

Pennington County Fire Service Board Meeting

May 14, 2008

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Chairperson Gail Schmidt called the Pennington County Fire Service Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the EOC Room in the basement of the County Courthouse. Members present were: Denny Gorton, Anthony Carbajal, Paul Johnson, Steve Keegan, Gail Schmidt, Kendall Kjerstad, Leah Thibeau and Lee Scott. Guests Mark Enright, Rapid Valley VFD; Tim Kobes, Rapid Valley VFD; Duane Hofer, North Haines VFD; Rob Lehmann, North Haines VFD; and Paul Smith, Rockerville VFD; Robby Creqt, Athletic Club; Doug Pavel, ESCC; Brent Kolstad, SDOEM; Tom Jaros, WDT Fire Science.

PAST MEETINGS MINUTES: Motion Johnson, and second Kjerstad to approve the April 9, 2008 minutes. Motion Carried.

BUDGET REPORTS: Motion Johnson, and second Carbajal to approve the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pro-Active: (Tjaden, Chair; Stephens, Carbajal)

- a. Gel Upgrade for engines- Schmidt reported that she was unable to attend the Gel Demo Day. Schmidt was looking for any input on how the demonstrations went. Gorton reported that the back packs were very heavy and had some degree of difficulty getting the pack on. It was mentioned that as the pack was being used the weight of the unit got lighter. There were many types of demonstrations that included all the application appliances, methods, and techniques. Gorton said that he will draft a letter to the chiefs that includes the different systems available and the dollars amounts for cost sharing etc. It was also said that a deadline of June will be required for all departments that are interested in participating.
- b. Recruitment and Retention- Gorton mentioned that Leah will be getting with Mikki in IT about posting the firefighter survey online. It was said that the first part of the survey will be mailed to the chiefs separately with a flyer explaining that the survey is available on line for the rest of the department.

Vehicle Replacement: (Chair, Keegan)

- a. Wildland Fire Trucks – Nothing at this time

Accident Review: (Schmidt- Chair, Light, Johnson)

- a. Accident Reports – Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Communications Update: Pavel discussed the PSIC grant and the options that are available to the departments. The grant would require each department to provide a 20 percent match for the amount of radios needed. Schmidt asked that each department get a radio count and give that information to Pam in Emergency Management or to the Radio Techs at the County. The Fire Service Board will not require any information and will handle the match for the departments that are interested.

County Shared fire vehicle maintenance personnel: Gorton said that he meet with the Board of Commissioners at a budget hearing this past week. Nothing was decided at that time everything will be determined at a later date. Both Fire Service Board and Rapid City Fire will include the cost into their 2009 budgets. Amount to budget should be \$22,500 for part time. Nothing has been decided about a vehicle, shop location, hiring date, etc.

Long Range Planning, Goals, Mission Statement:

Automatic Mutual Aid: Gorton said that Rockerville has completed their map and is getting ready to meet with the chiefs for approval. Smith identified 3 zones for Automatic Mutual Aid. As soon as the map is reviewed and finalized by the department chiefs smith will submit it to Ted in dispatch. Gorton mentioned to those departments that have not received their maps to please see him after the meeting.

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Commissioners Report: Nothing at this time.

Emergency Management Report: Anthony reported that he spoke with Tom from Public Safety Equipment in regards to the siren retrofit. The completion date is July 15th. July 1st through the 15th the American Signal engineer will be testing and certifying the system..

Call Types List from Dispatch: In the agenda there is a complete list of call types from dispatch that included Fire and EMS.

Public Safety Communication Council Update: Nothing at this time.

NEW REQUESTS: Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion Carbajal, second Keegan to adjourn. Carried.