

Hot Sulphur Springs Parshall FPD
January 8th, 2025
Regular Board of directors meeting*

**Due to COVID-19 Protocols, this meeting was conducted via Zoom video conferencing*

Present: Marco DeAndrea; Meredith Howe; Michael Gallegos Tom Baumgarten
Absent: Mike Thompson

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Approval of Minutes: *Marco DeAndrea made a motion to approve the December minutes, Meredith Howe seconded, all in favor, Motion carried.*

Approval of budget minutes: *Marco DeAndrea made a motion to approve the budget minutes, Michael Gallegos seconded, all in favor, Motion carried*

Treasurer's Report: *None as accountant was in a car accident. Report will be scheduled for February meeting.*

Chiefs Report-

- 3 MVS calls and 1 EMS in December
- Trainings: 1 training in December. We give them only one in December due to the holiday. Toni has a good training schedule put together. 1 is an extrication tool demo from Amkus on battery operated equipment. Chief is convinced that battery operated is the way to go in the future due its mobility. Used Kremmling Fire's at the extrication yesterday and it was fantastic.
- 2025 will be a heavy recruitment for us as we lost Ruben to the Grand Fire resident program. We would like to have a minimum of 1 open house this year geared to recruitment. Chief also talked with Lunsford about pricing a sign for the back corner of the building that we can put messages on, that is visible from the road. Housing is one of the main issues in Rubens decision to leave us. Chief believes the sign will bring notice to the fact we are here. Visibility is key he believes. Marco DeAndrea offered the PI as well. He has a full wall ready to be used for the Fire Department. Chief will be attending a legal meeting regarding the practice of offering volunteer firefighters a "signing bonus" based on a time frame of service. Recruitment is at the top of the list for 2025. It was also discussed at the last Officers meeting. Chief and Martin are hitting their 15 years of service, Toni is at 14 and Travis and Chris are at 7, Bill has started his 60th year and Sylvia is at 31. We need to bridge the gap.
- END of Chiefs Report

Unfinished Business –

- None

New Business-

- None

Adjournment at 7:26PM

Robert Firth, Chairman

Michael Gallegos, Treasurer