

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
**GOLDEN GATE FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT**  
**14575 COLLIER BLVD. NAPLES, FLORIDA**  
**MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: August 13, 2014

TIME: 5:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Present were Chairman Gerrity along with Commissioners Stedman and McMahon. In attendance were Chief Schuldt, Assistant Chief Sapp, Deputy Director Bishop, Division Chief Hanson, Administrative Assistant Packard and Executive Assistant Chesser, HR Specialist Debbie Schwarz, Captain Rusty Godette and family, and Chris Tobin. Others were in attendance but did not sign in.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**

Chairman Gerrity opened the meeting at 5:48 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Commissioner Stedman.

**2. Line of Duty Death Reading and Moment of Silence**

Chief Schuldt stated that there were a total of 5 FF fatalities for the month of July, bringing the total for 2014 to 52 followed by a moment of silence.

**3. Agenda Approval – Changes, Additions and/or Deletions**

Director Bishop requested the addition of Fire Inspections per Commissioner McMahon's request to 11. New Business, B.

Chairman Gerrity requested the addition of Health Care to 10. Old Business, A. Consolidation Issues, 2.

Commissioner McMahon moved to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**4. Approval of Past Minutes: 07/9/2014 Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the minutes as presented for the July 9, 2014 regular meeting. Commissioner McMahon seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**5. Treasurer's Report/Expenditure**

Director Bishop reported that everything is looking as expected, no significant expenses.

Commissioner McMahon moved to approve the expenditures as presented. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**6. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner McMahon seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

A. Operations Report- Assistant Chief Sapp

B. Logistics Report - Deputy Chief Biondo

1. Fire and Life Safety Report - Division Chief Hanson

C. Administration and Finance - Director Bishop

D. At-A-Boy

1. City of Marco Island Thank You: Appreciation to Captain Rusty Godette and Lieutenant Kevin Schoch for being evaluators during Engineer promotional testing.

**7. Awards and Recognition**

**A. 15 Year Service Award – Captain Rusty Godette**

Chief Schuldt and Asst. Chief Sapp recognized Captain Rusty Godette with a plaque and pin for his 15 years of service to the District.

**8. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Schuldt**

Chief Schuldt highlighted on the following:

- The Chief participated in a webinar with Dr. Pat Lynch in reference to the merger through the IAFC.
- A weekly email blast has been initiated where members of the community can sign up through the District website. As a result of the first email blast going out, the merger playbook was viewed 215 times.
- Three town hall meetings have been held in the last month to provide information on the potential annexation with Isles of Capri in the hope of a successful referendum vote August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Division Chief Hanson is working on a transition plan to handle routine fire inspections for Isle of Capri with a tentative start date of October 1st.
- Effective August 4<sup>th</sup>, all plans review for East Naples and Golden Gate are under the County Growth Management Division; the Fire Code Office is physically closed.
- The ALS training program continues; ENFD division is testing with Collier County EMS to prepare for the implementation. The Golden Gate Division currently has 17 members signed up to participate in the program which will begin once the East division is up and running.
- Fire inspector interviews were held on July 31, 2014 and firefighter interviews will be held on August 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The joint district has begun collecting for the Annual Sneaker Drive. Monetary or new sneaker donations will be accepted until September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Squad 72 has been up and running for a couple of weeks. A fire apparatus and crew is soon to be stationed at EMS station 75.
- The promotional testing for driver/engineer has been completed with new eligibility lists and the promotional testing for lieutenant is in process.

Commissioner Stedman stated that a citizen questioned him about the difficulty of getting information from the website. Chief Schuldt responded by saying that work is being done to get everything linked to one website which will make things easier to locate.

Commissioner Stedman also questioned if the same crews are being placed on the squad and thinks that personnel should be rotated. Asst. Chief Sapp will make sure that the personnel don't feel stuck on the squad.

Chairman Gerrity requested seeing more data to justify what we are doing with apparatus deployment. He would like to see a breakdown by shift of turnout time per unit. And then response time by unit by shift. We should be able to see a drop in response time. There was a long discussion on this topic.

**9. Local 2396 Labor Report**

Nothing significant to report.

**10. Old Business:**

**A. Consolidation Issues – Chairman Gerrity**

**1. Cost Savings Worksheet**

The Joint District has realized a net savings of \$658,544.93.

**2. Health Care – Chairman Gerrity**

Chairman Gerrity requested Director Bishop provide an update on the discussion of the healthcare benefits at the ENFD BOFC meeting.

Director Bishop stated that Chairman Hemping recommended the Board put a transition plan into place whereas both districts move into a self funded plan effective October 1, 2014.

Don Raimsey from Leading Edge (ENFD broker) spoke in opposition to this recommendation stating that it would be best to wait until the merger passes and then go our through an RFP process in order to secure a broker and put out to the broker what options the merged district would like to see in plan design. It was also mentioned that the Districts would have to sign a year contract if a self insured model was chosen. The Districts can go month to month on a fully insured model which would make it easier to move into a new plan once the Districts merged. Golden Gate was presented with a plan this year which is similar to East Naples current plan which aligns them closer for a merged renewal. The ENFD board decided to continue with the renewal process as is. After some discussion, the Commissioners decided to do the same and continue with the renewal process as is.

**11. New Business:**

**A. AIW – Fire Station Alerting – Asst. Chief Sapp**

Asst. Chief Sapp reported that the District is in need of an upgrade in the fire station alerting process. The Sheriff's office is paying for the initial equipment purchase. The fire district is responsible for any equipment beyond what the Sheriff's office purchases and the annual maintenance for the receiver. Many of the fire stations are in dire need of an upgrade and inclusion of speakers where there are none. The request is for the purchase and installation of new speakers and required amps to drive the audio output into the stations.

Commissioner Stedman moved to approve the purchase and installation of the upgraded speaker and amplifiers for all of the stations of the Golden Gate Division at the quoted price of \$18,453.00. Commissioner McMahon seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

**B. Fire Inspections – Commissioner McMahon**

Commissioner McMahon stated that he had a contractor call him and state that he could not get his inspection and had to go online to schedule an inspection. He started this process last Friday. Commissioner McMahon thought that we were moving where an inspection can be scheduled for the next day. Chief Schuldt responded by stating a decision was made to go electronic to make it more consistent since each fire district was handling their inspection process differently. Staff will look at different options to help address the issues. He also stated that anyone having difficulty will be helped along with the process via phone. Commissioner McMahon stated that he would like to see if we can use the County's phone automated system; this system works very well. Division Chief Hanson stated that there is a possibility of using the same system as the County but it will take time to get it into place.

**12. Comments from Public and Commissioners**

Commissioner McMahon thanked all the staff and firefighters for their hard work and although he remains skeptical, he thinks that this thing might come together. Everyone is doing a good job putting it together.


**13. Items for Next BOFC Meeting Agenda (September 9, 2014)**

Commissioner Stedman requested a locution presentation.

Chairman Gerrity requested reminders be sent out to the Commissioners a day prior to meetings in the future.


**Adjourn**

Commissioner McMahon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

  
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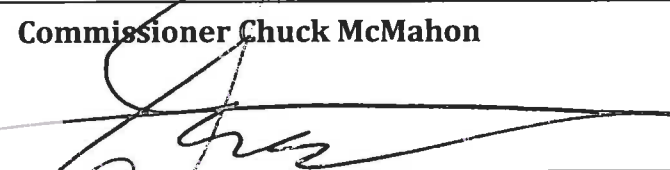
**Chairman Kevin Gerrity**

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**Commissioner Chuck McMahon**

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**Commissioner David Stedman**

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