

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 26th, 2011
FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE ENGLEWOOD AREA FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Wednesday, October 26th, 2011, 9:00 A.M.
Meeting held at the Englewood Area Fire Control District's
Station 74
403 Boundary Blvd., Rotonda, Florida 33947

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by the Chairman, Ms. Hawkins. Those present were: Ms. Hawkins, Mr. Davison, Mr. Bray, Mr. Bacon, Chief Gorski and Ms. Emery. Mr. Kern was not in attendance.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Chief Gorski presented a Unit Citation Award to Lt. Ray Reese for his work on the fire boat lift. He also presented four service award pins to: Lt. Greg Adams and Lt. Ray Bauer (not in attendance) for 15 years of service and FF Jay Henry and FF Chris Sirabella for five years of service.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Mr. Paul Scionti addressed the Board and thanked Chief Gorski and the Firefighters in advance for their anticipated participation in the First Baptist Church's Fall Festival.

Mr. Dan Eisenberg addressed the Board and presented them with information regarding the firefighter's pension DROP program. The Chief advised the Board that he should have the information from the two actuaries by next week. At that time he would like to schedule an executive session to discuss their findings.

Lt. Don Rossow addressed the Board regarding the second annual Bikes for Tikes program.

MINUTES FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions, corrections or additions to the minutes from the Board Meeting of October 12, 2011. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the minutes from the Board Meeting of October 12th, 2011. It was seconded by Mr. Bacon and passed unanimously.

SECRETARY/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Ms. Hawkins asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the Financial Reports for September 2011. Mr. Bray made a motion to accept the Financial Reports for September 2011 subject to audit. It was seconded by Mr. Bacon and passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Mr. Bray commended the firefighters for their work regarding the Bikes for Tikes program.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The Chief updated the Commission regarding the Hurricane in the Gulf.

The Chief handed out the customer satisfaction survey results that were received, all with positive responses (copies attached for the record).

Chief Gorski notified the Board that on October 30th there will be a Chili Cook off in Sarasota.

The Chief advised the Board that the Governor is looking into Special Districts (copy of agenda is attached for their information). A short discussion ensued.

The automatic/mutual aid agreement with Sarasota County is going before the Sarasota County Commission on November 15th.

The Chief was invited to observer at the Charlotte County's Mock Aircraft crash on November 1st.

The Chief addressed "safe computing". He advised the Board that several viruses have been going around which they need to be aware of. In the past few weeks several of these virus emails have been received by District personnel, which affected our computers. It is imperative that we be diligent in reviewing our emails. A lengthy discussion ensued. Information regarding various scams and email viruses was given out.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chief presented each Commissioner with a draft copy of a Travel Policy that had been requested at the last Board Meeting. He asked each Commissioner to review this policy and advise him of any alterations they would like to see in this policy. This will be discussed at the November 9th Board Meeting.

Chief Gorski advised the Board that the firefighters have installed 53 smoke alarms. The next neighborhood to be addressed will be the Pendleton Avenue area. A short discussion ensued.

The Chief updated the Commission regarding the Barrier Island fire protection agreement and advised them that he has met with Chief DiDio. He advised the Board that our review of the agreement has been completed and it is now at the Charlotte County Attorneys' office. This agreement should be ready for the Commission to review in November. Twenty one volunteers have been put in place to staff the island and will be trained off island. A lengthy discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Gorski addressed the new procedure needed for the reporting of fund balances. He handed out information regarding this procedure along with a draft policy addressing this new reporting procedure. The Chief would like to schedule a special meeting to explain the new procedures to the commission. A lengthy discussion ensued. This will be addressed further at the November 9th Board Meeting with a power point presentation.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No one wished to address the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 A.M.

Denise Hawkins DATED: 11-9-11
Denise Hawkins, Chairman

Ronald R. Davis DATED: 11/9/11
Attest