

Lane County Fire Defense Board
August 15, 2024
McKenzie Fire & Rescue

Called to order at 13:00 by Wooldridge

Approval of the Minutes: Motion S. Wallace 2nd L. Dragt

Agency Reports:

CLCC: Stephen King will be working back towards his CAD position at the end of the year and hopefully a second person part-time to support the CAD program. Currently, the office is working on a joint effort to try and get a new CAD program in the future that is Fire Centric as well and would apply across the entire county. Conversation in the room about iPhone crash detection and the other alerts.

OSFM: No report provided.

LCSO: No report provided

Emergency Management: No Report

ODF East/West: Provided a report on Lane County activities and the current fires.

Region 5/LCC: Visit the website for an account on the classes that are going on and what is being hosted/offered through DPSST. LCC is looking at hosting meetings during the second week of each term. Look for those dates to be posted and forwarded out.

Lane ESD CTE Program: No reported provided

Radio Group: Provided an update on the radio service/PM process in place. Currently evaluating insurance companies for coverage of the various radio sites. Working still to get lease agreements transferred over to Lane County. Adcomm is currently working on the scope of our next project for infrastructure reporting for the County. Conversation about providing direction regarding programming of radio features/buttons, to have consistency within Lane County.

Wildland: Chief Wallace provided an update on the status of our current fires in Lane County and developing some plans and forecasting the 'what if's' of the rest of the wildland season for the next month with the potential of continued dry conditions and our potential East wind events. This includes some pre-planning with OSFM for the last half of the season. Pre-planning the rest of the season is priority and increasing communication for the Lane County agencies.

Old Business:

Benton County expanded mutual aid was discussed again. Discussion also came up to consider whether we want to have this conversation with Linn County and Douglas County even since we're starting the discussion with Benton County. Chief Wallace will bring back the agreement after edits and approach the group in a coming meeting.

New Business:

MPDS: ESF was present and discussed proposed changes to the priority dispatch system in Central Lane. Proposed changes that may impact other agencies around the region include a general reset of the priority dispatch for within Eugene Springfield but with limited impact to the rural component. No immediate changes to what we see in the Rural. Ultimately this will open the doors for further discussion about BLS in the rural areas in the future.

Unit Type Description: Chief Smith brought up a brief discussion to see the interest in developing a County "policy" on unit description/type for the agencies that use types on the radio/identifiers used. Discussed with the group and determined that Chief Smith and Chief Bishop will start the conversation and come back to the group when some progress has been made.

Info Sharing:

Information sharing completed for those in the room and those online.

Meeting adjourned at 14:10