



Southern Marin Fire Protection District

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Sausalito, CA 94965

EDPC COMMITTEE

MINUTES Tuesday, December 08, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Director Fleming called the meeting to order at 07:32 A.M.

In Attendance:

BOARD: *Participating via Zoom meeting:* Director Fleming. *Present in person:* Director Perazzo. There is a quorum.

STAFF: *In Person:* Chief Tubbs, Chief Welch, Communications Coordinator Elysha Omoomy, and Clerk of the Board Mariya Weinberg.

Absent: none

2. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION: - No public present in person, or by any other means.

3. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS: - None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Committee Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2020.

Motion to approve Minutes without changes:

M/S: Perazzo/Fleming

Ayes: Fleming, Perazzo

5. Reports and Information

5.a Communications Coordinator Staff Report

Communications Coordinator Omoomy noted that there was nothing to add to her written report. Chief Tubbs mentioned that he and Ms. Omoomy spoke following the last board meeting. This was in reference to Director Chun's request to provide metrics relating to effectiveness of various forms of communication. Metrics were already in the report, but Chief Tubbs mentioned the idea of adding graphs showing trending lines. Director Fleming mentioned that he expects to see seasonal variances, depending on the number of relevant events going on.

5.b COVID-19 Update

Chief Welch said that after this report was written, CA Governor added new restrictions. Those decisions are anchored to the availability of hospital beds. Our fire department is doing well. Chief Tubbs had sent

out a memo a few days ago, re-affirming closure of fire stations to the public, wearing PPE in the fire house, and instructions on interacting with the public. There is no longer any shortage of PPE. Currently, the County is constrained by the availability of hospital beds. We expect a “spike after the spike” in infections after Thanksgiving and then Christmas.

Plans are begin made to provide vaccination, and public safety personnel is high on the priority list. Inoculations are expected to begin late December/Early January, and to continue robustly into 2021. First responder personnel are going to be inoculated first, then most high-risk population, then the rest of the community. There will be Point of Distribution sites (PODs) set up, where public can drive up to get their shot.

Director Fleming asked if we track District employee COVID-19 exposures, and also how many patients are being engaged with or transported? Chief Welch said that we do document and track employee exposures, but the patient information is tracked at the community level. Chief Tubbs noted that most of the exposures for our personnel happen during off-duty activities. Chief Matt Barnes is the Infection Control Officer, and has done a great job with tracking, testing setup, etc.

6. Action Items - None

7. CLOSED SESSION - None

At this point the Committee and Staff welcomed input from the Committee on any items they wish to discuss future E&DPC meetings. Chief Fleming proposed that he and Chief Welch brainstorm some topics for 2021. Director Fleming proposed a topic of familiarizing ourself and communicating with various community organizations pertaining to fire safety and emergency response. The idea is to increase community awareness and visibility of those groups. Chief Tubbs brought up the re-organization of the CERT program in Southern Marin. Mill Valley has expanded into the “94941 group”, which included parts of the District. Now, they are looking to expand in all of the Southern Marin. The NRG leaders came to SMFD requesting assistance for funding for a Coordinator. This idea has merit, but we don’t have funding for such a position. We are exploring partnering with some other agencies, such as Tiburon and City of Mill Valley. We do assist in any way we can, such as allowing Maggie Lang to use our equipment to copy materials. Director Fleming was interested in solutions to help NRGs, and Chief Welch said he’d assist in brainstorming some ideas for the next meeting. One possibility of asking County Supervisor Stephanie Moulton-Peters to see if there was any way to obtain funding from her budget.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn.

M/S: Fleming/Perazzo

Ayes: Perazzo /Fleming

Noes: none

Adjourned at 7:47AM.