

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**Minutes – January 11, 2016
Monthly Board Meeting**

Fire Commissioners Present:

Steve Lohan – Chairman
Lawrence P. Kosilla, Jr. – Vice Chairman
Fred Forbes – Secretary/Treasurer
James Murphy – Commissioner
Patrick McCourt - Commissioner

Administrative Staff Present:

Joseph V. Daigle – Fire Chief
Frank Giuliano – Deputy Chief
Rich Scott – Deputy Chief
Lisa Gendron – Admin-Finance Director

Chairman Lohan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence for the families of the firefighters that lost their lives during the past month, with specific focus on the family of Captain Paul Phillips, and an invocation by Chaplain Chitwood. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Deborah Maclean spoke about agenda item 9c – Resignation of Commissioner Forbes and Appointment to Fill Seat Vacancy. She stated that when the Board searched for a replacement for Commissioner Forbes’ seat, the commissioners should seek a person who will use critical thinking.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2015 MINUTES

Commissioner Kosilla made a motion to approve the December 7, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the **motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2015 FINANCIALS

Commissioner Forbes motioned to approve the December 2015 and Current Expenditures and ACH Payments, Acknowledgement of the Financial Report, and Acknowledgement of Wire Transfers and Transfers Between Accounts. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion and the **motion passed unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS

Michael Marcus – Trauma Program Manager, Lee County Trauma Services District

Mr. Marcus began his presentation by explaining that there is a “golden hour,” or a window of about 60-70 minutes in which trauma needs to be addressed. Irreversible damage will happen after this time frame. Being treated in a trauma system increases a seriously injured person’s chance of survival by approximately 20-25%. Mr. Marcus explained that a trauma patient’s treatment begins at dispatch. He explained that paramedics are trained to identify “Trauma Alert criteria” in patients to know when to send them to the Trauma Center. Once a patient has become a Trauma Alert, the only person who can downgrade him or her is a Trauma Surgeon. In a Trauma Center, the Trauma Surgeon coordinates all of the trauma care. Mr. Marcus explained

that in an emergency room, there can be dozens of patients at a time, whereas in the Trauma Center, the Trauma Surgeon and all of the trauma staff are focusing on one patient.

Mr. Marcus reviewed Lee Memorial Trauma Center's statistics. 86% are classified as "blunt injuries," such as motor vehicle or motorcycle accidents, falls, sports injuries, assaults, etc. 12% are classified as "penetrating injuries," which are gunshot wounds or stab wounds. Mr. Marcus noted that in larger cities, the percentage makeup of blunt vs penetrating injuries is closer to 60/40, respectively. In this area, there are less gunshot and stab wounds, and, due to an older population, more falls, and due to a greater popularity of motorcycles and a longer riding season than many other areas of the country, we experience more traumatic motorcycle accidents as well. The last 2% of Lee Memorial Trauma Center's statistical makeup comes from burn injuries.

Mr. Marcus noted again the criticalness of the care received before a patient reaches the Trauma Center. He commended the firefighters of BSFCRD for the training and practice of pre-Trauma Center care and hoped to see more of it.

COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

Commissioner Forbes commented that Mr. Marcus's presentation was great.

Chairman Lohan stated that the collective effort of the BSFCRD and neighboring districts made for a remarkable ceremony for Paul Phillips. He thanked everyone who was involved.

Commissioner Kosilla stated the same and thanked those involved.

NEW BUSINESS

Mural Proposal Station One

Chief Daigle explained that the City had proposed painting a mural on the north side of Station One, at no cost to the District. There would be a three-year contract with the City and the artist of the mural to keep it maintained. Chairman Lohan asked if it would be directly on the brick of the building and Chief Daigle replied yes. Commissioner Kosilla questioned the cost of maintaining it after the three-year contract ended. Chief Daigle replied that he would find out. Commissioner Murphy inquired about what it would cost to sandblast the painting off if desired in the future. Chief Daigle replied that he would find out. Chairman Lohan noted that he'd like to look at another option other than painting directly on the brick.

ALS Transport Update

Chief Daigle reviewed the information given to the Board, in the supporting documents to the agenda, relating to the appeal of the denial of BSFCRD's Transport COPCN. The appeal was denied by the courts, with the judge ruling that the process of receiving a COPCN was quasilegislative and the court therefore had no authority in the matter.

Resignation of Commissioner Forbes and Appointment to Fill Seat Vacancy

Chief Daigle noted that Commissioner Forbes' effective date of resignation would be March 25, 2016. Chief Daigle explained that the Board could appoint another commissioner or let the seat go vacant until the next election. Commissioner Murphy stated that he would like to see the same process as when Commissioner Liles resigned, which involved advertising for the position,

collecting resumes, and interviewing candidates. Chairman Lohan and Commissioner Kosilla agreed. Chairman Lohan stated he believed the Board should wait until Commissioner Forbes vacated the seat and that they should advertise after the March Board meeting. Commissioner Murphy noted his appreciation for Commissioner Forbes' service to the Board.

CHIEFS' REPORTS

Chief Joseph V. Daigle

Chief Daigle thanked everyone involved for their support in the passing of Captain Paul Phillips and for helping to organize his ceremony.

Chief Daigle presented the newly hired firefighter Zachary Schleiffer and welcomed him to BSFCRD with a badge pinning.

Chief Daigle thanked Commissioner Forbes for his years of service to the District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deborah Maclean stated that she believed the next commissioner should have knowledge in the medical field, or other fields related to the processes involved in running a Fire District. She noted she would like to see the Board start the process early.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.