

MINUTES
Firefighter Vehicle Accident Review Board
January 3rd, 2012
City Council Conference Room
1:00 pm

1. Roll call – meeting called to order at 1:25pm by Rusty Wright.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rusty Wright, Chairman
Bart Hadley, Fire Chief
Dennis Bothell, Equipment Maintenance
Candy Brown, Safety and Risk Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Tiffani Burk, HR

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes of September 20th, 2011

Motion by Hadley with a second by Bothell to approve the minutes. AYES: All

NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business –

A. Peter Martin– 7/30/11

Mr. Martin was present. He stated that there were a few reasons why he was appealing the ruling of his accident/incident. First was that the vehicle was not moving, they were 2 parked trucks. He was in one truck operating a fire stream. The fire stream struck a light and broke the glass. Second was that it didn't involve any misconduct. He wanted to let it be known that if the stream would have hit any other part of the building or structure we wouldn't be here in this meeting. It was because it involved a vehicle. He understood he made a mistake and he accepted responsibility, He wanted to set an example for his guys and he called his Supervisor. The damage was very minimal; it cost \$18.00 to repair. He stated that there is a clause in the policy, Page 5 Paragraph C, the last line states that the Board may deduct 1 point for certain circumstances such as weather or minor or no damage and that is the example he is wanted them to consider(The minor or no damage). He has 21 years on the department and he will loose his safe driver award and it will be about a \$3000.00 hit for him at the end of his career. Chief Hadley asked him to explain that. He said that the award is 24 hr leave per year at 5 years based on his pay it would effect his buy backs at the end of his career or his leave time. He believes it is a very harsh discipline. Brown asked if he was training when he was spraying the hose and he said yes he was sitting in the truck spraying water. Motion by Hadley with a second by Bothell to rule this as a Chargeable damage incident with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: Hadley, Bothell, Wright NAYS: Brown Motion carried.

4. New Business

A. Brent Davis– 10/16/11

Mr. Davis was present. But he was not needed to give any testimony. Chief Hadley explained that the incident happened when they were on an emergency call headed north on 17th and were approaching the intersection. The last house before the intersection had a tree hanging over the road. It was at night in the dark and they could not see the branch. They hit it and it broke the side mirror on the truck. Chief Hadley recommends that this be non preventable. Motion by Hadley with a second by Brown to rule this as Non-preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

B. Terry Davis – 10/21/11

Mr. Davis was present. He stated that they were on a hot run on 17th, coming close to the intersection. There was a car to the left. He hit a tree limb that was hanging over the road. It broke the side mirror on the truck. Chief Hadley asked him if he was aware that this same thing had happened to another Driver a few days before. Mr. Davis stated that he was aware and it had happened 4 days before. He said he was aware that it had happened but when he was on his run it did not register and he wasn't thinking about that. He showed a picture of the tree limb from his cell phone. It was a good ten feet into the road. He went back later to take the picture. He did not stop when it happened because he was on an emergency call. Wright asked him how often do they take that street. Mr. Davis stated pretty much daily. He also said that they rotate driving the city truck (engine 2) and the airport truck. And it was his first shift back driving engine 2. Motion by Wright with a second by Bothell to rule this as Non-preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

5. Communication/Discussion

We need to put policy changes on the agenda for the next meeting.

6. Adjournment:

Motion by Wright with second by Brown to adjourn at 2:00pm.