

## Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association – Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Illinois valley Fire District

**Date:** April 16, 2024

**Time:** 0900

**Call to Order:** 0900

**New Members / Special Guests:** Tim James 1-800-Board Up Presentation

**Approval of Last Month's Minutes:** Motion to approve Wolfard / 2<sup>nd</sup> Razor, Motion Passed by all

**Approval of Financial Report:** \$6,434.65 Motion to approve Hammond / 2<sup>nd</sup> Neville, Motion Passed by all

**Additions to the Agenda:** No Additions

### Old Business:

- **Strategic Plan (Thompson):** Chief Thompson addressed the findings of the Survey for the Strategic Plan. It needs more participation, as there were only a few departments that completed the survey. Chief Thompson went over the highlights, and the next step of the plan, and will bring back after the committee meets again.

### New Business:

- **Rogue Girls Fire Camp MOU** is being signed by the RVFCA for support.
- **TFL Symposium** is still available for sign up's (May 21-22)
- **Portable Repeater (MOG 3.15)** needs to be brought up to date, and has been given to the Tech Group to work on this project.

### Section Reports:

- **Operations (Fire/EMS): (Marshal):** Meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> in regards to Type III Standardization and training with departments that are receiving apparatus from OSFM.
  - **Training (RITA): (Marshal):** SOWS Cancelled due to costs.
  - **RCC- (Riis):** Enrollment numbers are up, and seeking a letter of support for the paramedic program. Live Fire Instructor training coming soon.
  - **RV Prevention CO-OP: (Powers):** Green Debris Drop Off dates discussed. RVEM web page being built. Media Kits are being worked on and will have more details to follow. Team Teaching is a success this year with all the departments working together to spread the safety message.
  - **Fire Defense Board (Holmes/Thompson):**
    - April 29<sup>th</sup> in Bend (The Riverhouse on the Deschutes) is the State Fire Defense Board Training Day.
    - May 14<sup>th</sup> will be training for the FDBC's and Alternates in Rogue River
  - **Incident Management Team/Pool (Hussey):** Nothing to Report
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## Advisory Membership Reports:

- **911- ECSO-(Harris)** Radio project still under construction. New capabilities coming in the near future. Staffing is improving with only 10 openings and a few in backgrounds. National Telecommunicators week is coming up – Make sure you let your dispatchers know you care.
- **ASA-**
  - Mercy Flights– No Report
  - JCFD#1 (Hammond) – Open House May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1000-1400, come on down and show support. Recruitment for Summer Firefighter positions coming out soon.
  - Ashland Fire (Sartain) – One ambulance in service, for single role opportunities. The Department is fully staffed at this time.
  - AMR (Matthews) – Paramedics in training, interviews scheduled for two more soon. Also, several supervisor candidates to replace our open position. Call volume is slowing at this moment.
- **HazMat Team #8 (Howard/Thompson)** – Spill Response Training in November. RAD Equipment training in June/July. If the team is needed, don't hesitate to contact through dispatch.
- **Technology Group:** No Report
- **OSFM - (Rubrecht):** Engine program still sending out Type III. Tenders in May/ June delivery time and Type VI's will be from June-Oct time frame. Staffing grant (11 local agencies were granted the funding). FDBC meeting on April 29, in Bend.
- **SWOCG –**
  - (Kerns)** – GP division will be conducting DIVS Classes soon. Brandon will be leaving ODF, and taking a position with DFPA.
  - (Winslow)** – Recruitment in the process. Debris burning happening. Same staffing as last year, with a later end time for the crews. Issues with Heavy Tankers this fire season.
- **Emergency Management – (Powers)-** Successfully filled the CWPP Coordinator position. Genesis (Zonehaven) program going live on May 6. Know your zone campaign is being completed. Jackson Co Crisis Communications Plan is meeting the same day of the RVFCA meeting, further to come on this. **(Ott)** May 18 Safety and Preparedness Fair, more information to come. Know your zone demonstration on May 29, if interested, reach out. ICS 300 class in November and ICS 400 in Feb 2025.
- **Local Emergency Planning Commission – (Powers)** On hold till after the summer season
- **RCC- (Riis)** – Asking for support on working with the state on degree plans for paramedic. Rusty has put together a degree plan that would require less biology and anatomy as an alternative method to the current model more for of those that want to go to PA, RN, etc. This will make the pathway easier for those to get paramedics. This is online with the sunseting bill that is out there.

- **OFCA – (Brown/Hussey)**

Devon- Spring conference is May 1-3. As a reminder the 30<sup>th</sup> is the golf tournament. Schedule is on the website. Special district should get Jason Jantzi's 20-page digest of the recommended federal OSHA changes to the fire service. This stems from a 9/11 bill and was shelved for a long time. It is now back up to the surface and Oregon OSHA must adopt all of what the federal OSHA adopts. This new rule also includes volunteers. Recommended that everyone reads it as it has a major impact and cost. Will push out the special districts paper to the group, and also will provide the link to the 250-page document. Most states exempt public employees, but Oregon does not at the moment.

- **PIO – (Powers/Weber)** Quarterly meeting and not yearly ones. Mission statement in construction phase, with a May 8 actual meeting.
- **Chaplains- (Saada)-** No report
- **SO-Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative-** No Report

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**Agency Brief Out:**

- Grants Pass -2 candidates in the Fire Chief Process at the moment. The City is conducting backgrounds in the initial processes. Randy will resume Interim FC (part time) until his vacation set for June.
- Applegate – Firefighter position filled, able to staff other stations this summer season. Their Fire Marshal is working on many projects, more with the Firewise Program, obtaining a few communities that were being helped by Jacksonville, and now back in the Applegate system. There is a budget meeting happening tomorrow. Working with Williams Fire fuel management project and looking at purchasing a dump trailer and chipper in the near future.
- Medford Fire - Sold the Type 1 to IVFD. New recruit academy starting soon, and single role process is in backgrounds.
- Williams Fire - The department received a \$10k donation from a community member. Also received the staffing grant from OSFM. The Fire Chief process is still continuing, and looking at an August 1 timeline for a new Chief.
- District #4 – New boat arriving next week. Hiring new Firefighters.
- Evans Valley - June 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> annual Crab Feed. Going out for Levy (.99 cent increase). Town Hall meeting April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Ashland – Thank you to OSFM for the grant received. Currently working on the CWPP.
- IV - 6 new volunteers, and new to them engine out at station 2. Still working on getting hydrants in CJ and working with the city. Everything goes through an attorney.
- Prospect - The department was awarded the Wildland Up-Staffing grant from OSFM and will be looking for help in staffing this.

- Jacksonville – Annual Clean Up. Firewise Coordinator at the Reno Conference. Type III universal equipment placement list being created for future training will all receiving apparatus from OSFM.
- D5 (Wolfard) – There has been a change of the Board of Directors, and they are looking at some internal issues with the current Fire Chief.
- ODF – Working on the update to the debris burning app (beforeyouburn.net), and tailoring it to the Landowner. If you want to assist with this app, let Natalie or Holly know.

**Next Meeting: May 21, 2024, at Grants Pass Fire Rescue – Parkway Station**

**Adjournment 10:23AM**