Volunteer Incentive Committee Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ron Masters.

Present were: Cal Meyers, Chief Tom Arcari, Chief Jim Barton, Dale Nelson, and Ron Masters.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were reviewed and approved, motion by D. Nelson, seconded by C. Meyers. The motion carried.

There was no public comment at the meeting.

Chief Arcari presented the committee with the incentive expenditures for BBFD for the period Jan1 thru March 31. The total was \$22,567. The Chief noted that the expenditure included \$3,500 for training. BBFD has three new volunteers. One has completed Firefighter 1 and the others are working on completing Firefighter 2. There were 158 calls for the quarter. Chief Barton provided the committee with the totals for the WHPFD for the quarter. They were \$19,121 including all training and officer stipends. Warehouse Point also had one volunteer complete Firefighter 1 training during the past quarter. Both submittals were reviewed and approved by the committee.

This makes the total for the quarter \$41,680 against a budget estimate of \$43,700. Thus far the incentive program is under running the budget by about \$25,000. If the expenses continue to under run the budget, the Chief Arcari will request additional invoices from VFIS to continue to bring the pension program to a fully funded status. Chief Barton told the committee that The WHPFD program is now fully funded. The Broad Brook pension program is still about \$138,000 in arrears.

The Chiefs also advised the committee that a new OSHA requirement will mean that any time any confined space work is being carried out in town, a fireman must be on duty. The potential cost for this mandate needs to be incorporated into budget planning.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 21nd at the BBFD.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ron Masters, Chairman