

Gateway-UnawEEP Fire Department Board Meeting  
Scheduled time: 6:30pm  
April 15, 2014  
Gateway Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by Board Chairman, Fred Bolton

Present: Lisa Eakle, John Fuller, Madonna Dormaier, Mark Krueger - Board Members; Fred Bolton - Chairman; Mason Braddock – Student Board Member; David Anderson – Fire Chief; Dorothy Espe - Secretary

Absent: None

March minutes were accepted as written.

There was no public input – No bills or appropriations

**Treasurer Report:**

Check was received from Insurance company - \$3,945.72 for truck run into by school bus

District Account - \$81,296

Volunteer Account - \$21,316

Check stubs were sent to accountants to post & reconcile. Mark had receipts that were approved to pay – Henry Schein – EMS & Ambulance supplies (most supplies come from Palisade Pharmacy) City of Grand Junction for 911 calls (Fruita has the most – Gateway the least); Home Depot, Sam's Club & Walmart – Shoot Supplies.

Mark took an old credit with Darley – they now think department owes them - 0 is due.

**Fire Chief Report:**

There was \$100 donation from the McLaughlin family – Dorothy will send thank you to Rowena McLaughlin. Also received a \$100 donation from Lisa Charles (Alegre participant at Resort) – Dorothy will write note.

Electric Door openers are needed for garage doors – hard to open – David Dormaier injured by door. Overhead Door gave a quote for \$915/door (need two = \$1830) plus \$90 for remote – light duty door. Monument gave quote of \$1825 for 2 medium duty openers plus \$32 for remote. Heavy duty opener would be \$2225 for two. Two existing doors do have electric openers. Medium duty is strong enough – based on frequency of use, not weight of doors.

There was a motion by Madonna to purchase door openers from Monument. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favor. Once the weather warms up, the signage will be put on the doors.

Fritz is interested in buying the ambulance – told David he'd offer \$5000-6000. It's a 1991 Ford 4x4 – with turbo. Clean & in good shape. Department not using it now but Fred felt it will be used

once there is transfer station with place to park. John felt if it has potential value to department, it should be kept. Have older vehicles that need to be gotten rid of first. Decided to keep ambulance.

David passed his Display operator class – certified for Firework Shows.

There is acute lack of volunteers. Resort is getting busy & volunteers are not available for calls. When was last time Fire Department communicated with residents? It was with Fred's mailing 4-5 years ago. Perhaps community is not aware of need. David said that people agree to volunteer and then don't show up. There are 15 people on roster – 4 show up. 95% of calls are during business hours when people are at work & can't leave. Fred said need to run data – see how big the problem is. Need to get district demographics, listen to people, figure out how to communicate. Group Meeting? Mailing with questionnaire? Pat Weber worked on census – she should know how to get information on Canyon residents. Training time may be issue but no way to do it on-line – has to be hands on. Lisa said that volunteers put in a lot of time without getting anything back – low call volume in district. What can be done to reward volunteers?

Need to present what district provides to community – (most calls are not resort-related, as many believe) Options are get volunteers & keep mil levy low or raise mil levy and have paid fire department. Need data to present to people. Fred emphasized that data is first step. Door to door presentation may be best – possible to pay someone to go personally. Paying someone would not cost much more than a mailer.

Everyone needs to bring questions for questionnaire to next meeting.

David received 2 gas monitors – paid for with \$3600 grant – no match. They test for Carbon Monoxide – tell if issue or bad batteries.

### **Chairman's Report**

Check & form for Dynamite Shoot were sent to BLM – letter given to Dorothy to keep with minutes.

6x6 update – Thompson Heating/Plumbing & Fabrication went through Brush Truck to become familiar with needs. They had some cost savings ideas. They'll get back to Fred with finalized bid – trucks need to be turn-key – all working (lights, etc) Current bid is \$49K. Will be higher but good deal based on cost of pump, tanks, etc. Will vote at next meeting or Fred will email board with bid. If approved, Fred will sign letter of authorization. There will probably be funds due up front. Tank size is based on most efficient height. (board OK with email approval)

Tender #2 (White Volvo) was taken to Fast & Easy Truck Service – owner knows fire trucks – told him to go through it bumper to bumper & fix all. Found shorting out wires. They gave an itemized list of all repairs – cost \$1,567.14. All good except one non-working light – may have replacement in station. Fred will shuttle David to GJ to pick it up next Monday.

**Spring Dynamite Shoot:**

Dormaiers will be gone – need someone to sing National Anthem. Fred will be gone but has all supplies bought & advance preparations done. David needs to get with Kristina on volunteers. David will call Kelley.

Kindra is getting prizes. Julie has shirts ordered. KEKB & Operation Independence are all set. Lots of cut cans. Fred will give money box to Dorothy. Cash will be put in resort safe after shoot. Fred will contact Olivier regarding sound system.

David will give welcome talk – Fred will give him points to hit – recognition of Don McLaughlin. All volunteers should get invitation to BBQ on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mark has accepted position in California. Leaving by 1<sup>st</sup> of May. There is vacancy on the board. Need to replace Mark but doesn't have to be Treasurer. Asked Madonna if she's interested in Treasurer Position – she said probably not. Need to be sure Dalby knows where accounts are at.

Sabrina, new person at Dalby Wendland, went through records & discovered that Federal tax exempt status was expired. Fred renewed 501c3 but also need to file Federal 123 Form. Sabrina will get tax-exempt reinstated. Dalby will then take control of all filings.

There was a motion by Lisa to adjourn. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Espe  
Secretary