

## Fire Commission Meeting

Middleton Fire District

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

**Thursday, December 18, 2014**

**6:00 PM**

**MIFD Station 1**

**7600 University Avenue**

**Middleton, WI**

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

**Commission Members Absent:** None.

**Officers Present:** Chief Aaron Harris, Assistant Chief Gary Gillitzer, Battalion Chief Brad Subera, Battalion Chief Jesse Schluter, Captain Mark Kampe, Captain Matt Reigel, Captain John Maasch, Lieutenant Willie Salzmann

**Others Present:** Mary Roessler

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

**1. Approval of the December 18<sup>th</sup> Agenda Posting**

- Motion made by Breunig and seconded by Brunette to approve the December 18<sup>th</sup> Agenda posting. Roessler confirmed that it was properly posted. Motion passed.

**2. Approval of the November 20<sup>th</sup> Minutes**

- Motion made by Dresen and seconded by Brunette to approve the November 20<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Motion passed. Breunig abstained as he was not at the last meeting.

**3. Personnel Report**

- Harris reported that the MIFD is down one Firefighter due to a resignation. Harris also noted that the MIFD will be bringing on a few more Firefighters. One is a former MIFD associate that recently moved back to the area. Another one is Benny Nevarez, a current Junior Firefighter, who will be brought on once he graduates from Middleton High School.
- Harris noted that Blake Rickert and his family stopped at Station 1 today and brought treats and a book of Blake's story as appreciation. Blake was the 2014 honoree for Battle of the Badges.

**4. MIFD Operations Report**

- Harris stated that there have been 53 calls since the last meeting including the below notable call:
  - Airplane crash at Morey's Airport. The MIFD helped with security, contacted the FAA, took photographs, and up-righted the plane. Both occupants were able to get out of the plane and they were transported to the hospital.
- Harris noted that there have been 583 incidents year-to-date, compared to 597 at same point last year. 2013 had a total of 621 incidents, so this year we will likely be slightly below that.
- Harris reported that MG&E provided a detailed report from their recent energy audit. The report provided several suggestions that will be considered to help conserve energy.

**5. Sale of Miscellaneous Used District Equipment. Discussion/Action**

- Harris distributed a MIFD Used Equipment List (attached) with items that are no longer needed or useful for the MIFD. The potential sale of any of these items would go into the miscellaneous income account.
- Motion made by Brunette and seconded by Breunig to approve the sale of items on the MIFD used Equipment List and other miscellaneous items. Motion passed.

- 6. Update on Pre-Alert Page and Page Delay Concerns (Standing Item)**
- Harris reported that John Dejung announced yesterday that the equipment for automation has been ordered. Once this is operational, there may be another 19 seconds or so of time to harvest. Harris noted that with the automation system in place and if the caller knows the address of the emergency, the national standards can be met.
  - Harris also noted that the Dane County Fire Chief's Association will be taking the lead on the issue of borderless dispatching. Chief Davis, of the City of Madison Fire Department, gave a presentation last night and seems willing to participate. Harris noted that with certain calls of substance near the border of different fire departments, it may make sense to send both Departments. This is called automatic aid and can also potentially save certain homeowners significant money on homeowner insurance. Harris noted that there would only be minor financial implications and it would be reciprocal so it would benefit the MIFD.
  - Commissioners noted that this item can be removed as a standing item.
- 7. Approval of Monthly Bills. Discussion/Action**
- Motion made by Dresen and seconded by Breunig to approve the December monthly bills. Motion passed.
- 8. Correspondence/Communication Update**
- Roessler reported that thank you notes were received from:  
**General Public:**
    - Peter Batt (age 4) wrote a thank you note and made a fire truck ornament for Subera for a recent tour of Station 1.
- 9. Proposal of Future Agenda Items**
- None noted.
- 10. Motion to Adjourn**
- Motion made by Teal and seconded by Dresen to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Minutes submitted by Mary Roessler.



Mary Roessler  
Secretary

Approved: January 15, 2015

# MIFD Used Equipment List

- Cell phones and accessories (cases, chargers, etc.)
- Turn out gear
- Radios and chargers
- Pagers and chargers
- Panasonic Toughbook computers
- Toughbook apparatus mounts
- Miscellaneous computers, computer monitors, printers, fax machines and accessories (i.e. modems, cables, etc.).
- TV
- SCBA cases (5)
- Miscellaneous building supplies (i.e. lights, doors, shower flooring, etc.)
- F350 tailgate
- File cabinets
- Metal shelving unit
- Desk
- Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) system (2)