

MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 15, 2016

MEETING OPENED

Chairman Page called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners at 5:28 pm on November 15, 2016 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Chairman Page, Commissioners Cross, Gerrity, Hemping, Stedman, Cottiers, Boyer and McMahon. Executive staff in attendance: Chief Schuldt, Chief McLaughlin, Assistant Chief Sapp, Deputy Chief Low, Division Chief Hanson, Deputy Directors Bishop and Martin. Staff in attendance: Nicole Chesser, Trenton Mading, Josh Williams, Matt Nixon, Chris Diaz, Greg Baker, Eugene Bogart, Trenton Mading, Bill Packard, Khris Klock, Charlie Heweker, Brian Mading and Harry Zafiris. Members of the public included: Len Price, Robert Craig, Donna Dolan, Jean Kunkle, George Danz and Bill McDaniel. Others were in attendance but did not sign in.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Chairman Page opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Pastor Jack Strom.

B. Line of Duty Deaths Reading and Moment of Silence

Chief Schuldt reported there were a total 5 of Firefighter fatalities for the month of October, bringing the total for 2016 to 72, followed by a moment of silence.

C. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

No additions or deletions.

D. Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Hemping moved to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

E. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for October 11, 2016

Commissioner Hemping moved to approve the board minutes for the October 11, 2016 regular BOFC meeting. Commissioner McMahon seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

F. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Operations Section Report – Assistant Chief Sapp
3. Administration and Finance Section Report – Deputy Director Bishop
4. Planning Section Report – Deputy Chief Martin
5. Logistics Section Report – Deputy Chief Low
6. Investigation Section Report – Division Chief Hanson
7. At-A-Boys and Thank You Notes
 - a. Shadowlawn Elementary – Station 22
 - b. North Naples Baptist Church – Station 20

G. Awards and Recognition:

1. Chief Schuldt thanked Mr. Robert Craig from the Ochopee Advisory Board and Ms. Len Price from Collier County for attending the board meeting.
2. Chief Schuldt acknowledged the following personnel not in attendance for their years of service:
 - FF's Marta Soto and Michael Zmejkoski -- one year of service.
 - DE Tim Garner -- 10 years of service.
 - LTs Jeffrey Roll and Forrest Campbell -- 15 years of service.
3. BC Eugene Bogart was recognized on his retirement.
4. Chief Schuldt announced this is Commissioner Chuck McMahon's final board meeting and thanked him for his 16 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Greater Naples.

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5. Introduction of the new Ochopee employees was made by Chief Schuldt.
 - Family members pinned the Firefighters with their new GNFD badges.
 - Chief McLaughlin presented Chief Schuldt command and personnel of the Ochopee Fire Control District.
 - Chief Schuldt presented the new employees their GNFD Shield.
 - Chief McLaughlin and BC Morris unveiled the seal of Ochopee to be added on the wall as part of the GNFD Family.
 - The new employees took the Greater Naples Fire District Oath of Office.

6. Ms. Len Price from Collier County was thanked for helping make the Ochopee transition a smooth one and was presented with a Fire Chief's challenge coin.

H. Fire Administration – Chief Schuldt

Fire Chief's Board Update

Chief Schuldt's reports on the following:

- Several members were recognized by the Naples Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution for their service. Lieutenant John Bigica was awarded the Life Safety Medal for his continued leadership in the execution of his duties as a Fire and Life Safety Inspector. Receiving the Emergency Medical Services medal were Driver/Engineers Jake Beckman, Acey Edgemon Jr., and Justin Beasley, Firefighters Erin Gill and Dennis Disarro, for their successful delivery of a newborn.
- Letters of condolence have been sent to all Fire Departments who suffered a line of duty death in the month of October.
- As of October 13th, tracking of quick response Squad has started. Squad 21 was in service 51.6% of time during the month of October and Rescue/Squad 72 was in service 22.5%. Between those two units we had at least one additional ALS quicker response type unit in service for 21 days. We are continuing to adjust personnel as needed.
- Interviews are currently underway for two Battalion Chiefs and transition of six Apprentice Firefighters to full-time status. Ongoing interviews are additionally underway for the addition of three Lieutenants, Captains and Driver/Engineers scheduled to be implemented in January. The Human Resource Branch is processing applications for up to nine new Apprentice Firefighters to begin in early 2017. All positions have already been approved in the FY 2016-2017 Budget.
- On-going meetings were held with all new State legislators regarding I-75 funding and overall District efforts and accomplishments. The District was also approved to present to the Local Delegation scheduled for November 17 for the purpose of addressing I-75 funding and recent District accomplishments.
- In regards to Ochopee, Director Bishop has been working closely with the County on the transfer of money over as well as the close out of Isles of Capri. Chief Schuldt emphasized we as a District are not expensing any GNFD funds to manage Ochopee. GNFD is working with a 3.2 million dollar fund from the County to pay for that operation.
- Commissioner Boyer brought up incident recovery for accidents on I-75, would that help offset some of the Ochopee expenses. More discussion followed on topic. Several Commissioners interested in reviewing revenue.
- GNFD's new District website has been activated and very well received by the membership and community. The new site includes enhanced functions that will support fire inspection requests and payment for services. With many enhanced features staff is

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confident the new website will support more effective outreach and communication with our employees, customers, and citizens.

- The District held four Open House events during the month of October; Stations 20, 70, 73 and 90. The District also participated in the Countywide Fire Prevention and Awareness event held at the Coastland Center Mall.
- Staff has completed their annual review of the Administrative Handbook and is preparing to bring changes to the Board at the December meeting for approval.
- GNFD has many Holiday events happening; Family Christmas party, Candy Cane Run, Holiday breakfast and Toy Give-A-Way. Please come out to join us and bring your family. Annual Awards Banquet will be held in February 2017.

I. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan – Chairman Arroyo

No report.

J. Local 2396 Report – Trenton Madding

- Impact bargaining is currently going on with the District due to the Ochopee merger.
- Congratulations to Steve, Jeff and Charlie on your election win and thank you Chuck for your 16 years of service.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Emergency Services Task Force Meeting – Commissioner Hemping

Commissioners Hemping reported next meeting is December 6, 2016 at North Collier Fire District.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017 Regular BOFC Meeting Dates – Deputy Director Bishop

Director presented the Board with a list of dates for the 2017 BOFC Meetings.

Motion to approve the proposed meeting dates by Commissioner Stedman, seconded by Commissioner Gerrity. Motion passed 8-0.

B. Lowering of the Millage Rate

- Commissioner Gerrity initiated discussion on lowering the millage rate since it was a principal goal of the merger or leave millage rate as is until we pay down debt.
- Commission Page would like to see loan payment accelerated so we can lower millage rate.
- Commissioner Boyer wants Station 25 to be built. Naples population is expected to grow 6000 people a year for the next 20 years. Cannot see lowering millage rate at this time.
Commissioner Boyer made a motion to give staff direction to start working on Station 25. Commissioner Cross seconded the motion. Motion Failed (Boyer) 1 – 7.
- Chief Schuldt replied that last year GNFD prepared and presented building new stations 2-3 times, but it has not been prioritized even though money has been allocated. A meeting with Chief Butcher is scheduled to discuss future collective needs.

C. Topics Initiated by the Board of Fire Commissioners

- Commissioner Boyer initiated discussion on implementing a fee for service to address costs associated with motor vehicle accidents specific to I-75.
- Commissioner Stedman expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Commissioner McMahon for being a good public servant.
- Commissioner Gerrity would like to see more conversation on the lowering of the millage rate and thanked Commissioner McMahon for his service.

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- Commissioner McMahon thanked everyone, including Staff, for all their hard work.

D. Public Comments

- Donna Dolan questioned how a “fee for service” would work as far as gathering information and submitting invoices for collection.
- Jeanie Kungle commented that the District could lose state funding in the Ochopee area if fees for service are collected in that area.
- George Danz congratulated all the commissioner who won the elections.

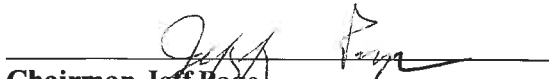
IV. SIGNATURE OF BOARD APPROVED ITEMS

1. GNFD Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 11, 2016

V. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stedman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Commissioner Cross seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Duly passed with a vote of 6 to 0 and adopted in session on the 15th day of November 2016.



Chairman Jeff Page



Commissioner Rob Boyer



Commissioner Charles Cottiers



Commissioner Brian Cross



Commissioner Kevin Gerrity



Commissioner Steve Hemping



Commissioner Tom Henning



Commissioner David Stedman