

SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT

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The Board of Fire Commissioners of the South Walton Fire District will hold a regular meeting on **August 9, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.** at the South Walton Fire District Administration building.

The agenda will include, but not be limited to the following:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes
Regular Board Meeting: 07.12.2021
- III. Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- IV. Attorney's Report
- V. Chief's Report
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. Unfinished/Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Public Comment*
- X. Adjournment

***Note:** Persons who wish to be placed on the agenda must contact the Administrative Assistant within five days of any meeting and provide the name of the person who will be speaking and the subject to be addressed. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Fire Commissioners of the South Walton Fire District with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

SOUTH WALTON FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2021

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

Commissioners Present: David A. C. Bailey, Brian Christenson, Tom Cooper, Charlotte Flynt, Mark B. Foley, Maurice Gilbert

Commissioners Absent: Mike Stange

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Gilbert announced that there was a quorum present.

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Flynt and seconded by Commissioner Bailey, the Board unanimously approved minutes of the July 12, 2021, Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting as amended to address a scrivener's error.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Commissioner Flynt read the June 2021 cash report into the record.

Attorney's Report:

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Bailey and seconded by Commissioner Christenson, the Board unanimously approved Attorney Youell's July 2021 billing statement.

Fire Chief's Report:

Chief Crawford reviewed the Emergency Response Activity Report which included Beach Safety Responses. Chief Crawford reported that nearly half of July 2021 presented dangerous surf conditions.

Chief Crawford introduced Lou Jones, SWFD's new Division Chief of Training.

Staff completed SWFD's Fire Commissioner Orientation for Commissioner Bailey which included SWFD's history, a brief fiscal overview of revenues and expenditures, and an overview of operations.

On July 27, 2021, Chief Crawford and Interim Walton County Tourist Development Council (TDC) Director Cutshaw presented the Walton County Board of County Commissioners with recommendations toward enhancing drowning prevention and education efforts as well as SWFD's proposal for the expansion of the SWFD's lifeguard program. Walton County Board of County Commissioners directed Walton County and TDC staff to work with SWFD staff toward drafting an agreement for further consideration.

Chief Crawford reported that Rosemary Beach Property Owners Association has exercised the one-year contract renewal option for SWFD lifeguard services which extended the current contract through October 31, 2022.

SWFD's contractual lifeguard services agreement with Sandestin Owners Association (SOA) will expire on October 31, 2021. SWFD is currently awaiting SOA's review and acceptance of proposed renewal terms. Once affirmed and following counsel's review, the proposal will be submitted for the Fire Board's consideration.

SWFD members joined Commissioner Flynt for the dedication and ribbon cutting of the Public Safety Memorial at Northwest Florida State College.

Chiefs Crawford and LaTour attended the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association Executive Development Conference in Panama City Beach. SWFD's Honor Guard presented colors for the opening ceremony, prayer breakfast, and memorial service.

On August 3-6, 2021, Chiefs Hughes and Kidder along with SWFD's Firefighters of the Year, Sgt Steve Smith and FF/PM Josh Pitts, attended the Fire Department Instructors International Conference.

Assistant Chief LaTour is scheduled to attend a Fire Station Design Conference in St. Louis, Missouri on August 23-27, 2021.

SWFD will be participating in the Annual Panama City Beach 9/11 Memorial Stair-climb event scheduled for August 28, 2021. Apex Disaster Specialists have generously sponsored the registration of thirty members to represent SWFD at this event. All funds raised go toward the Emerald Coast First Responders Association and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation charities/projects.

SWFD's Fourth Annual 9/11 Memorial Run/Walk will take place on September 11, 2021. The 3.43-mile run/walk will occur along a new stretch of Hwy 30-A as a way for SWFD members to honor the 343 FDNY firefighters killed on September 11, 2001.

Through the 2nd Alarm Project and in collaboration with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), SWFD will be hosting an IAFF Peer Support course on October 14-15, 2021.

Chief Crawford is scheduled to attend a Florida Association of Special Districts (FASD) Board meeting being held at the Lee County Mosquito Control District on August 18, 2021. The Florida Association of Special Districts' fall quarterly membership meeting will be held at Sandestin Resort on October 29, 2021.

SWFD Administrative offices will be closed in observation of Labor Day on September 6, 2021.

An SWFD Proposed Budget Public Workshop is scheduled for 2 pm on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

The First Public Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:01 pm.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Fire Commissioners meeting will be on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 4 pm and the Final Public Budget Hearing to adopt the FY22 budget is scheduled for 5:01 pm.

Committee Reports: None

Unfinished/Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.