



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Four Cities User Board
Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2024– 4:30 pm Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. and ended at 5:30p.m.

Members Present:

Greg Dirks	Wood Village City Manager
Bruce Nissen	Wood Village Representative
Ray Young	Troutdale City Manager
Glenn White	Troutdale City Council

Others Present:

Scott Lewis	Fire Chief
Jeff Hairston	Assistant Fire Chief
Bill Eggert	Sr. Management Analyst
Katie Lowell	Recording Secretary

Agenda Items:

- Review New Quarterly Response Reports
- Fire District Analysis Process Update
- Transport Capable Rescue Purchase
- Hiring Plan, Firefighters & Deputy Fire Marshal
- Good of the order

Quarterly Reports: Reports were emailed to each city for review. City Manager Dirks asked at what point is intervention implemented for EMS frequent flyer calls. OHSU has a CARES nursing program through Gresham Fire who help to get frequent callers resources that are needed to alleviate the calls to 911. Individual City Managers do not need to intervene but can inquire for a follow-up.

SMA Eggert presented the new dashboard functionality. Next steps are to get each City Manager access to the weblink through GIS. The dashboard updates monthly with several filters that can show call types and where they are on the map within a specific jurisdiction. The map also allows users to see location, call times and additional information attached to that specific call. There is a possibility that this could become a public outward facing dashboard only allowing viewers to see calls to the nearest intersection and not the exact address for privacy reasons. City Managers to send AAll Lowell their GIS/IT contact.

Fire District Analysis Process Update: Chief Lewis, Local 1062 Union President and Merina & Company had a meeting and to provide the department's needs. Tax and Cash implications of Gresham moving to a fire district. Liability requirements. Compensated absences to vacation. ORS that would require a payout. First what are the tax implications and what does it do to the city with lost revenue.

City Manager Dirks stated the 3 Cities are doing an analysis for moving to a district. AP Tritan was awarded the contract through Wood village. Looking for a February/March completion. What would it look like if the cities were to move away from contracting with Gresham. Tiberius will be doing a financial analysis and should be complete by the middle of October.

D10 and the Gresham City Council have approved successor contract. Next 10-year, same rate per \$1,000 assessed value. Changed the Capital Repair and Maintenance requirements; currently 20% them 80% us. Starting in July 2025 45% them 55% us. Their rate considers they provide fire apparatus, the Fire Training Center and 2 Fire Stations. Provides for an out to move away from BOEC, should we ever have our own dispatch center.

Transport Capable Rescue Purchase: An F350 was purchased for a new rescue to be housed at station 72 utilizing levy money. The purpose would be to use the transport capabilities in the instance an ambulance is not available, and someone needs to be transported immediately although there are no plans to routinely transport. Due to AMR Staffing, there have been several events when Fire is waiting for an ambulance when time is critical. It would take 16-28 months for turnaround time if purchased from new written specs. Fire looked at 2 demo transport vehicles and will purchase one of those to allow for a faster turnaround time.

Hiring Plan, Firefighters & Deputy Fire Marshal: Firefighter lateral hiring post will be open the week of 8/5/24. Gresham is currently in Need of Paramedic Firefighters. Applicants will receive credit for time served. The Fire Union is working on an MOU. There were two Deputy Fire Marshal positions in the budget, one position will be filled by the limited term position as an inspector as they work through the training to promote. There will also be a limited term fire inspector that would be a trial to determine if the fees would cover the cost of the position. The Limited term fire inspector that would be a trial to determine if the fees would cover the cost of the position is on hold pending return status for FF Tejedas.

Good of the Order: On August 2nd there will be a blood drive at Gresham City Hall. Red Cross will be on site. A link will be sent to the 3 cities to share on their social media.
Update: blood drive went well collecting 91 total units were collected with 33% inspired by Spencer to donate for the first time.

Next Meeting: October 23, 2024