

SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2015

*****PENDING APPROVAL*****

Commissioners Present: Jack Abbit, Brian Christenson, Maurice Gilbert, Thomas McGee, Mike Stange. Via phone conference were Charlotte Flynt and Tom Cooper

Commissioners Absent: none

Call to Order: 4:02 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Abbit and seconded by Commissioner Christenson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 12, 2015 Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Commissioner Flynt read the October 31, 2015 cash report into the record.

Attorney's Report: Rene Youell

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Christenson and seconded by Commissioner McGee, the Board unanimously approved Attorney Youell's October 2015 billing statement.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Talbert reviewed the 2015 Emergency Response Report which included Beach Safety Response and the False Alarm Fee History Report.

SWFD Fire Marshal and Fire Inspector and crews did a great job promoting fire safety during Fire Prevention Week. The program was a great success in reaching over 1000 students in eight schools.

The addition at SWFD's WaterColor Station 2 is progressing smoothly.

SWFD Beach Safety Director, Lifeguard Supervisor and a few lifeguards conducted two Advanced Aquatic Rescue Team training courses for members of WCSO's beach patrol.

On October 12, staff members attended a Statewide Mutual Aid meeting for Florida's Northwest Region.

On October 13, Chief Talbert and Fire Marshal Sanchez attended a meeting and lunch with the Andante Condominium HOA to talk about the SWFD, our services and safety tips for their property.

On October 22, staff members met with Florida Forestry officials to discuss upcoming training opportunities and areas of mutual interest and support.

SWFD participated in a successful Mass Casualty Incident exercise with Sacred Heart Hospital on October 22, 2015.

SWFD was awarded a class-action lawsuit settlement of \$6,700 from Stericycle.

Staff met with Walton County Administration and Tourist Development Council staff to discuss and negotiate a beach safety contract.

Several appreciation letters regarding the great work and excellent service provided by SWFD members were included in the Board packet.

Staff continues to monitor as well as work on County programs and projects that have an impact on the Fire District such as Business Registration, Event Management, Beach Activities, Beach Vending Ordinance and the Parking Ordinance.

SWFD Administrative offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2015 and for Thanksgiving on November 26-27, 2015.

The next SWFD Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, December 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished/Old Business: None

New Business: Board Advisory: Beach Safety and Education Program Contract
Chief Talbert reminded the Fire Board, in August 2015, that SWFD was the sole bidder for the Beach Safety and Education Program Contract. SWFD staff has met with Walton County Administration and Tourist Development staff on numerous occasions to negotiate the contract. The contract will be presented to the Walton County Board of County Commissioners for approval on November 10, 2015. Chief Talbert commended SWFD staff for their hard work and due diligence.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Abbit, the Board unanimously authorized Chief Talbert to execute the Beach Safety and Education Program Contract.

Public Comment: None

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.