



MINUTES
GREATER NAPLES FIRE RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 10, 2018

MEETING OPENED

Chairman Cross called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District's Board of Fire Commissioners meeting at 5:30pm., on April 10, 2018 at Administrative Headquarters. Present were Chairman Cross, Commissioners Page, Boyer, Stedman, Gerrity, Cottiers and Henning. Executive Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Kingman Schuldt, Assistant Chief Sapp, and Deputy Director Bishop. Staff in attendance: Suanne Woeste, Nicole Chesser. Public in attendance: Charlie Heweker, Jarett Cotter, Matt Trent, Trenton Mading, George Danz, Sal D'Angelo, Khris Klock & Jim Burke. Others were in attendance but did not sign in.

A. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Chairman Cross opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation by Commissioner Gerrity.

B. Line of Duty Deaths Reading and Moment of Silence

Chief Schuldt reported there were a total of 13 Firefighter fatalities for the month of March, bringing the total for 2018 to 23 followed by a moment of silence.

C. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Deputy Director Bishop requested adding an Executive Session after Awards and Recognition. Commissioner Cottiers moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Approval of the GNFD Board Minutes for March 13, 2018

Commissioner Stedman moved to accept the minutes as presented. Commissioner Cottiers seconded the motion. Motion Passed 7-0.

E. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Gerrity moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Stedman seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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 McLaughlin
 - a. Facilities Report – Deputy Chief McLaughlin
 - b. Training and Special Operations Report – Deputy Chief Low
6. Investigation Section Report – Deputy Chief Hanson
7. Disposition of Fixed Assets 18-005 Radios

F. Awards and Recognition

Chief Schuldt presented awards and certificates to the following employees in attendance:

- 15 Year Service Award – Driver Engineer David Cranor
- Completion of Probation – Firefighter Ryan Mathwich
- Introduction of New Hires – Firefighters: Full Time Brad Frazier, Full Time Kristen King (transfer from Fire & Life Safety), Part Time Damon Fleming, Part Time Dakotah Gutierrez, and Part Time Nathan Pratt
- Acknowledged at the meeting but not in attendance were LT. J. Padilla – 15 Year Award, FF's T. McCarty and B. Packard – 5 Year Award, Completion of probation: FF's I. Saenz, A. Sikder, A. Trujillo and C. Uz

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*** Recess for Executive Session at 5:47pm. *** Board Meeting resumes at 6:24pm ***

G. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Schuldt

Chief Schuldt reported on the following:

- Governor Scott signed Bill 141 to continue FDOT MM63 Funding for another year. A long-term funding strategy will need to be developed for future years. Senator Passidomo remains committed to securing a solution for the next legislative session.
- Wildfires – During the period of March 21-29 the District was engaged in a significant wildfire event. Initiated by lightening in the Picayune State Forest at least five different fires burned within District lines. One home was destroyed with 12 successfully protected. The Fire Foundation participated in a fund-raising event for the family of the lost home.

H. Chapter 175 Firefighters' Pension Plan – Chairman Arroyo

- Trenton Mading stated he spoke with Chairman Arroyo and that he will have a report to present at May's meeting.

I. Local 2396 Report – President Trenton Mading

- Two open grievances waiting on legal opinions.
- Station 71 air conditioner will be fixed within 30 days.
- Chief Schuldt stated termites are still a problem at Station 70, working with County but it has been very challenging. Gerrity – Should we send letter to County? Boyer – Can employees be spreading them in gear, etc.? Cross – We need this issue resolved ASAP, along with the funds for Ochopee. Schuldt – I will address issues with County once more before Boards sends letter.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Emergency Services Task Force

Chief Schuldt stated the following items were discussed at the last meeting: continuation of merger, 2020 ballot, and frequency of the ESTF group meeting. Boyer – Questioned and compared the ESTF minutes from the March 13, 2018 BOFC Meeting to the minutes from the ESTF Meeting. Gerrity – ESTF doesn't give direction to the Chief, only the Board can do that. Cross – Reiterated no one can give direction in an ESTF meeting to Staff.

B. AIW – Employee Handbook Update – Deputy Director Martin

Commissioner Henning made a motion to adopt revised pages 20 and 21 of the Employee Handbook for Administrative Employees. Commissioner Cottiers seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. AIW – SHSGP Grant 2016 – Deputy Director Bishop

Commissioner Henning moved to authorize execution of the FY 2016 HSGP grant agreement. Commissioner Boyer seconded. Motion passed. 7-0.

B. AIW – SHSGP Grant 2017 – Deputy Director Bishop

Commissioner Stedman moved to authorize execution of the FY 2017 HSGP grant agreement. Commissioner Gerrity seconded. Motion passed. 7-0.

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- C. Resolution 2018-01 Acceptance of the Region 6 Mutual Aid Radio Communications**
Commissioner Boyer moved to approve Resolution 2018-01. Commissioner Henning seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- D. AIW – Asst. Chief Sapp**
Assistant Chief Sapp presented the second phase of the Communication Equipment Project that transitions our communications to all new P25 compliant equipment. *Commissioner Boyer moved to approved staff's recommendation, thereby releasing \$352,659.11 from reserves for the purchase of the new Communications equipment. Commissioner Henning seconded. Motion passed 7-0.*
- E. Public Comment on Items not listed on the Agenda**
- Resident James Rallis expressed his concerns to the Board about communications / notifications during the last wildfire.
- F. Comment by Commissioners.**
- Commissioner Stedman likes the response reports provided in Operations Section Report. Would like to see report broken down into zones / specifically what time the 1st truck gets to incident.
 - Commissioner Cottiers commended the Firefighters for a great job done on the wildfires this past month.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Henning made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:13pm. Commissioner Stedman seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Duly passed with a vote of 7 to 0 and adopted in session on the 8th day of May.



Chairman Brian Cross



Commissioner Charles Cottiers



Commissioner Kevin Gerrity



Commissioner Tom Henning



Commissioner Rob Boyer



Commissioner Jeff Page



Commissioner David Stedman