

Ross Valley Fire Department  
Board Meeting  
Minutes  
March 11, 2015

Minutes from audio recording.

Closed session: Provided direction to staff.

Members present: Reed, Small, Hoertkorn, Shortall, Weinsoff, Finn, Kelly

Open time – no members of the public addressed the board. Members Small thanked the department for the response to the structure fire on Redwood Road in Ross. Battalion Chief Mahoney advised that the investigation was ongoing and there should be a result within the next few days.

Member Shortall advised that he was appointed to the Fire Safe Marin board and there is a meeting on Friday. There is grant money available for public education for wildfire safety. (Portions of discussion were inaudible due to dispatch radio traffic). He will keep the board updated about possible grants for the future. Board members thanked Member Shortall for the information. Discussion ensued regarding other areas of the county that have vegetation concerns and the pros and cons of defensible space.

Board requests for future agenda items, questions, and comments to staff: Members Hoertkorn and Small brought up a question regarding the PERS unfunded liability. The Chief will bring a staff report back to the next meeting.

There was also lengthy discussion regarding the location of the RVPA ambulance. The Chief is working with the Marin County Fire Department Chief regarding this issue.

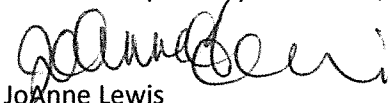
Consent Agenda: M/S Small/Shortall to approve consent agenda as presented. All ayes.

Acknowledge and file report regarding Community Paramedicine. Chief Mills presented the staff report and explained the concept of Community Paramedicine. The program is being tested in larger areas around the state. How it will affect our jurisdiction remains to be seen. This is a program that has been discussed about for many years.

Approve purchase of vehicle replacement to replace 2001 Chevrolet impala. Chief Mills presented the staff report and explained that the Impala is due to be surplus. He also explained the research that was done in order to make the decision to purchase the Chevrolet Volt. M/S Hoertkorn/Kelly to approve purchase. All ayes.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

  
JoAnne Lewis

AGENDA ITEM # 2A  
Date 5/13/15