



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL STUDY SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTH ADAMS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT March 1, 2022

A special study session of the Board of Directors of the South Adams County Fire Protection District was held via zoom meeting commencing at 6:59 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Alex Fairfield	President
Sam Gillan	Vice President
Ernie Anderson	Treasurer
Debra Bullock	Director

Also, Present:

Kevin Vincel	Fire Chief
Ken Koger	Chief of Support
Bobby Noel	Chief of Operations
Sandy Danne	Executive Administrative Assistant
Kevin Kellar	Information Technologies

Absent: Craig Machuga

Changes/ Additions to the Agenda: None

Public Comments (agenda items only): None

Introduction of guests: Lt. Bendinelli, FF Reifman, Lt. Grant Todack, EMS Manager Renfro, BC Roberts, FF David Fancher, Fleet Technician Reggie Buckalew, and Capt. Fairband,

Old Business: None

Scorpion Update/ Proposal:

Chief of Operations Noel presented the different makes and models of the Scorpion. He presented three options:

1. Adding the Scorpion mechanism to the back of an old fire truck and a message board is placed at the top of the fire truck.
2. Purchase a new diesel truck with the Scorpion mechanism on the back.
3. Rent a unit, that includes the truck with the Scorpion attached.

Chief Noel presented how the Scorpion absorbs the impact of an accident and explained that in two to three days the damaged portion of the Scorpion can be replaced, at a less expensive cost of materials and quicker turn-around time.



Chief Koger presented several options on how to staff the Scorpion unit.

Option 1 - Call in overtime. Two people would be needed

Option 2 - During the months where there isn't a lot of vacation, the 4 person engines, one person can be taken from each of the 4 - person engines.

Option 3 - Modified Duty - HR is assisting in the possibility of this option if there would be any issues with Worker's Comp.

Option 4 - Hire additional employees

Option 5 - Utilizing retired volunteers

Option 6 - Hire current college driving students

Option 7 - Hire part-time employees

Option 8 - CDOT - to respond on scene to help

Pros and cons are being assessed with all the above options on manning the Scorpion.

Chief Vincel said further discussion will take place at the regular board meeting on March 15, 2022.

All Board members expressed they are interested in moving forward with the Scorpion and would like to see costs of both the unit and manning the Scorpion at the March regular board meeting.

EMS Ambulance Update:

Chief Vincel reported that Chief's staff will have a recommendation by the March regular board meeting on a new ambulance company. He'll have a contract between SACFD and new ambulance company that he'll have legal look at and have it ready by the April board meeting. The acceptance of the contract at the April meeting, with a start date and details of the contract all to be ironed out.

Chief Noel reported the interviews will take place on March 8, 2022. A panel of 10 people will grade and will be compiling the data from the company's presentation and present a recommendation to the Chief. AMR, Stadium and Platte Valley have all applied. All three companies submitted the RFPs on time.

Station #1/Station 3 Concept:

NGA is 90% moved out of station 3. Chief's staff explained how station 3 is a better station to occupy than station 1, in respect to response to call volumes. However, the remodeling is too far ahead with station 1, to scrape it. Construction is due to start at station 1 in two weeks and is a 9 month build out. January 2023 is approximate due date for station 1 to be completed. Response apparatus will be positioned at both station 1 and station 3. Station 3 would be available to have a response apparatus much sooner than the completion of station 1. Station 3 has minor repairs to be completed.

Heat Mapping:

Chief Noel presented heat mapping with the call volumes and types of call data, collected from 2015 - to 2021. Majority of calls are from the south. He also presented response times



from stations, placing apparatuses at stations where the highest call volumes are. Using station 1 and station 3, will fill all areas where the largest gaps are.

New Business/Good of the order:

Chief Vincel reported that the County Treasurer is being sued by the County Assessor because the County Treasurer won't release documents for the annual audit, which may hold up main source of property tax income for SACFD. President Fairfield said he'd email SACFD's county commissioner representative to see if he could receive an update.

Chief Vincel reported that he met with the North Area Chief's regarding the North Area Academy. The talk is to host two academy's a year and the North Area is interested in a second academy being hosted by SACFD at the Pound. SACFD will be hosting the North Area Chief's meeting at the Pound for the April meeting.

Chief Vincel reported that all the North Area Chiefs agree to keep the North Area Chief's group continuing for the next 15-20 years.

Chief Vincel reported that he started "Ride-along" with the Chief, starting this week. And he reported that it's been a great learning experience. Chief reported that he's very proud of the finished product out there.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Alex Fairfield, President

Sam Gillan, Vice President