

MINUTES

Lawton Fire Department
Vehicle Accident Review Board
May 7, 2024
Third Floor Conference Room
Lawton City Hall
9:00 am

1. Roll call – meeting called to order at : 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Fisher, Corporal
Kyle Elam, Sergeant
Dustin Way, Sergeant
Matthew McKinney, Captain
Candy Brown, Deputy HR Director
David Miller, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor
Kyle Nyhart, Chairman

GUEST MEMBER: none

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from March 5, 2024.

Motion by McKinney Second by Fisher

Roll Call: Fisher- aye
Elam- aye
Way- aye
McKinney- aye
Brown- aye
Miller- aye

AYES: 6 NAYS: Motion carried.

3. New Business:

1. E. Shady – Battalion 1 (4/11/2024)

Discussion: Nyhart stated the recommendation from the Chief's office. The Chief's recommendation was a B-2 because this could have been prevented through more thorough clearing of the intersection. Way stated he understands that this was being

recommended as a B-2 because of the damage total, but felt that Shady did everything he could have done to clear the intersection. Way felt that the other party's statement further strengthens this belief because she stated she was distracted by a homeless person and trying to catch up once she realized the light had turned green for her. Elam said that as a driver, himself, he's not sure what else could have been done by Shady. He had cleared several lanes of traffic and was hit in the back quarter panel of the apparatus.

Motion by Way to go with Class A , zero points, second by Elam.

Roll Call: Fisher- aye
Elam- aye
Way- aye
McKinney- aye
Brown- aye
Miller- aye

AYES: 6 NAYS: Motion carried.

2. M. McKinney – Battalion 2 (5/1/2024)

Discussion: Nyhart stated that the Chief's recommendation was a Class B, 1 point. Elam asked if he was able to find what caused the tire to go flat. McKinney stated he did not. He showed a re-enactment of the drive utilizing a dash cam from his private vehicle and explained what occurred on May 1st. McKinney asked if anyone watching could see the white object in the road? He said not being able to see that initially shows how difficult it was to see any object in the road while driving. He showed a picture of what he assumes may have punctured his tire. It was a horse shoe shaped piece of metal, perhaps a clamp or some sort of tie down. He said he never saw anything in his path and that while his statement said he hit or ran over something, he wasn't confident he had run over anything, but he didn't know how else to word it while writing his statement. Way said there was no reasonable doubt that...he didn't see anything or hit the curb. He stated he didn't think McKinney did anything wrong. He said without seeing anything in the roadway, without hitting the curb, it's just a flat tire. Miller stated it was possible the vehicle in front of him kicked it out a little bit and he never had the opportunity to see the debris.

Motion by Way to go with Class A, zero points, second by Miller

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Roll Call: Fisher- aye
Elam- aye
Way- aye
McKinney- abstain
Brown- aye
Miller- aye

AYES: 5 NAYS: 1 Motion carried.

4. **Communication/Discussion:** Elam asked if there was an inspection done daily on the Battalion vehicles. Nyhart stated he wasn't sure, but if one was to be implemented, that would be an LFD policy.

5. **Adjournment:**
Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Way, second by McKinney.

Meeting adjourned at **9:13 a.m.**