

Columbia River Fire & Rescue  
Regular Meeting of the Boards of Directors  
106 W B St., Rainier, OR  
And Virtual via Teams Meeting  
December 12, 2024, 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting: After due and legal notice, the Regular Board meeting of the Columbia River Fire & Rescue Board of Directors was called to order by President Welby at 6:00 pm.

Present: Ryan Welby, Richard Fletcher, Mark Gundersen, Paul Rice

Absent: Austin Zimbrick

Others: Chief Smythe, K. Lehner, J. Pulito, B. Goodwin

Via Teams Meeting/Phone In: S. Raichel, D. King, G. Loveall, La Junta Son Mentirosos (The Board Are Liars)

Flag Salute: President Welby led the flag salute.

Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment: None

Local 3215 Report: None

Volunteer Report: Chief Smythe provided updates for Toy n' Joy distribution and invited the board members to breakfast with Santa.

Correspondence: None

CRFR Consent Agenda: Included in the consent agenda are the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on November 14, 2024, the check register for November checks, budget v. actual, and the November bank statement. Secretary Fletcher made a motion to approve the consent agenda, and Director Gundersen 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, approved 4-0. There was a discussion regarding Standard Insurance and SAIF/Workman's Comp.

Chief Officers Report: Chief Smythe spoke of working with Lt. Wonderly and Lt. Pulito on the Continuum program and the reporting that is included in the board packets being more comprehensive in the future. Chief Smythe provided clarification regarding the number of calls that Scappoose Fire and Clatskanie Fire assist with on an annual basis. Scappoose assists on average 22% being toned out 169 times, arriving on scene 44 times, and transporting 22 times. Clatskanie was toned out 56 times, arrived on scene 25 times, and transported 14 times. Lt. Pulito discussed technical issues with CAD that sometimes tones an alternate fire station when St. Helens, Fairgrounds, and Rainier stations are available. He is currently working with CCOM to resolve the issue. Chief Smythe discussed the upcoming Lieutenants exam that will take place after the first of the year. There are 2 lieutenants that will be leaving the district creating vacancies that will need to be filled. The two new single role hires will start the end of December and January.

Old Business: None

New Business: Board Policies Section A 20-24, There was a discussion regarding board policies, and it was decided to review ORS before approving the policies.

Resolution FY 2025-24-01 Crestline Ambulance Purchase: Director Gundersen made a motion to approve Resolution FY 2025-24-01. Director Rice 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all in favor, 4-0 approved.

Board Comments:

President Welby: We have come a long way and it's great to see things have turned around.

Director Gundersen: Concerned about Chief Smythe doing so much coverage but extremely appreciative for all that he is doing.

Director Rice: Concerned about Chief Smythe as well and very appreciative for his sacrifices.

Secretary Fletcher: Clatskanie Chief is retiring, and everyone is invited to the pizza party on December 21<sup>st</sup>.  
It's chowder day at Fultanos.

Adjourn: 6:52 pm