



Oceano Community Services District

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AGENDA FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING

1655 Front Street
6:30 P.M.

September 9, 2008

Oceano
Tuesday

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vacant

Barbara Mann, Director

STAFF

Patrick J. O'Reilly, General Manager
Fire Chief, Mike Hubert

CLOSED SESSION MOU

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 26, 2008
4. Report of the Fire Operations
 - a. Operations/Review *
5. New Business

None
6. Old Business
 - a. Alley Signs *

Discuss status of project to install "No Parking" signs in alleys.
 - b. Sale of Excess Equipment *

Discuss status of projects to sell excess equipment.
 - c. Fire Department Consolidation

Consider staff report from Fire Oversight Committee and other alternatives for Fire Department Consolidation.
7. General Manager Items/Discussion*
 - a. Other
8. Written Communications

Adjournment

* Oral Presentation/Discussion

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**OCEANO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY

AUGUST 26, 2008

OCEANO

The meeting was called to order by President Hill at 6:30 P.M.

1. Roll Call:

Present: President Hill, Director Mann

Absent: None

Staff Present: Patrick O'Reilly, General Manger, Mike Heath, Fire Chief
Riki Heath, Battalion Chief, John Bova, Fire Captain

2. Public Comment:

None

3. Approval of Minutes:

- a. The minutes from July 22, 2008 were approved unanimously as corrected. The correction is to paragraph 4 which should say that Fire Captain Angelo reported on Fire Operations in July and August.

4. Report of Fire Operations:

a. Operations Review

Fire Captain Bova made a brief presentation of operations during the months of July and August. He also announced that the Fire labor organization is holding a fund raiser (Fill the Boot) this Saturday from 8am to 3pm on Pier Avenue to raise funds for muscular dystrophy.

5. New Business:

a. Weed Abatement Protest

Ms. Rebecca Galing did not appear to protest the fees on her property so no action was taken.

b. Fire Department Consolidation

There was extensive discussion concerning a staff report presented to the Fire Oversight Committee concerning Fire Operations Consolidation. It is the intent of the committee to develop input for consideration by the Fire Oversight Committee at its next meeting in October. The committee started developing a list of criteria for the District to submit. The discussion will continue at the next Fire Committee meeting.

6. Old Business:

a. Alley Signs

There was no discussion on this item.

b. Sale of Excess Equipment

There was no discussion on this item.

c. Fire Truck Purchase

The committee was presented with a staff report previously submitted to the Fire Oversight Committee discussing the need to replace the Fire Truck owned by the City

of Arroyo Grande with various financing options. This item was presented for information purposes only.

7. **General Manager Items/Discussion**

None

8. **Written Communications:**

None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM
Patrick O'Reilly, for the Fire Committee



Oceano Fire Department



REPORT for August 2008

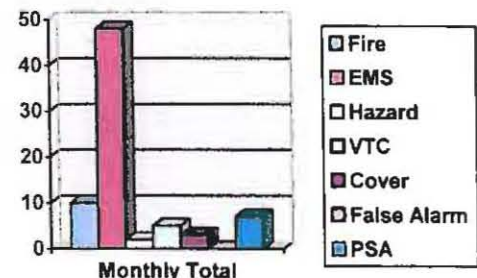
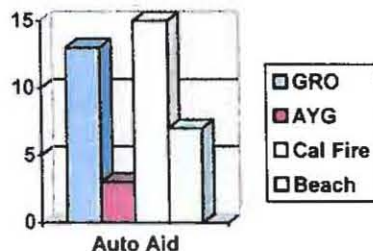
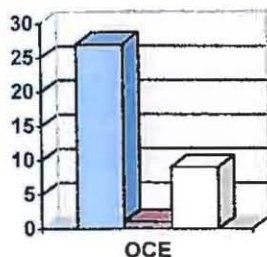
During the month of August, the department responded to a total of 75 calls. 37 were in Oceano, 13 were in Grover Beach, 3 were in Arroyo Grande, 15 were with Cal Fire and 7 on the beach. Of the 37 calls in Oceano, 27 were EMS related, 1 fire and 9 miscellaneous calls. This put the total as of this report to 508. At this time last year we were at 530.

On August 3rd, Oceano, Grover Beach and Arroyo Grande responded to a head on vehicle collision on Hwy 1 near the ranger station that required extrication tools (jaws of life) to extricate one person. Also this month on August 17th, Oceano and Grover Beach responded to a second vehicle collision on Cienaga St which also required extrication tools. On August 10th Oceano Fire Department was called to the beach to assist on an un witnessed fatal ATV accident. We responded to two separate vegetation fires in the SRA (State responsibility Area) of the dunes north of Pier Ave. that are suspected to have been started by transient camp fires.

July's cooperative training with the three departments was mainly concentrated on MCI (Mass Casualty Incident Training) in coordination with San Luis Ambulance Service.

On the subject of grants, we have received all of the items for the 2007 VFA (Volunteer Firefighter Assistance) Grant and have submitted the paperwork for re-impursement. We are still waiting to hear word on the 2008 AFG (Assistance to Firefighter's Grant).

We have received all the necessary materials for the alley project, no parking signs, posts, etc. and we are in the process of developing a map and completion schedule for the installation of these signs.



Fire Department Activities & Incidents

August 3, 2008:

At 10 pm on August 3, 2008 the Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach & Oceano Fire Departments responded to a report of a traffic accident on Highway One, just south of Grand Avenue in Grover Beach. Engine 68 was the first engine at scene and established command of the incident. Engine 61 second at scene received an assignment to begin patient extrication from a Toyota Van. Battalion 6811 arrived at scene, Captain Pearson passed command over to BC Heath and Pearson assumed Operations for the extrication of the trapped victim.

A second vehicle was involved but the driver was able get out and run, leaving an accident scene and a burning vehicle behind. Engine 66 arrived at the scene and was assigned to the second vehicle, making sure the fire was extinguished and the battery in the vehicle was disconnected. As Captain Quinlan completed his assignment with securing the second vehicle, the police captured the driver of the second vehicle and returned him to the scene of the incident. Captain Quinlan and his crew provided patient treatment to the second vehicle's driver.

The vehicle extrication of the trapped victim in the first vehicle was a very difficult extrication but all three of the fire crews worked together and did an excellent job! Keeping in mind to remove the vehicle from the patient and not the patient from the vehicle, the crew meticulously cut away and pushed crumpled metal away from the victim. While doing so, the major concerns were time and an accidental activation of side panel air-bags. The crews had to first cut away the roof of the vehicle and then slowly peel the front of the vehicle away from the patient's legs and lower torso.

Although the entire front end of the vehicle was severely crushed on top of the driver, he escaped the collision with very little injury, and in fact, the fire crew did such an excellent job, even CHP was impressed with their performance!



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September 9, 2008

TO: OCSD Fire Committee

FROM: Patrick J. O'Reilly, General Manager *PJO*

SUBJECT: FIRE OPERATIONS CONSOLIDATION

On August 26, 2008 the Fire Committee reviewed the Fire Oversight Committee staff report entitled "Consolidation Structure and Funding Options". Staff provided a "starter list" to clearly identify the resources available to the Fire Department and priorities for Fire Department operations. That list was discussed and revised during that meeting. The revised list is attached.

THE RECOMMENDED ACTION BEFORE YOUR COMMITTEE is to: by Committee discussion and public comment, review and revise the attached list of alternatives for providing fire and emergency medical services to the Oceano community for submission to the whole Board of Directors.

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**OCEANO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

MISSION STATEMENT

Define minimum standards acceptable for community

- a) 24/7 Fire and EMS Response
- b) Fire/EMS response within guidelines established by NPFA 1710
- c) ISO Rating of 5.0 or lower
- d) Provide primary and backup fire engines (Class 1)

GOALS/PRIORITIES

- 1) Contain costs to remain within fixed revenue
 - a) Minimize overhead costs
 - b) Maintain cash reserves sufficient to replace equipment as required
- 2) Provide fire response with at least three firefighters on the engine
- 3) Provide some form of full-time firefighter response
- 4) Provide permanent living quarters for firefighters

ALTERNITIVES (think outside the box)

- 1) Less expensive administration
 - a) contract with a city
 - b) hire account clerk just for fire
- 2) Stop providing response to the beach
- 3) SERVICE OPTIONS
 - a) OCSD
 - b) AREA CONSOLIDATION
 - Fire JPA
 - Fire District
 - c) Contract with City of Arroyo Grande
 - d) CAL FIRE

RESOURCES

- 1) Property Tax Revenue (about \$750,000 per year)
- 2) Public Facility Fees
- 3) 3 Story Assessment
- 4) Grants
- 5) Rent of Old Fire Station
- 6) San Luis Ambulance Subsidy
- 7) Weed Abatement Charges
- 8) Fireworks Fees
- 9) Mutual Aid Reimbursements
- 10) Interest on Use of Funds
- 11) **Special Assessment on Property**