

General Fireboard Meeting
November 17th, 2020 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order 6:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Sue Hamilton – Treasurer, Pam Weir – Secretary (ProTem), Bruce Speirs – Chair
Attended telephonically, John Moede- Chief, Matt McDowell-Asst Chief, Brienne McDowell- Administrative Assistant. See attached sign in sheet
4. Call to the Public: None
5. Treasurer Report: Sue Hamilton moved to accept, Pam Weir 2nd, all in favor
6. Reports:
 - a. correspondence: Letter from Resident Debbie Hansen see attached
 - b. Fire Chief Report: See attached
 - c. Board Report: Bruce Keep the new board appraised of the proper response level that is needed to fund to fire department.
7. Approval of Minutes: October 20, 2020 General Meeting: Moved to accept Minutes of the Oct 20, 2020 minutes by Sue Hamilton 2nd Pam Weir all in favor
8. New Business:
Discussion possible action: None
9. Old Business: Discussion and Possible Action re: Acceptance of Replacement Of the Command vehicle: Sue moved to accept Pam 2nd all in favor
10. Adjournment: Sue moved to adjourn the meeting 6:41 PM 2nd Pam all in favor

November 14, 2020

To the people of the Sherwood Forest Fire District who voted to recall Board Chairman Bruce Speirs: Shame on You!

In 2018, Mr. Speirs reluctantly agreed – his words -- to run for the board of the fire district because the then chairman, Rick Switzer, had announced that he would not seek reelection to the board and there was not anyone else who seemed interested in running, although the former fire chief eventually found another person to run against Mr. Speirs. When I informed the former fire chief that Mr. Speirs was interested in running for the board, his reaction was extremely negative toward the information for various reasons. I was surprised at his reaction since no one else had expressed any interest at all in the position, and I contacted Mr. Speirs to clarify with him his reasons for running because I didn't know Mr. Speirs. Even though his reason for running was none of my business, I was trying to understand the former fire chief's surprisingly negative reaction since he also told me that he didn't know Mr. Speirs. Mr. Speirs was friendly and gracious at my question and told me that the only reason he was running was because there was no one else who wanted to do it and that his intention was to continue with the work of the then-sitting board chairman in attempting to persuade the former fire chief to, among other things, comply with existing state rules, regulations, and mores because he was informed that that was not being done, and since the fire district was growing quickly with new homes and more residents, the operation of the fire department needed to keep up with the responsibilities going along with that growth. Personally, I internally applauded his vision because after more than two years of working at the fire department, I had observed many of those same issues and even had first-hand knowledge of the former fire chief's reluctance to comply with the board chairman's requests of him for information and work product. It was also my observation that the two other board members sitting with Mr. Switzer at that time were not supportive of Mr. Switzer's requests to the former fire chief, and that behavior also became the norm for a period of time when Mr. Speirs was on the board. When Mr. Speirs won the election to the board, the former fire chief said to me, among other things, "If he gets in my way, he will be recalled." Those words have stayed with me since November of 2018 because they were so harsh and arrogant, but as we have seen, the former fire chief made good on his threat. The charges leveled against Mr. Speirs in the recall petition were false and appalling, but it is clear that the former fire chief and his group are still at work in the district with their hateful rhetoric.

From my observation and my experience in working in the office of the fire department, every request that Mr. Speirs made of the fire chief was made in an effort to bring the former fire chief's operation of the fire department into compliance with said rules and regulations and to clean up the fire department facilities, which had devolved into premises resembling a filthy dumpsite, and every request Mr. Speirs made was met with delay, argument, obstruction, outright refusal, and, at times, contempt from the former fire chief.

I want to thank Mr. Speirs for his service to the fire board and apologize to him for the way he has been treated with the false accusations made against him. As a member of this fire district, I am embarrassed and appalled by the way the majority of voters of this district have taken his attempt to right a very wrong and dangerous situation in the running of the fire department to an indictment and vendetta against him personally by the allegations in the recall petition.

Last, but certainly not least, the Sherwood Forest Fire District is so very fortunate now to have a new fire chief and assistant fire chief who are working very hard to undo the damage done in the past. One can only hope that the new fire board will recognize the service these two men have done and are continuing to do to make sure that our fire department is operating in a legal, safe, and efficient manner for the firefighters, residents, and the public.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

Debra Henson

Former volunteer and employee of Sherwood Forest Fire District/2016 to 2019



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CHIEF'S REPORT NOVEMBER 17, 2020

Activity:

- Incidents since last Board Meeting:
 - 10/23 – Illegal burning, in district, False call
 - 10/30 – Welfare check, assist
 - 11/05 - Reported Structure Fire, Parks, Returned by radio
 - 11/06 – Grass fire, in district, 2 acres, no structure damage, cause: welding, 10 members responded.
 - 11/14 – Medical Incident, man down
 - 11/16 – Invest, sparks from welding operation
- Region is reporting a spike of Covid cases (FD).
- SFEFD and HCFD began a CO study this month. Nov 14 HCFD dispatched to sick person. CO alarmed at 107 ppm.

Equipment:

- Apparatus Update
 - Engine 1 (In Service) scheduled to receive area lighting replacement, antenna replacement and a automatic charge system installation
 - Engine 2 (**Out of Service**) classified as Reserve.
 - Tender 4 (In Service) site tube replaced
 - Tender 5 (**Out of Service**) ball valve replacement needed
 - Brush 6 (**Out of Service**) currently at shop pending pump test. Will be picked up this week.
 - Command 7 will be sold off when replaced by Ford Excursion
 - Tender 8 (In Service) pending air hose replacement.
 - Brush 11 (In Service) performed very well at grass fire
 - Deployment model for the orange Porta Tank (4,000 gallons) continues to be discussed.
 - Maintenance spreadsheet for fleet maintenance is ongoing.
 - New vehicle (no cost) Nov 4 2004 Ford Excursion from Three Points Fire District, 289,000 miles and equipped as a command vehicle. Maintenance and safety inspections are on going.

- Station
 - Building 1 new doors project update
 - Building 1 and 2 have in-house smoke detectors
 - Four (4) Wildland Packs and 10 small spanners purchased from State, nozzels and couplings are next.
 - Apron project appears not to require NEPA permit, researching how to proceed.
 - ✱ Meeting for radio system improvement occurred today

Training: Bi-monthly trainings continue. Last training Nov 7 training was canceled. (Grass Fire day before). Next training date is Nov 18 (6 pm). Topic will be bleeding control. December 5 (9 am) is our only December training.

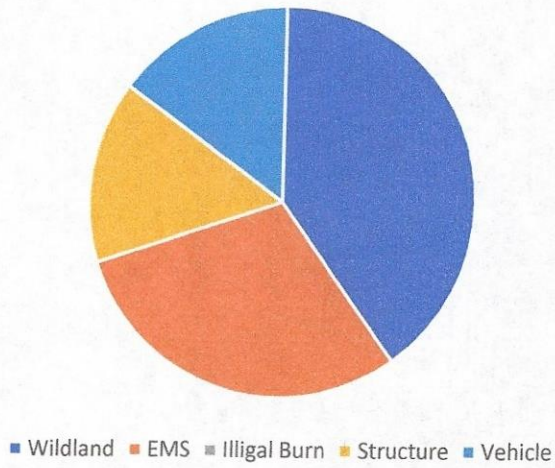
District Notes:

- The District participated in funeral ceremony for Firefighter Robert Augenstein from WFD. He served 45 years with the WFD as a volunteer.
- Stage 1 Fire Restrictions were lifted last week. National Weather Service is predicting cold and dry conditions for the future.
- Administration issues including voting canvassing process, new recruit process, outlining a driver trainer process, work comp program, and Kadampa pre-event planning continues.

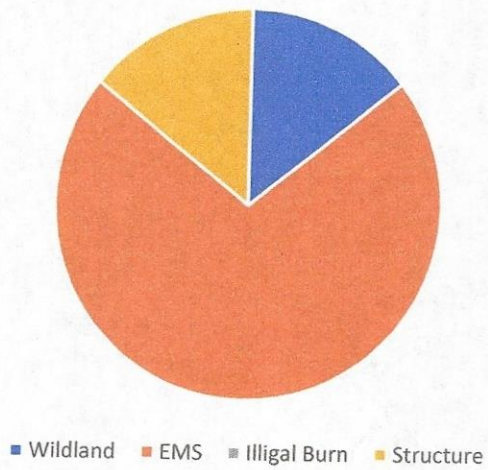
Respectfully Submitted:

John D. Moede
Fire Chief

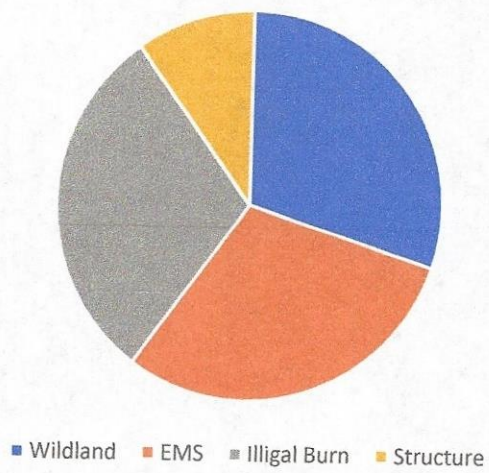
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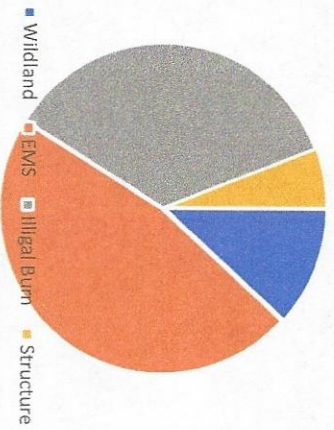
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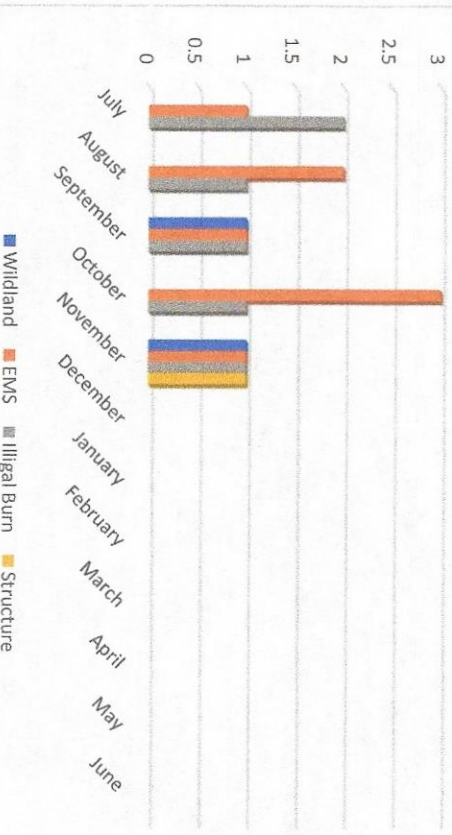
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	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Wildland				1	1								2
EMS	1	2		1		1							8
Illegal Burn	2	1	1		3	1							6
Structure					1	1							1

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