

**MINUTES
STAYTON FIRE DISTRICT
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

02-17-09

**Conference Room
1988 W. Ida Street**

Stayton Fire Station

Called to order at 17:00 hours by Andy Wooldridge

Members present: Barbara Nelson, and Andy Wooldridge, Greg Peevy

Guests:

We carried over the Firefighter near-miss reporting that you were going to report on to next month.

Jay requested we discuss and move on our budget. Please compile a budget request and forward it to Jay comprised of the following items:

1. First Aid supplies. You have the experience from this year's order to establish an amount for what you might anticipate will be needed.
2. \$40 for the Firefighter Scared Straight DVD (Barbara's request; check with her to find out if we need to add for shipping; maybe \$50.)
3. An amount for an item to distribute to each firefighter. See Barbara for more details; she is researching the item and price; we anticipate we will need 60 to cover all firefighters and the staff. The idea is that at the quarterly safety drill we want to do, one at each station, we want to hand something out. Barb & Greg liked the idea of a carabiner (not a real repelling one) for attaching gear, or something similar. Apparently, they got something like this at the Safety Symposium. If what Barb finds costs, say \$10, we would need \$600 (10 x 60). Again, consider that their may be shipping to add.
4. \$50 for a fund for misc. supplies and costs that may be encountered as we prepare for the quarterly drills, and other possibilities. Maybe we need something for the rodeo?

We discussed training, but the OSHA classes are free, and we thought anything else would probably be covered by the regular training budget, as we did not anticipate anything major.

We discussed that we still need a member from the officer group, and didn't receive any indication of interest. Please talk to Jay or Jack, and request they bring it up again at the next officer meeting.

We discussed the issue of the quarterly drill. I plan to bring this to the next training committee meeting, which will be in March. The point of discussion is whether this should be a separate drill, or possibly it could be piggybacked onto another drill, specifically the driver classroom drill, since it is strongly a safety message. That seemed a good fit. I'll report back on the discussion at the training committee meeting at the next following Safety Committee meeting.

INCIDENT REPORTS:

Regarding the injury report, we discussed it, and also looked at Greg's gloves, since they are the ones the district sells. **I don't recall, did the injury occur using the gloves available from the district, or some other ones?** We felt the padding, kevlar pad on the back, leather, etc. left limited opportunity for cuts like this. There were reservations with recommending that structural gloves only be recommended for any work on structural events, that it would be too restrictive. I will try to look at glove options in a catalog, and report further at the next meeting.

Another issue arose in the discussion. Apparently, this was not reported until later, even though Barb was aware of the cut (she got him a bandaid). Not only was he not aware that he should report this, others that became aware didn't either, probably due to the small nature of the injury. If your investigation confirmed there was a delay, it seems this is material for a Safety minute in the next Drill Tones, reminding everyone to both use any and all PPE needed, and also report even minor cuts and scrapes. An idea worth including is that in today's world, staph infections are increasingly becoming a major problem, and can enter any skin break, even small ones. Making the firefighters aware of this growing problem should lend relevance to the message.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Next meeting will be March 17.

Adjourned at 17:50 hrs.

02-18-09

Date

Andy Wooldridge Chair ks