

Fire Commission Meeting

Middleton Fire District

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

Thursday, June 18, 2015

6:00 PM

MIFD Station 1

7600 University Avenue

Middleton, WI

Commission Members Present: Ken Sipsma, Dan Dresen, Julie Brunette, Bill Kolar, Howard Teal

Commission Members Absent: None.

Officers Present: Chief Aaron Harris, Battalion Chief Brad Subera, Battalion Chief Jesse Schluter, Captain Mark Kampe

Others Present: Mary Roessler

The meeting was called to order by Sipsma at 6:03 p.m.

1. Approval of the May 21st Agenda Posting

- Motion made by Brunette and seconded by Dresen to approve the June 18th Agenda posting. Roessler confirmed it was properly posted. Motion passed.

2. Approval of the May 21st Minutes

- Motion made by Dresen and seconded by Kolar to approve the May 21st Minutes. Motion passed.

3. Personnel Report

- Harris reported that the personnel count remains the same at 113, and includes 82 Firefighters, 18 Rehab Technicians, 3 Fire Corps, and 10 Junior Firefighters.
- Harris noted that the Training Tower has been taken down, transported, and is now in our possession. This was paid for my Middleton Fire Company No. 1. Steve Kalscheur, from UW Provisions, will let us store it on their land for now. Funding options were discussed for some additional expenses including siding, landscaping, parking and moving of a hydrant.
- Harris reported that earlier this week, he and several MIFD Associates participated in an ATF study headed up by ATF Special Agent Bill Fulton. This study consisted of identical burns inside a dorm hall in Downers Grove, IL and compared Ultra High Pressure to conventional fire attack methods. Harris stated that the initial results look favorable and more detailed reports and data will follow when available.
- Harris invited all Commissioners to the training burn this Saturday, June 20th. Battalion Chief Schluter is heading up this burn and noted that it will start about 7:30 a.m. with about 9 or 10 burns, then letting the house go late morning/noon. There will likely be many spectators so speakers will be set up so everyone can hear the radio traffic. Terrance Wall donated this property to the MIFD.

4. MIFD Operations Report

- Harris reported on the recent drone deployment that was used to find a robbery suspect near Tiedemann's Pond. Teal inquired about authority to fly and Harris noted we have Josh Larson working on a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and possible FFA approval. Harris also noted that the drone is programmed to be locked out of specific heights and distances. Battalion Chief Schluter also noted that a \$1,500 donation was recently received from Robert Zache (Central Place Real Estate) to purchase another drone.

5. Review 5/21/15 Vehicle Rollover Accident/Fire Incident Open Records Request

- Harris distributed CAD information on the call and a discussion followed.
- Harris noted that the City of Madison is now pre-alerting 100 percent of their calls.
- Harris reported that Pre-alerting is saving valuable time and once automation is in place, there will be some additional time savings of approximately 10 – 19 seconds.

6. **Approval of Monthly Bills. Discussion/Action**
 - Motion made by Dresen and seconded by Brunette to approve the June monthly bills. Motion passed.

7. **Correspondence/Communication Update**
 - Roessler reported that thank you notes were received from:
General Public:
 - A student thanking Chief Harris for letting her interview him and helping with her school project.
 - MHS Lacrosse Team for an official fire truck escort out of town to play in the State Championship game.

8. **Proposal of Future Agenda Items**
 - Update on drone operation.

9. **Motion to Adjourn**
 - Motion made by Dresen and seconded by Kolar to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

June 18th, 2015 Minutes submitted by Mary Roessler.



Mary Roessler
Secretary

Approved: July 17, 2015