

MINUTES

Lawton Fire Department
Vehicle Accident Review Board
August 2, 2022
Public Meeting Room #200
Lawton City Hall
9:00 am

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Antonio Martinez, Corporal
Collin Langford, Sergeant
Cobey Warren, Sergeant
Chris Jones, Captain
Kyle Nyhart, Chairman

GUEST MEMBER:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candy Brown, Safety and Risk Officer
David Miller, Equipment Maintenance Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT:

2. Minutes
A. Approval of minutes from May 3, 2022.

Motion by Langford Second by Martinez

Roll Call: Martinez-aye
Langford-aye
Warren-aye
Jones-aye

AYES: 4 NAYS: Motion carried.

3. New Business:
1. P. Burger – Engine 4 (4/28/2022)

Discussion: Jones stated that he thinks with Burger's situation of being alone in the apparatus and the fact that anyone and everyone drives under tree limbs on a daily basis that the point total be lowered. Langford read Burger's statement that said Burger assessed the situation and felt like he could drive under the limbs with no damage.

Noting that the it is reasonable to assume that the limb that caused the damage would not be an issue. Jones said he was told that the limb was about the size of a pinky finger. Citing the policy, Langford said that he felt it was a Class B because there is a reasonable doubt that Burger did everything he could to prevent this incident.

Motion by Jones to go with Class B, 2 points recommendation
, second by Langford.

Roll Call: Martinez- aye
Langford- aye
Warren- aye
Jones- aye

AYES: 4 NAYS: Motion carried.

2. Z. Neighbors– Ladder 1 (5/14/2022)

Discussion: Langford asked if there was any damage to the fire truck. Nyhart stated that officially it was noted as no damage to the fire apparatus per John B. Jones asked if the recommendation was only for Neighbors to get points and not Captain Hall? Nyhart replied yes. Langford stated that Neighbors made a decision in his best interest by trying to avoid colliding with the LATS bus. He stated extenuating circumstances: broken back up camera, no time for anyone to get out and guide the back up, and no damage to the fire truck.

Motion by Langford to go with Class C, 2 points, second by Warren.

Roll Call: Martinez- aye
Langford- aye
Warren- aye
Jones- aye

AYES: 4 NAYS: Motion carried.

3. E. Gonzalez—Squad 4 (6/07/2022)

Discussion: Warren said that the exhaust was not fixed prior to this incident. Martinez and Jones said that there was plumber strap on the exhaust pipe. Warren said the material isn't heat rated or tension rated and the tail pipe will fall down.

Motion by Warren to go with Class B, 1 point, second by Martinez.

Roll Call: Martinez- aye
Langford- aye
Warren- aye
Jones- aye

AYES: 4 NAYS: Motion carried.

4. C. Akard– Engine 7 (6/28/2022)

Discussion: Langford stated that he understands that at stations like Station 7 you want to get off the road and sometimes its more appropriate to back onto the apron and then get out and back into the bay. He said that he thinks the members get complacent and get in a habit of not getting out because “nothing ever happens” and this is a good lesson to always have a backer.

Motion by Langford to go with Chief’s recommendation, Class C, 1 point, for both Red Elk and Akard, second by Jones.

Roll Call: Martinez- aye
Langford- aye
Warren- aye
Jones- aye

AYES: 4 NAYS: Motion carried.

4. Communication/Discussion:

5. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Jones , second by Martinez

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.