond within a certain amount of time. Marty Scheuerman, Division Chief, replied a career unit always responded within the District when dispatched. He said he would provide an overview on how the District responded to incidents.

06-35F VOLUNTEER/AUXILIARY REPORT - JUNE 2006

Commissioner Weber said issues and concerns were brought to her attention from several of the Volunteer Fire Departments. She asked why it took so long to perform background checks on potential volunteers and why it took so long for equipment to get repaired. She added the equipment was not always returned to the volunteers after the repairs had been completed. Marty Scheuerman, Division Chief, requested specifics so these issues and concerns could be addressed and corrected if necessary. He indicated, if the Joint Fire Advisory Board meeting was not convenient for the volunteers to attend, the District would attempt to plan an evening meeting.

In response to the call for public comment, Gary Schmidt discussed the volunteers' concerns.

On motion by Commissioner Humke, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the Volunteer/Auxiliary Report for June 2006 be accepted.

06-36F REPORT - REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSE TIMES

Marty Scheuerman, Division Chief, presented the response times for the Reno Fire Department and the Truckee Meadows Fire Department as stated in the report dated June 13, 2006, which was placed on file with the Clerk. He said the study was an outgrowth of a request from the Board that came after a report in the *Reno Gazette-Journal*. He said staff looked at all of the response times prior to consolidation, the call distribution, and how criteria was set. Chief Scheuerman explained how the response time was calculated and the national standards.

Chairman Larkin asked how much it would cost to move to a four-minute response time within the community. Chief Scheuerman replied it would cost approximately \$15-million for a new station, equipment, and staff. Chairman Larkin asked if the community was safe, and Chief Scheuerman replied it was.

Commissioner Galloway requested a breakdown between rural and urban responses. Chief Scheuerman said the current reporting system did not allow for that. He said, in order to do that, staff would need to identify each individual address and separate the rural and urban calls. Commissioner Galloway suggested an upgrade in software, and Chief Scheuerman agreed that was needed.

In response to the call for public comment, Gary Schmidt noted he had requested the support documentation for this agenda item in advance and was not provided this report. He also noted that the binder, located in the chambers that contained the back-up material, did not have the report. He remarked that was an Open Meeting Law violation, and he was entitled to the report upon request.

On motion by Commissioner Weber, seconded by Commissioner Galloway, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that the report on response times for the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District be accepted.

**06-37F APPOINTMENT - JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE -
REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

On motion by Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Weber, which motion duly carried with Commissioner Sferrazza absent, Chairman Larkin ordered that Paul Hefner, Washoe County Fire Coordinator, be appointed to the Joint Operating Committee (JOC) of the Washoe County Regional Communication System (WCRCS), as the Truckee Meadows Fire District Representative, to replace Tom Gadd, Public Works Director.

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

ROBERT M. LARKIN, Chairman
Truckee Meadows Fire
Protection District

ATTEST:

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

*Minutes Prepared By
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