

Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Location: Grants Pass Fire Rescue

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 0900

Call to Order: 0900 and thanks for the breakfast provided by Eric Thompson to the crews at Grants Pass Fire.

New Members / Special Guests: Presentation by 1st Watch

Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Corrections made to the location of the next meeting. Motion made by Chief Crume, 2nd by Chief Painter. All in Favor - Motion Approved.

Approval of Financial Report: Motion made by Fire Marshal Shay, and 2nd by Chief Hammond. Motion Approved.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business: Nothing to Report

New Business:

- Smoke Management Community Response Plan (Powers): Letter of Support motioned by Chief Wolfard, 2nd by Chief Crume and all members agreed.
- Email list will remain being initialed around each meeting, per Bylaws.

Section Reports:

Operations (Fire/EMS): (Thompson) Deputy Chief Rasor stepped down from being chair of the Operations Group. The new chair to be determined.

Training (RITA):

- Battalion Chief Tom McGowan is looking for assistance with SOWS 2024. He sent out an email to the Fire Chiefs. Please contact him for more information in regards to Overhead and planning members.

RV Prevention CO-OP: (Powers)

- Green Waste Disposal Day (Holly), with the Date to be determined (last week of April – 2nd week of May).
- Team Teaching is looking at working with the schools this year, and with smaller departments/districts, and could use the assistance of the personnel to make this a success. Check your email for further information being sent out from Captain Kassab.

Fire Defense Board (Holmes/Thompson):

- April 29th in Bend (Riverhouse on the Deschutes) is the State Fire Defense Board Training Day.

Incident Management Team/Pool (Hussey): No report

Advisory Membership Reports:

911- ECSO-(Harris/Guenther)

(Guenther) JoCo 911 is rebranding the way they send out social media. The center is still short-staffed, however there are people in backgrounds. The city of GP is writing a grant for repeaters. A letter of support is being asked. Per Chief Thompson, a template will be sent for review and sent back for records.

ASA-

Mercy Air – (Clough) Working on a new CAD system. LZ training for all departments is coming, and an email to be sent out soon. Mercy is developing a national safety standard (Video-based).

JCFD#1 (Hammond) – Met with SDAO in regards to completing their organizational review. Contract negotiations have started.

Ashland Fire (Sartain) – 4 single roles are in backgrounds

AMR (Matthews) They are down 4 positions (float). A national search for an open Supervisor position. Dave is presenting to the County Commissioners for service in the County and ASA.

HazMat (Howard/Thompson) –The team has acquired a new to-them apparatus from Klamath County. They are also covering Lake and Klamath County with an agreement.

Technology Group: Nothing to Report

OSFM - (Lashley, Rubrecht, Stacy, Vonn)

(Stacy) Short session being watched. There is a new Deputy Fire Marshal in Douglas County. If there are training needs, just get in touch with any of the OSFM team, and they can see what they can make happen.

(Vonn) OSFM Banners are available. The Wildfire Staffing grant application is being sent out March 1 and is a first come, first serve type of grant. Community Wildfire Day is May 6. Let her know of any community events happening in the fire departments/districts.

SWOCG –

ODF:

(Kerns) – No report

(Winslow) -

DF Recruitment in the works (March-April)

Fuel mitigation and reduction happening

RRS - (Quinones/Monty Edwards)

(Edwards) Multiple seasonal positions are open and restructuring of the organization happening at the moment.

BLM (Miranda) -

(Miranda) Galice Road is open. Abandoned vehicles are being taken care of in different areas. They are down an LEO position. They are looking for a dispatcher from June-Oct 2024. She will be sending out trainings that are happening and the invite is there.

Emergency Management – (Ott. Sellers, Powers)

Medford EM (Ott) – Training opportunities are coming.

Josephine County (Sellers) - N/A

Jackson County (Powers) -

Zone-Haven (Genesis) project is close to being completed. The first round of interviews for the Project Program Officer is underway.

Local Emergency Planning Commission – (Powers) N/A

RCC- (Riis) – Enrollment in the college is up with the opening of spring registration. New developments in the paramedicine degree. Student positions are available, and more information can be provided. Rusty wrote a grant and awaiting the review of a Recruitment Grant.

OFCA – (Brown/Hussey)

- **(Brown)** Sponsorship/Scholarship for OFCA Conference in May (see Devin). Chief Wolfard has a GroupMe app that is being utilized for all attending to keep all in touch.
- **(Hussey)** The Short session is being watched. HB2522 information provided and working with the OSFM Committee on the need for rural fire districts' input.

PIO – (Powers/Weber) Working on the subcommittee in the PIO charter.

Chaplains- (Saada) The chaplain's group has been working with 1st Watch, and is very happy with their service. **SOCERT** has a CISM conference coming up, and if anyone is interested, please contact Fred.

SO Oregon Forest Restoration Collaborative- No Report

Agency Brief Out:

- **BLM**
 - She attended the Williams Fire District last month and worked on the evacuation plan. A reference mapping PDF will be shared.
- **Grants Pass (Hyatt)**
 - The city extended an offer to a Chief candidate and awaiting a decision. DC DeLonge will be on a Work-Back with the City of Grants Pass at the end of April.
- **JoCo 911 (Guenther)**
 - CAD-CAD with Portland is being worked on, with results to be shared at a later date.
- **Applegate (Wolfard)**
 - Jackson County Radio grant information shared. A letter of Support was given.
- **ODF (Winslow)**
 - Open recruitment for a Dispatch Supervisor.
 - A DIVS class is April 22-24 Limited seating available.

- **Medford Fire (Thompson)**
 - 7 recruits starting next week. Two additional Single Roles will be on board soon. The Deputy Fire Marshal is starting in March. The department will be placing its engine for sale on Govtdeals.com.
 - Chief Thompson: February 26 is the next Recruit Academy. Advertising for a Deputy Fire Marshal position. Squad 14 is being launched. Currently hiring for Single-Role EMT and Paramedic. Selling a Type 1 engine on GovtDeals.com in a few months.

- **Williams Fire (Interim Chief Holt)**
 - Previous Fire Chief Rick Vetter has resigned from the Williams Fire District.
 - The BOD has appointed Captain Nicco Holt, as the Interim Fire Chief.

- **OSFM (Stacy)**
 - Openings for the Deputy Fire Marshals are currently pending.

- **District #3 (Hussey)**
 - OSFM Survey of Health/Wellness results are out, and the committee is working on the results. He discusses an opportunity for an AFG Grant for departments/districts, and if interested, please contact him.
 - New CFR (OSHA) curriculum released and currently being reviewed due to the stipulations that most departments/districts would be able to follow the new rules.

- **District #4 (Crume)**
 - They have purchased an engine and should be in the station within the next 2-3 years.
 - Boat Operations – New Training for Certified Rescue Boat Operators is in the works. If interested in the training, please contact him.
 - New Aluminum boat coming soon to the district

Next Meeting: March 19, 2024 at Illinois Valley Fire District – 681 Caves Hwy (Administration Building)

Adjournment 10:56 am