

# MINUTES

Lawton Fire Department  
Vehicle Accident Review Board  
March 10, 2020  
Public Meeting Room #2  
Lawton City Hall  
9:00am

## 1. Roll call – meeting called to order at : 9:06 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J.T. Beauchamp, Sergeant  
Chance Mullins, Sergeant  
Brad Milam, Captain  
Candy Brown, Safety and Risk Officer  
John Bonomelli, Equipment Maintenance  
Mike McDaniel, Chairman

**GUEST MEMBER:** Trey Walker, Apparatus Driver

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Codie Howell, Corporal

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

## 2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from January 7, 2020.

Motion by Mullins Second by Beauchamp

Roll Call:

Beauchamp-aye  
Mullins-aye  
Milam-aye  
Brown-aye  
Bonomelli-aye

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

## 3. New Business:

1. Trey Walker – Airport 1 (2/15/2020)

Discussion: Mullins asked Walker to tell the committee what he did. He said typically they leave the truck out until it gets dark, so you can visualize the line better without the sun's interference when you're backing in. He got in and turned the truck on. He had

two people in front watching him back and one at the rear. He said there is only three inches of clearance on either side of the apparatus. He stated that he did not immediately put the apparatus in reverse after the low air alarm disengaged, but instead let it continue to air up. McDaniel stated that he was aware that drivers at Station 2 sometimes pull up far from the door to straighten out before backing up because once you're in the station you have no leeway to adjust the truck. He asked, "When you started to back up, where were you?" Walker stated he was probably 15 feet out. McDaniel asked, "You didn't pull forward, in other words, and then start backing up?" Walker answered no. That he already had it lined up and ready to back in from earlier truck testing. Walker continued that he got the truck in and got the signal to stop. He stated that the brakes had been working up until that point and when he was told to stop, he realized the truck was still creeping, so he stood up on the brake. Lt. Hansen told him to throw the truck into neutral and when he did, the truck stopped. Milam asked, "Do you ride the brake the whole time, backing it in?" Walker stated, "Yes." McDaniel said, "You never push on the gas?" Walker said, "You put it into gear and then just slowly get it in. I was going as slow as I could possibly go. It was in the hole by the time I realized and there was not any time to adjust at that point." Walker explained that Lt. Hansen was up at the front of the truck and the backer was signaling to stop and he was attempting to stop, but couldn't. At that point, Hansen opened the truck door and told Walker to put the truck in neutral. Milam asked, "There's no chance your foot was anywhere other than the brake?" Walker reiterated that his foot was definitely on the brake the whole time. Mullins stated that Station 2 has done brake tests since the incident and each time they get the same result that caused this incident. Bonomelli requested time to research a park brake valve and NFPA 1414. Milam said that he didn't think any further investigation could prove fault or no fault.

Motion by Bonomelli to table decision for further investigation, second by Brown.

Roll Call:

Beauchamp-nay  
Mullins-nay  
Milam-nay  
Brown-aye  
Bonomelli-aye

AYES: 2 NAYS: 3 Motion failed.

Motion by Beauchamp to go with Class A, 0 pts, second by Milam.

Roll Call:

Beauchamp-aye  
Mullins-aye  
Milam-aye  
Brown-aye  
Bonomelli-no

AYES: 4    NAYS: 1    Motion carried.

4. **Communication/Discussion:**

5. **Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Beauchamp, second by Mullins.

Meeting adjourned at     9:23 a.m.