

Fire Defense Board
February 15, 2024
South Lane Fire - Cottage Grove

Call to Order: 1300 - Minter

Minutes/Financials: 1st Wooten 2nd Bucich Unanimous

Guest Presentation: Sarah Macorie Presented on the mobile crisis project for Lane County Health Department. Sarah provided a high-level overview of the efforts by Lane County to develop and provide a mobile crisis program in rural Lane County in the areas that are not served by Cahoots or Western Lane Mobile crisis as examples. For more information on this project/program, Sarah is available by email. The primary intent of this program is to create a 24/7 behavioral health mobile, mental health crisis support. A presentation was provided and can be made available upon request. April 1st is the initial goal for in-service. Realistically, not going to hit this goal but the work is in progress.
(Discussion)

Guest Presentation: Katy Johnson was present from LFA to discuss a proposal she is seeking support for within Lane County for submission of a Regional Grant dedicated to Firefighter Health and Safety. A handout was provided to summarize the intent of the program and the impacts at a county level for all the involved agencies. The grant will aid with a series of improvements for all participating agencies around Lane County. Agencies would have the ability to implement updated programs with financial assistance, partake in regional trainings, and have access to further health and wellness program support. Chief Smith offered support for the program which may include hosting the grant if that becomes necessary at a Lane County level with further consideration. Further discussion.

Agency Reports:

CLCC: Amendment regarding rates have been sent out, please review and return. A discussion question was presented in the room regarding dispatch/'que' in relation to times in which the medic unit status for when the region has none available and a call is pended waiting for a medic unit. The communication direction was to provide communication directly to Central Lane to adjust the priority up, or down, as needed to assist with the complications. Still no answer on the direction on the director hiring process for Central Lane.

LCC: Kris Siewert was present and spoke on behalf of LCC. An advisory committee invitation went out to Lane County Departments to help revamp the advisory committee from years past. Please look for this and respond as deemed necessary. LCC is currently reviewing the vaccine status requirements. This includes review of local partners standards for COVID-19 vaccination status. Program anticipates moving into the new building at LCC by summer/fall. The program is looking to reintroduce credit for prior learning credit options which will involve the local agencies. EMT-I program is coming back every winter term each year at this point. It would be the combination of the EMT- A/I course. Discussion about the evolution of the psycho-motor requirement which will be changing July 1st to a computer-based testing process by NREMT.

Life flight: Present and showed appreciation to the group by providing lunch at the monthly meeting. Life flight was able to provide a ground unit during the ice storm after the regular helicopter froze over and the personnel were only able to work on the ground.

OSFM: OSFM has filled the Douglas County position. Two additional vacant positions are open and in the process of being filled. Fire inspector I/II classes are coming up at the State Office. March offers a Fire Marshal Recognition class hosted at the State. Discussion about administrative functions and policies under review and updates. Seasonal staffing grant begins March 1st and will be out to agencies. OSFM is looking for GIS specialists to join the GIS team. Further discussion about the mental health collaboratives at the State level that are underway. Type 3's are rolling out. Sparky award nominations are approaching.

R5TA: No report provided.

LCSO: No report provided.

Radio Group: Fiscal transfer between Eugene and Lane County is complete. Interviews are scheduled for the Radio manager supervisor position.

Emergency Management: Tiffany Brown was present and introduced herself for Lane County as the new Emergency Manager. Tiffany came to Lane County from Clatsop County where she was also the Emergency Manager. A quick report was provided for currently ongoing projects at the Emergency Management level. We anticipate FEMA declaration towards April which will impact Lane County Agencies.

New Business:

Motion to approve the slate of officers nominated for the Fire Defense Board. Larry Woolridge nominated to President for the vacant position.

Motion includes granting permission for each officer to be added to the bank account as signers with US Bank: Moved by Wooten, 2nd by Borland, unanimous.

Chief Smith expressed that in order to update the US Bank accounts and save an \$8 monthly charge, he needs the minutes to reflect that as the Secretary, he has authority to manage the accounts electronically online, authorize online access to the US Bank account. Motion made by Wooten to approve Chief Smith to have online access and control of the US Bank - Lane Fire Defense Board Account, 2nd by D. Borland, unanimous.

The elected officers are:

Steven Wallace: Fire Defense Board Chief

Larry Woolridge: President

Chad Minter: Vice President

Andrew Smith: Secretary Treasurer (Existing)

** Phone list passed around in the room to update contacts for both Lane Fire Defense and for the Oregon State Fire Marshal. **

Response matrix under discussion for next summer.

Information Sharing:
Provided for those in the room and online.

Meeting adjourned.