

MINUTES

Lawton Fire Department
Vehicle Accident Review Board
August 3, 2021
Public Meeting Room #200
Lawton City Hall
9:00 am

1. Roll call – meeting called to order at : 9:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Sprague, Corporal
Collin Langford, Sergeant
Cobey Warren, Sergeant
Brad Milam, Captain
David Miller, Equipment Maintenance
Jason Swedlund, Chairman

GUEST MEMBER:

MEMBERS ABSENT: Candy Brown, Safety and Risk Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from May 4, 2021.

Motion by Milam Second by Langford

Roll Call: Sprague- aye
Langford- aye
Warren- aye
Milam- aye
Brown- absent
Miller- aye

AYES: 5 NAYS: Motion carried.

3. New Business:

1. C. Abraham – Squad 4 (5/04/2021)

Discussion: Warren was present at the time of the incident and gave his recounting of events. Warren stated that they were pulling into the station and Abraham hit the button for the garage down to go up and he saw that it was already up, so he hit it again.

Warren got out to back the truck in and did not look up, but was looking around at all the places a backer should monitor when backing the apparatus. As soon the truck breaks the threshold, they heard the “pop, pop” and Warren stated that was the two prongs that hit the door at the top because the overhead door wasn’t completely rolled up. Milam asked if the bay door was stopped or moving at the time of impact. Warren said it was stopped. Langford said that when Abraham came around the corner, he thought the door would be closed, so he pushed the button to open it. When he realized it was open, he pushed the button again to disengage the closing of the door. Hitting the button a third time, he thought he was opening the door completely, but was in fact, stopping the door in its semi-closed state. Milam brought up the fact that the repair quote was for an after-hours call, therefore more expensive than a traditional service call. He asked if there was any language regarding after-hours call fees, stating that this might have warranted fewer points, if the service fee wasn’t an after-hours service charge. Langford explained that the repair occurred Tuesday afternoon, but then some time later in the week, the technicians came back to repair something else with the door. Miller asked if there was more than one bill. Lydon said she asked the overhead repair company for two bills and they told her there was only the one. Miller said he’d have liked to know what the bill would have been for the first call out to the station.

Motion by Milam to go with Chief’s recommendation, C-3
, second by Miller.

Roll Call: Sprague- aye
Langford- nay
Warren- abstain
Milam- aye
Brown- absent
Miller- aye

AYES: 3 NAYS: 2 Motion carried.

2. R. Maitlen – Trailer (5/14/2021)

Discussion: Milam asked if the trailer was hooked up when Maitlen took it out that morning or if he hooked it up. Milam asked if Swedlund had completed the investigation. Lydon stated Dodd did the investigation. Langford read from the statements that J. Smith picked the trailer up from Station 2, but that Maitlen was the last one to drive it. Smith’s statement said there was no damage when it was hooked up. Miller asked if the picture of the damage to the concrete was outside Central Station. Warren said he believed it was dragged across the apron. Milam asked what the damage estimate was. Warren stated this seemed like an honest mistake. Miller said maybe he was going too fast. Milam said he wondered if it (trailer jack) was even in the all the way up position. Warren looked at pictures and said did it fall down or was it down from the start. Miller referenced Smith’s statement and said he said it was in the locked position. Warren said it was a screw type. Swedlund said he didn’t think there would be a way for it to “fall down”. Warren asked if it was in the up position, could it still have hit the ground on the west parking area of Central Station. Swedlund said it was possible.

Motion by Miller to go with Chief's recommendation, C-2
,second by Warren .

Roll Call: Sprague- aye
Langford- aye
Warren- aye
Milam- aye
Brown- absent
Miller- aye

AYES: 5 NAYS: Motion carried.

4. **Communication/Discussion:** None

5. **Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Swedlund, second by Langford .

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.