

GOLDEN GATE FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT

COMMISSION MEETING

January 8, 2014

THESE MINUTES ARE JUST HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING. REFER TO THE RECORDING IF MORE INFORMATION IS NEEDED.

The board meeting of the Golden Gate Fire Commissioners convened at 5:30 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. The following

Commissioners were present: Chairman David Stedman
Commissioner Kevin Gerrity
Commissioner Chuck McMahon

The following were in attendance:

Assistant Chief Nolan Sapp	Chief Kingman Schuldt	EN Dir Tara Bishop
Pat Meulenberg	Susan Morris	Jim Horner
FCO Ed Riley	FM/DC Nick Biondo	FF Brian Mading
Union Pres Chris Tobin	NNFD Com Jim Burke	Michele Packard
Bill Ramsey	Michael Ramsey	NNFD PIO Jerry Sanford
George Danz	Chief Dick Knopf	Eng Chris Rossi
BC Dean Anderson	CC Com Tom Henning	EN Com Brian Cross
EN Com Steve Hemping	EN Com Jeff Page	EN Charlie Cottiers

Total in attendance: 27

LINE OF DUTY DEATH READING AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Chief Schuldt read the names of the fallen firefighters for the month of December:

Charles A. Pierson age: 76 date of death: 12/07/2013
Matt Frantz age: 42 date of death: 12/09/2013
Terry Richard "Dick" Guss, Sr. age: 72 date of death: 12/15/2013
Jeff Little age: 50 date of death: 12/15/2013
Joshua T. Smith age: 25 death date: 12/14/2013
John J. Wayman, Sr. age 69 date of death: 12/15/2013
Jon Schondelmayer age: 44 date of death: 12/18/13
David Lidke age: 51 date of death: 12/23/2013
Jeffrey Lee Fields age: 51 date of death: 12/25/13

Chief shared there are 101 fatalities to date that have been reported to the United States Fire Administration for the calendar year 2013. A moment of silence was observed.

APPROVAL, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEDMAN FOR DISCUSSION.

Commissioner Stedman requested clarification if the motion was for the GGFD Agenda only and not for the Joint Agenda. It was confirmed the motion was for the GGFD Agenda only approval.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES 10/9/2013 regular meeting:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER STEDMAN TO ACCEPT THE PAST MINUTES OF 10/9/13 AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON. MOTION PASSED 2 TO 1 WITH COMMISSIONER MCMAHON AS THE DISSENTING VOTE.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES 12/11/2013 regular meeting:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON TO ACCEPT THE PAST MINUTES OF 12/11/13 AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEDMAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURER'S REPORT/EXPENDITURES:

Commissioner McMahan commented he did not review the information and requested to come back to it. Chairman Gerrity moved the item after New Business.

CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS:

Chief Schuldt invited Susan Morris to join him at the podium in recognition of her ten years of service to the district. Chief shared kind words and asked Assistant Chief Sapp to also say a few words. Susan was recently given the title of Administrative Assistant to Assistant Chief Sapp. More humorous kind words followed by a round of congrats and applause.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Schuldt shared Retired Fire Chief Richard Knop from Lancaster, Texas was in the audience this evening with Chief George Danz. Chief and the Board extended a warm welcome to him and thanked him for attending tonight's meeting.

Chief advised he would hold off on the merger items for now.

The reclassification of the East Naples Captains to Battalion Chiefs has been completed. The reclassification of the East Naples Fire and Life Safety Captain to Division Chief is currently under way. The application and writing assignment portion is complete. The assessment process is scheduled and anticipated reclassification process to be complete by mid January.

Staff continues to work with County EMS to assess deployment options and support enhanced fire and EMS capabilities within the joint districts for the ALS Program. The East Naples program is under development and a Golden Gate draft interlocal agreement remains with the County for review.

They have been working hard to codify the effort to join together the SOP committee and the Health and Safety Committee to come under the joint labor management. Policies and procedures committees have agreed to begin drafting a single manual for the governance of all policies and procedures. A transition plan has been drafted that will facilitate the needs of both organizations until such time the merger is complete.

The Executive Staff and Local 2396 have agreed that promotional testing for the ranks of Driver/Engineer and Lieutenant will be conducted during the month of April. The intention is to blend the testing process together for both Divisions. Initially two separate eligibility lists will be established allowing for a consolidation post merger.

Chief acknowledged two special events over the holidays, the annual Toy Drive Command and the Christmas Eve Santa's Candy Cane Giveaway. Both events were great successes and the employees who helped make the events happen were noted and thanked.

Chief advised he will be attending the SEAFCA Board meeting in Birmingham, Alabama January 9-11. January 22-25 he will be attending the FFCA Fire Rescue East in Daytona Beach, Florida. He advised he will be utilizing his assigned District vehicle. All other costs are covered by the SEAFCA and the FFCA.

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Chief advised the group met last month and were updated on the merger. The committee is looking for Nicole Chesser to schedule future quarterly meetings.

OTHER REPORTS:

No other reports were noted.

LOCAL 2396 LABOR REPORTS:

Union President Tobin reported they had small issues that they were able to work through with the Chief and Assistant Chief and all seemed well.

CONSOLIDATION ISSUES:

Chairman Gerrity requested to skip consolidation issues as they would be discussing them at the Joint Meeting and asked to go directly to the next item.

9/11 MEMORIAL:

Union President Tobin extended special acknowledgement to NNFd PIO Jerry Sanford, the Memorial Foundation and the retired firefighters for all their hard work and good will credited to the 9/11 Memorial. Tobin reported many ideas had been discussed and working together with the Chief, Assistant Chief and the Director, they drafted a Memorandum of Understanding for the Collier County 9-11 Memorial payroll deduction. The draft was presented to the Board tonight. The money collected by the District will be presented to the Freedom Memorial Fund annually in the month of September. NNFd PIO Jerry Sanford thanked Commissioner Gerrity and Union President Tobin for bringing the idea to their attention and shared pictures from the Cleveland Memorial. PIO Sanford extended thanks to the Board and to everyone for their help. He added all the paper work has been submitted and they are waiting on the final blessing for the Freedom Memorial Foundation of Florida 501C.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER STEDMAN TO ACCEPT THE MOU COLLIER COUNTY 9/11 MEMORIAL DIRECT DEPOSIT. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON TO RECESS THE REGULAR GGFD BOFC MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. TO BEGIN THE SCHEDULED JOINT BOARD MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STEDMAN. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairman Gerrity recalled the GGFD BOFC Meeting back to order at 7:10 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT/EXPENDITURES:

Commissioner McMahon advised all the expenditures were reviewed and checks had been signed. The auditor will be at headquarters starting January 15 and as soon as he receives the updated worksheet from the District he will bring it back to the Board.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC AND COMMISSIONERS:

There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner McMahon extended thanks to everyone for their hard work regarding the Toy Drive and the Christmas Eve Day Santa/Candy Cane Drive. He appreciated all their efforts to make them happen. He thanked all involved in the 9/11 Memorial Fund and the work involved to get the payroll deduction completed for it.

Commissioner Stedman wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chairman Gerrity thanked Commissioner Stedman for his background work regarding future items to discuss dealing with the merger.

ITEMS FOR NEXT BOFC MEETING AGENDA (NOVEMBER 13, 2013):

Chairman Gerrity advised he would not be at the February GGFD BOFC Meeting but could be available by phone if needed.

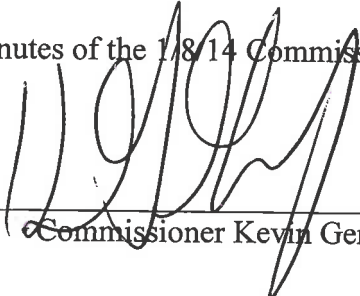
Nothing else was noted.

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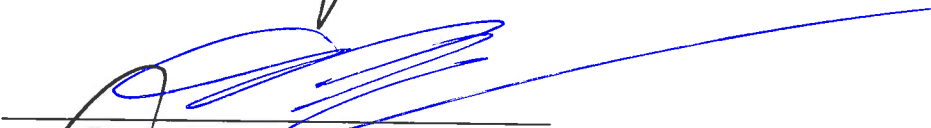
A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER STEDMAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:15 P.M. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCMAHON. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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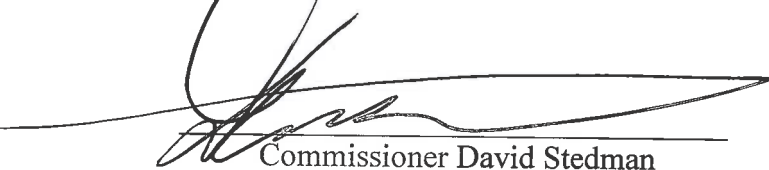
Minutes of the 1/8/14 Commission Meeting were approved on 2/12/14.



Commissioner Kevin Gerrity



Commissioner Charles McMahon



Commissioner David Stedman