

MINUTES

THE CITY-COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 4, 2022 @ 5:30 P.M. – BSB COURTHOUSE ROOM 203 IT CONFERENCE ROOM

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 5:33 P.M. by John Sorich

2. Roll call via Sign-in Sheet:

• Member Present:

Jerry Brothers, Home Atherton VFD
Lee Sullivan, BSB Career Fire Dept.
Joel Worth, Boulevard VFD
Chris Mjelde, BSB Career Fire Dept.
Chad Silk, BSB Career Fire Dept.
John Sorich, BSB Commissioner, Chairperson
Dan Callahan, BSB Commissioner

Guests Present:

Zach Osborne, BSB Fire Chief
Wayne Butori, BSB Career Fire Dept.
Riley Hash, BSB Career Fire Dept.
Jake Hanley, BSB Career Fire Dept.

Member Absent:

Justine Fortune, BSB Commissioner
George Stone, Terra Verde VFD

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Chris Mjelde to approve the Minutes for September 13, 2022, meeting. Chad Silk seconded the motion.
 - The September 13, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- None

5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- October 3, 2022 (FY2023 Report) balance in the TIFID is \$233,605.70. The approved request for the 8 Radios isn't reflected in this balance, but on order.

6. Review and Discuss:

Radio Updates:

- Lee Sullivan stated, "The Volunteer Dual Receiver heads, they are in Missoula waiting for them to put them be assembled and they will get ahold of the Chief's to schedule a day to put them in."
- Zach Osborne stated, "No news Jerry on your order for the 8 radios?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "No, they are still on order."

Training Updates:

- Chad Silk stated, "Not too much to report on the training. We met again this last month or in September we tried relays basically nursing off an engine or a tender and then pulling a draft with that same engine. There was good discussion on what is going to happen before water is shuttled, which I think we rely to heavily on the water shuttle and not enough of what happens before it, and what is going to make a difference. There were a couple of discussions on truck placement, if our trucks are up in a driveway and there is a couple of trucks stacked there, that really doesn't matter to some people it confuses them on what truck to lay into or what truck to supply. So, there was some good conversation on that. The evolution was good because there is a lot of things, we need to work on which is perfect because now we know where to go. The training in September is a training we will have to do again, because it is important. There were 4 departments there, for hopefully we get more next time, then we can get through an evolution without any interruptions or difficulties. Then we will really be on the right path doing anything out in the rural area, before the big water shuttle is going to happen or to establish. Again, the last two times we have met people are liking the trainings and are positive about them and just want to do the right thing and hear stuff from the right people, and just continue to do the trainings and know what to train on. There is somewhat a disconnect between all the departments on what to train on and if we can come together and figure out what's important to train on and what is important and focus on that. Rather than focusing on anything else, it is going to be a lot better when we actually get a call."
- Zach Osborne stated, "4 departments?"
- Chad Silk stated, "So, I don't know if I am the only one positive about it and think they are doing good, or it is just dwindling away or it was a crappy night. Joel said some people couldn't make it. Boulevard was still there, so next time we do it hopefully we will have more or as many."
- Joel Worth stated, "I heard nothing but good came out of it from our crew. They all thought it was good."
- Chad Silk stated, "I thought it was too, and it was good for our guys pumping as well. I think an evolution is overlooked and is the priority within the first 5-10 minutes when we are there, that is when we can really make a difference."
- Zach Osborne stated, "How many showed up for the first training in August?"
- Chad Silk stated, "I think there was 7 departments, I have a list. I think there were 7 August and 4 September."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "As far as the Volunteers it's been going fantastic and good practice. The trouble now is the nights are getting shorter. But we don't always fight fire in the daylight."
- John Sorich stated, "That is my next question Chad, "Are you going to keep this rolling through the cold weather?"
- Chad Silk stated, "Yes, we will find some things that are not totally water related. We can't be afraid to not spray water in the wintertime it is not a good mind set to be in. We will not freeze parking lot either to have people slip and stuff. We will probably go on and off going outside doing training and staying inside and doing some tabletops. Maybe we could get into some of the volunteers that want to do interior work and we can coach them in interior work we have done and will do, things like that. We will keep going."
- John Sorich stated, "Also, out of the 4 Departments that went to the last training is the Career Department consider one and 3 others?"

- Chad Silk stated, "No, sorry 5, there was Boulevard, Race Track, Home Atherton, Floral Park and Career."
- John Sorich stated, "Anyone else have any questions?"
- Joel Worth stated, "When is the next one?"
- Chad Silk stated, "I don't know yet, my hope was to get out an email today, it might come tonight or in the morning, but enough notice to get it done and keep it in the guy's time range so that they can make it and it isn't later in the month. "
- John Sorich stated to Chad , "Good job."

VFD IT Committee Update:

- Jerry Brothers stated, "We pretty much formed a committee, at the Fire Council there is four. We are just going to start to contact them now. With your suggestion Zach and I had talked to Dave McPherson we will run one at a time, in a shorter period. We will have to do some practice type deals, because not everyone will have enough calls to evaluate it."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I like the one at a time, I appreciate that. Why would you do a shorter period?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "So we could get it done before CAD is in, we will just do it for 30 days, each one of them. I would really like to do it for 90 days so all the departments would get a chance to use it, but we would be out another year."
- Zach Osborne stated, "If you only give each vendor a 30-day period? I mean if you look at some of these call volumes and they are getting 0, 1, 3, they are not getting a ton of opportunities to evaluate each one if you are only doing a month. What are they a 2-month free trial period?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "Some are different some are 45 days."
- Zach Osborne stated, "It is what it is, but I would hate to shortchange the vendor."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "What we will have to do is put in some tests to everyone. We will try and do 4-5 tests a month."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Okay."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "If it is a slow month, I am sure they would extend your trail period. If you said we did 30 days, we need another 30 days, I don't think it would be an issue, they are willing to work with everyone."
- Zach Osborne stated, "Who did you decide to be on the Volunteer IT Committee?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Myself, Grady Fisher, Fitzpatrick and Penny."
- Chris Mjelde stated, "Is one of the programs the one that is in CAD system?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "They are not test running that one right now. As soon as we get more information, and they can turn it on and start testing it."
- Zach Osborne stated, "We can test it when we go live?"
- Lee Sullivan stated, "We could probably test it before then. We would need a list from each department, and we could do trails forever long as needed."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That one definitely needs to be tested, the County already paid for that one. It would be no additional cost for the County, if that one ended up working."
- Jerry Brothers Stated, "Wouldn't that be nice."

- Zach Osborne stated, "So, if another vendor was selected, we would just have basically a double redundancy on a backup, weather that is needed of not. I guess we can cross that bridge when we get there. CAD is definitely something I would like to see get a trail period as well."
 - Chris Mjelde stated, "I am curious to if CAD system will auto populate some of the ESO reporting or whatever. Is there anything with this page out system that would be an advantage more than the other companies?"
 - Lee Sullivan stated, "Some of them do offer sending more information through them. Motorola without purchasing other stuff to talk to, I don't know if volunteers' guys do reports online or paper?"
 - Jerry Brothers stated, "They are all just paper reports."
 - Lee Sullivan stated, "It wouldn't even matter if they were doing reports that way then. It wouldn't send them anything different. If you use lamresponding, Whosresponding or eDispatch a couple of them have like a NFIRS reporting software that came with the bundle. It would pull CAD notes, I am sure you could push from Motorola, with an extra fee, to your guy's paging, whichever one you pick, I don't know how much reporting though. I don't know if it is just the nature of the call and address or if you get all the notes."
 - Riley Hash stated, "I think there is a push, but I think it is just voice. I think it listens to the voice and tries to auto populate it. I don't think there is an actual data push with it."
7. Chad Silk made a motion to adjourn, Lee Sullivan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 P.M. **Next meeting is November 1, 2022.**

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