

11/13/23 Board of Directors' Report

The semi-annual SMFR Volunteer Firefighter Board of Trustees meeting took place where financials were approved, and Staff was requested to provide a list of participants in future board packets.

An overview of SMFR's Public Health Program was presented by Community Clinician Mary Friedman and Community Paramedic Tyson Hungerford, highlighting the growing need to provide access to resources to those utilizing 911 for non-emergent calls such as aging in place, behavioral health, and those experiencing a housing crisis.

The Public Hearing for the 2024 Budget included budget scenarios dependent upon whether legislation is passed as a result of the Governor's Special Session on Friday. The Board has scheduled a special meeting placeholder for December 4th at 5:00 p.m. in case more discussion is needed before the budget is officially approved at the December 11th regular meeting (or as dictated by new legislation).

September's Financial Statements were reviewed. It was noted that the statements reflect that we have sold \$390,000 of the District's assets that had been taken out of service.

The Board directed Staff to pursue the appointment of a SMFR Board Member as a Commissioner of the Lone Tree Urban Renewal Authority, contingent on the other special districts in the city agreeing to SMFR's representation.

Results of the two Firefighter Cardiac Screening Pilot Programs were reviewed, the plan to extend to additional SMFR firefighters, and plans for a large-scale study with other fire departments.

Correspondence items in the Board's packet are summarized below as well as other information items that were communicated:

- IGA Update –Dell'Orfano
 - University of Colorado Data Transfer Use Agreement: they are studying pre-hospital, hospital care, and patient outcomes related to strokes.
- Baker:
 - Deputy Fire Chief promotional process has started. CHRO Chapman stated 12 candidates pursuing the position and they are starting the first round of interview this week. They hope to have someone selected before mid-December.
 - At the Science to the Station Conference in Phoenix, many of the sessions ended up asking what is SMFR doing, from the instructors to the people who were attending, which speaks well of the Wellness team.
 - Israel donation is wrapping up the first round of donations. Quite a lot of supplies from Colorado and areas outside of Colorado which includes everything from N95 masks to ballistic vests.
 - Cardiac screening presentation will be made at the CPSE (accreditation) conference in Orlando in March.
- Eckmann:
 - Attended third week with cohorts at Fire Service Executive Development Institute. 23 other fire departments are part of her cohort, talking about fire service leadership and other issues that fire districts are facing. She feels very fortunate to be a part of the program and it is one of the best she has experienced.
- Curtis:
 - Thanks to C Shift and the crews who helped when Porter Hospital lost their generator by assisting with moving patients and running the operation.
- Dell'Orfano:

- Centennial Airport has provided a lot of assistance to the department and Staff has created a recognition plaque for presentation at one of their future board meetings. When confirmed he will invite the Board.
- Getting ready for special session this week. Draft bills are anticipated by Wednesday, lobbyist is aligning with SDA and some other organizations, and potential presence at the hearings by Staff and Board members.
- Dzengelewski:
 - Already engaged with the State CPFF on the special session. It is well known to their leadership how the Local feels about potential tax bills, so voicing the opinion and hoping to minimize any impact.
 - Very proud of our employees going into the busy holiday season.
- Thank Yous:
 - West Metro Fire Protection District thanked Engineers Allen, Plumber, Carbonaro and Grothe for their participating as assessors for their 2023 Engineer Promotional Exam.
 - West Metro Fire Protection District thanked SMFR for sending apparatus and crew members to the memorial services for WMFR FF/PM Jeffrey Kaiser.
 - Mother of a 15-year-old with Down Syndrome thanked Station 11 for their connection with her son.
 - Someren Glen Retirement Community Resident thanked Station 14 for their nice, kind, and respectful assistance when they responded to her call for assistance.