

# Fire Commission Meeting

Middleton Fire District

City of Middleton, Town of Middleton, Town of Springfield, Town of Westport

**Thursday, May 15, 2014**

**6:00 PM**

**MIFD Station 1**

**7600 University Avenue**

**Middleton, WI**

**Commission Members Present:** Ken Sipsma, Julie Brunette, Dan Dresen, Milo Breunig, Howard Teal

**Commission Members Absent:** None.

**Officers Present:** Chief Aaron Harris, Assistant Chief Gary Gillitzer, Battalion Chief Brad Subera, Battalion Chief Randy Acker, Battalion Chief Jesse Schluter, Captain Mark Kampe, Captain Matt Reigel

**Others Present:** Mary Roessler

The meeting was called to order by Sipsma at 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of the May 15<sup>th</sup> Agenda Posting**
  - Motion made by Breunig and seconded by Dresen to approve the May 15<sup>th</sup> Agenda posting. Roessler confirmed the agenda was properly posted. Motion passed.
- 2. Approval of the April 17<sup>th</sup> Minutes**
  - Motion made by Brunette and seconded by Dresen to approve the April 17<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Motion passed.
- 3. Personnel Report**
  - Harris reported personnel numbers totaling 106 and include: 71 Firefighters, 17 Rehab Technicians, 6 Fire Corps, and 12 Junior Firefighters.
  - Harris noted that two inactive Firefighters recently stepped down.
- 4. MIFD Operations Report**
  - Harris reported that there have been 42 calls since the last meeting.
  - Harris showed photos and reported on the following notable incidents since the last meeting:
    - Hubbard Street Diner – small kitchen explosion
    - Middleton Hills – structure fire
  - Breunig inquired about the brush fire in the Town of Middleton. Harris noted this was an 80 acre prescribed burn in Ice Age Trail with many spot fires left burning at night and smoke going throughout the Noll Valley neighborhood. The MIFD extinguished the large spot fires and the County Maintenance Representative responsible for the fire worked the next day to put out the remaining smaller spot fires.
  - Harris noted the following activities that many MIFD personnel participated in:
    - Police Citizen Academy
    - Prairie Burns. Completed over 40 prairie burns. Middleton Fire Company No. 1 has brought in about \$6,000 and money continues to come in. This money is used to purchase equipment and support Fire Company operations.
    - Slow Down campaign
    - Blood Drive held at Station 1
    - Construction benefiting Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM). The MIFD won the celebrity choice award.
    - Hose testing - Gillitzer did a very efficient job of organizing and performing the test with just under 16,000 feet of hose tested. This test is required annually.
  - Harris reported that MATC's current training tower is being replaced and Middleton Fire Company No. 1 is working on acquiring it for training purposes. Harris will continue discussions and keep the Commission informed.
- 5. Proposed Modification to Station 2 Lease – Rod Zubella. Discussion/Action**

- Breunig reported that his Town Board will be obtaining additional information regarding who will be designing the building, exact location, and cost estimates before any action will be required by the Commission.
  - Motion made by Dresen and seconded by Brunette to postpone this item until Breunig asks that it be put back on the agenda. Motion passed.
- 6. Preliminary discussion regarding Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV)**
- Harris reported that they have been researching different options for the Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) and gave details of potential features.
- 7. Update on Pre-Alert Page and Page Delay Concerns**
- Harris played a sample pre-alert page and a regular page with a few additional details. The average time savings using the pre-alert page is approximately 1 ½ minutes. If able to move forward with the automatic computer generated pre-alert page, that will potentially save another 25 seconds, with a total estimated savings of about 2 minutes. Harris is happy with the results of the pre-alert test roll out that began on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - There was a discussion regarding concerns with the progression of this important public safety issue and the Commission will continue to monitor this issue through completion.
  - Harris noted that as of last Monday, Dane County has a better level of care due to pre-alerting.
- 8. Approval of Monthly Bills. Discussion/Action**
- Motion made by Brunette and seconded by Breunig to approve the May monthly bills. Motion passed.
- 9. Correspondence/Communication Update**
- Roessler shared an article from the Wisconsin Fire Journal that included a thank you to Chief Harris and the entire Middleton Fire Department for their excellent assistance at the recent Wisconsin State Firefighter Association Conference.
- 10. Proposal of Future Agenda Items**
- None.
- 11. Motion to Adjourn**
- Motion made by Dresen and seconded by Brunette to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Minutes submitted by Mary Roessler.



Mary Roessler  
Secretary

Approved: June 19, 2014