

SANIBEL FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT
Minutes of the Fire Commission Meeting
February 9, 2022

Commissioners –Chairman Jerry Muench, Vice Chair Bruce Cochrane, Secretary Richard McCurry
Fire Chief Bill Briscoe
Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Barbot *excused*
Division Chief Tim Barrett *excused*
Fire Marshal Larry Williams
Administrator Samantha Quinn

In attendance were the following: Captain Jackson, Union Representative, the Breeze Newspaper, general public.

Commissioner Muench opened the meeting at 9:00 AM. Commissioner Muench led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1st Order of Business: The minutes for the January 12, 2022, commission meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Board Members. A motion was made by Commissioner McCurry to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was second by Commissioner Cochrane. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

2nd Order of Business: Fire Chief Briscoe, Deputy Chief Kevin Barbot and Division Chief of Training Tim Barrett were excused from the meeting.

3rd Order of Business: Administrator Quinn presented the board with the account balances as of January 31, 2022, and a Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual October 2021 through January 2022.

4th Order of Business: Commissioner McCurry asked if anything was set up for training? Chief Briscoe stated, he was not sure but the District has scheduled the monthly in service with all firefighters and the Sanibel Police Department. Captain Jackson stated, the in service is February 22.

5th Order of Business: Administrator Quinn went over the social media and website interactions:

Website visits January: 13,507
Facebook post reach: 10,574
Post Engagement: 2,027
New followers: 87
Total followers: 2,567

6th Order of Business: Commissioner Muench asked, did we get questions on the accident on the causeway? Chief Briscoe stated, no we didn't.

7th Order of Business: Fire Marshal Williams continues annual inspections. The island has a new elevator install at John Newman's. Working with the City of Sanibel to review plans with the new software program. The Sanctuary kitchen plans are still in review because it's a big remodel. Still working on the demo for the theater as well.

8th Order of Business: Fire Chief Briscoe reviewed the calls. January 2022, we responded to 157 calls and January 2021 we responded to 134 calls. Year-over-year calls are up 15%. The District recently responded to a structure fire call at George and Wendy's Restaurant. Captain Jackson reviewed the incident and read a thank you note he wrote for his shift.

Ladder 171 (Captain Jackson, Firefighter Doerr, and Firefighter Bell) and Deputy Chief Barbot assisted Iona McGregor Fire Department with the Tornado. The Ladder ran calls for IMFD during the incident. Deputy Chief Barbot was division supervisor inside Tropicana Mobile Home Park.

The security system is 98% completed. All cameras are live and always recording the properties. No further maintenance issues to report.

Our initial onboarding with Lexipol was completed, which will begin this 6–8-month process. Lexipol is currently reviewing our current documents and crossing them over into the Lexipol system. We will be meeting with Lexipol this Friday, as well as on an ongoing weekly basis to review all policies and procedures, until we have completed the process.

We will be conducting new hire testing this month. The open application period has closed. We have invited qualified applicants to come test for an opportunity to become a Sanibel Firefighter.

The Firehouse subs grant was submitted and accepted for review. We will hopefully know within the next 2 board meetings if our submission was selected for approval.

The pinning ceremony will be held on 02/26/2022 @ 1000 at the Community House.

9th Order of Business: **Resolution 2022-02-01**. Fire Chief Briscoe stated, we have a resolution for the District to purchase 9 new ballistic panels and one new set from Survival Armor. Administrator Quinn read the resolution. A motion was made by Commissioner Cochrane to accept the resolution as presented. The motion was second by Commissioner Muench. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

10th Order of Business: Chief Briscoe discussed the MERT call in detail. A gentleman was found in the water, with an injury to his head, he informed rescuers that he had a girlfriend with him. A drowning victim was then called in and all local marine vessels and police were fully involved. No victim was found, and the incident was called off.

11th Order of Business: Chief Briscoe discussed the location of a piece of property located on the East end of Sanibel Island for potentially a Station 3. The District will look into this opportunity.

12th Order of Business: Chief Briscoe stated, per my contract I have to ask u if I am able to serve on any other board. I need your permission to serve on my HOA board. Commissioner Muench stated, I have no problem with that. Commissioner Cochrane stated, go for it. Commissioner McCurry stated, enjoy.

13th Order of Business: Chief Briscoe stated the District had no years of service.

14th Order of Business: Commissioner McCurry asked if everyone saw the letter to the editor in the island paper. Administrator Quinn read the letter. Commissioner McCurry stated this speaks volumes of this department. Commissioner McCurry stated the city manager came and toured the station. Chief Briscoe said yes, we had breakfast and then came to the station for a tour and discussed how we can work together on anything in the future.

12th Order of Business: No Union Items to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM

Commissioner Jerry Muench

Commissioner Bruce Cochrane

Commissioner Richard McCurry