

# **SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2018**

**\*\*\*PENDING APPROVAL\*\*\***

**Commissioners Present:** Jack Abbit, Brian Christenson, Tom Cooper, Charlotte Flynt, Maurice Gilbert, Thomas McGee, Mike Stange

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Gilbert read into the record the National Public Telecommunications Week Proclamation, proclaiming April 8 – 14, 2018 as Public Telecommunications Week in South Walton in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep the community, citizens and visitors safe.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Christenson and seconded by Commissioner Flynt, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 12, 2018, Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report:** Commissioner Flynt read the February 2018 cash report into the record.

**Attorney's Report:** Rene Youell

On a motion duly made by Commissioner McGee and seconded by Commissioner Christenson, the Board unanimously approved Attorney Youell's March 2018 billing statement.

**Fire Chief's Report:**

Assistant Chief Crawford reported in Fire Chief Talbert's absence.

A copy of the 2017 Annual Report was included in the Board packet. Chief Crawford acknowledged Staff's time and effort to present the Fire District's annual report.

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

Members of SWFD's staff met with senior staff of the Walton County Sheriff's Office to discuss joint training opportunities.

SWFD is currently conducting promotional exams and assessments for the positions of Sergeant, Lieutenant and District Chief.

SWFD placed new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus in service on April 4, 2018.

Chief Talbert, Chief Anderson and Chief Crawford attended several Walton County strategic planning and visioning meetings.

Chief Talbert, Chief Anderson and Chief Crawford attended a Florida Triumph Board meeting in Milton. As a result of that meeting, staff has spoken with two Triumph Board

staff members to learn more about the eligibility to submit SWFD's request as part of the tier two process.

SWFD hosted the Florida Firefighter Safety and Health Collaborative at Gulf Coast State College with over 90 attendees to learn more about cancer in the fire service, PTSD and Health and Wellness. Chief Crawford thanked Commissioner Flynt, SWFD Chaplain Proctor, and labor leadership for their attendance. Chief Crawford expressed a special thank you to Lt. Brian Hughes who now serves as NW Florida regional coordinator for FFSHC.

Several SWFD members attended the Florida State Fire College Cancer Symposium on April 6, 2018.

Chief Talbert co-presented the Public Policy and Government Relations class for Florida's Emergency Service Leadership Institute at the Florida State Fire College on March 22 - 23, 2018.

EMS Captain Jason Cotton along with SWFD Station 3 crews participated in a distracted/drunk driver event on March 27, 2018, for South Walton High School's student body.

Included in the Fire Board packet was a recognition from a citizen complimenting the excellent services they received from SWFD members.

The next SWFD Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be held Monday, May 14, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Unfinished/Old Business:** Chief Anderson presented a Board Advisory whereas Staff selected Lord and Son, Inc. as the contractor for the Fleet Maintenance / Logistics Building and Training Tower project. SWFD has finalized the project manual and agreed upon cost saving measures. The plans have been submitted for the Walton County building permitting process. SWFD is currently awaiting this approval. Chief Anderson further stated that once the District has a building permit, the project is expected to take 365 days for construction.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.