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CITY OF LANSING BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session on August 9, 2017 at 3015 Alpha Access (Training Tower). Commission Chairperson Rodney Singleton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Betty Draher, David Keeney, Rodney Singleton, Alicia Banks, Gina Nelson, Wyatt Ludman, Yvonne Young-McConnell

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Frank Ferro

COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED: none

OTHERS PRESENT: LFD Assist Chief Matt Jenkins,; LFD DSO Bruce Odom,; LFD DFO Ellen Vogt, Training Chief Teresa Robinson, LFD Admin Spec. Patti Starnes,

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Draher and supported by Commissioner Ludman to accept the July minutes as written. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

REVIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS: Asst. Chief Matthew Jenkins

Training Newsletter Overview:

1. Hydration guidelines. We are updating the LFD Rehab SOG. Some concerns were noticed at the Walter French fire.
2. Forcible entry training is coming up.
3. Driver's License Scanners are now available – scanner is built into the EMS computers. Chief Robinson: We capture only the information the state of Michigan has encoded. This helps us get proper patient information for billing information and provide a higher level of service to our citizens.

Pathways referrals – we partner with the Ingham County Health department. The program is an attempt for us to reduce “super utilizers” of ambulance services. Some use LFD as their only source of healthcare.

Thank you from the Lansing Housing Commission – crews participated at the event
Thank you from citizen for helping a stranded motorist push their car off the road.

PRESENTATIONS:

Training Chief Robinson reported on the current activities of the LFD Training Division. She will give a tour of the training facility following tonight's meeting.

1. Metro departments utilize the facility for ability tests (Delta & Delhi)

2. METRO RIT training includes all metro departments
3. Forcible entry props that are provided by the Metro Training Committee at no cost to LFD.
4. HAZMAT training – MSU is providing 5 chemicals to train on.
5. Just finished water rescue training.
6. Training has been ramped up. Chief Robinson has a vision for Lansing to be the best training facility in the area. Commissioner McConnell asked if she is the only female at the “table”. Chief Robinson said yes, but she doesn’t mind. She has 4 years left to accomplish the vision and has many people working with her to make it happen.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS: A/Chief Matthew Jenkins:

Department Update:

1. Connect 4 kids on Aug 21st from 9:30-2:30....invited the Board to come out. LFD will have a table and an EMS station set up.
2. Station 8 Apron concrete – is almost complete. Crews are running out of the rear of station.
3. Engineer Kris Singh – The Golden Gate Frogman event – Navy seal competition. Singh swam 1.5 miles across San Francisco Bay. He finished in 1st place and raised \$5000 for fallen veterans!
4. DSO Bruce Odom reported that the crews have been busy with many special community events.
5. Fires – A few fires recently with no injuries....but some have been displaced.
6. Heroin continues to be a huge issue for us locally and nationally. We had a CPR related to heroin last week. The Mayor’s office is compiling the cost and impact to the city services. Narcan is provided through Tri County Emergency Control Authority.
7. Crews continue to be extremely busy. Currently Mon/Tues are the busiest days.
8. Commissioner Keeney asked about the medical marijuana impact to the fire department. Asst. Chief Jenkins commented that the grow houses don’t always bring the electrical service up to handle to the usage which can cause fires.
9. The Home Occupation ordinance has been passed. Inspections to follow and electrical systems must be brought up to code to handle the load if over 3500 kw (that is what a residential system can handle). 400 plus houses in Lansing that we know about fall under the 3500 kw. Currently 125 homes are in the 5000kw range. There is no law or ordinance regarding a commercial buildings because grow operations are not allowed in commercial buildings. Commissioner Nelson asked about the meth house fire danger? Yes, but the marijuana growers are trying to produce a wax which helps to extract the oils to use for other products.

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Extracting can be a dangerous process. Commissioner Ludman asked about the response numbers to grow houses. A/Chief Jenkins will get a report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Dept. Staff Office Bruce Odom gave a report on the committee.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GENERAL ORDER:

Commissioner McConnell made a motion to correct the July minutes. In the voting section the minutes should read: Ellen Vogt opened the floor for nominations and vote for commissioner Chair and Vice-Chair. Dave Keeney seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Next meeting(s):

Wednesday, September 13 | 815 Marshal St – Emergency Ops Center (basement Station #48)

5:30 pm | **BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT:** Singleton, Keeney, Draher

6:00 pm | **REGULAR MEETING**

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Patti Starnes on September 13, 2017.

APPROVED:

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Patti Starnes
Fire Board Secretary/LFD Admin Specialist

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