

UNION CENTER FIRE COMPANY

BOARD MEETING

March 6, 2017

PRESENT: W. Miga, R. Bealo, C. Nally, J. Drotar, S. Drake, K. Miga

NOT PRESENT: C. Hoyt, K. Battaglini, S. Meschter

We did not have enough board members present for a quorum, but we held a work session.

We can start figuring out what we need to ask from the Towns in terms of budgets.

We agreed that we need to set up a schedule for company physicals for 2017. For now we will keep with the approach that we were using in 2016 until we agree on what, if anything, needs to change. So for 2017, members must complete their physicals by May 31, 2017. We will have to figure out how physicals will be handled in the future. Bob says that in the organizations he is familiar with, physicals are tracked in terms of being completed within the calendar year and not on a date-to-date basis. We need clarification regarding what we should be doing in this regard. The easiest approach (if acceptable) would be the route we are currently taking, wherein we establish a window of a couple of months where all physicals need to be completed. This was pretty successful last year; there were only two members who failed to get physicals within the timeframe, one of whom was probably already planning to resign from the company.

Bob says that no date has been set for the 6-hour OSHA class in April yet.

Upon review of old business, most everything is covered in the update we received from Ken.

PESH items that need to be addressed are primarily building issues that Ken is also looking into.

Bob will be speaking with Dan Kerila about how EMS apparel is to be handled.

Regarding digital records, if we are proceeding with this we need to figure out which ones need to be digitized and where to start. Bob suggested that perhaps we could get a college intern to help with this; Joe Drotar said that this work would have to be relevant to the curriculum and would have to take place while college is in session. We decided that as a first step we will have a board work project, going through the file cabinets to figure out what we should digitize. We will come up with a date for this when we meet on March 13, 2017.

Wes will be teaching Bob how to add new key fobs to the system.

Besty arrived at the end of the meeting and brought up the fact that, as a chief, he believes that he should have a replacement for the leather helmet that he had to take out of service a few years ago. We agreed that the cost of this should come out of the equipment budget and that Besty will talk to Chris about it. This appears to be an unwritten rule or tradition that needs to be put into writing somewhere if it is to continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen S. Miga