

Fire District 3

“more than fire...”

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS **Workshop Minutes** Wednesday December 14, 2022

The Workshop Meeting will be called to order at 1800 hrs. by Chairman Jon Couture at Station 31. The meeting will also be available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188830604>. Commissioner Rick Steele, Commissioner Dean Thornberry, Chief Scott Sorenson, Assistant Chief Barbara Widlund, Division Chief Chris Drone, and Captain Jason Mansfield (Zoom) attended.

Minutes None.

Correspondence None.

Financial Report None.

Questions and Comments from the Audience - none

Old Business None.

New Business

- Discussed potential levy lid lift considerations.
- Reviewed identified operational needs and related impacts to citizens and firefighters.
- Reviewed NIST Study staffing level comparisons
- Reviewed firefighter rehabilitation requirements and FD3 capability.
- Discussed Station 34 area response needs
- Reviewed projected revenue, funding needs, and financing options for operational needs.
- The following points were discussed. The Board agreed that.
 - FD3 is always working to identify weak spots and improve service. This process communicates priority needs so that the public can decide.
 - The board sets response policies and is requesting this to support response needs and improve public and firefighter safety.
 - The cost is based on what the Board feels is appropriate and can meet the response needs of the community.
 - Much of this is determined for us by mandates or standards.
 - Compare the number of firefighters per thousand, FD3 has 1.1, the national average is 1.54 - 1.81.
 - Structure response standards - inability to meet effective force without exhausting neighboring agencies.
 - Rehabilitation WAC - we do not have enough to meet the work rest requirements, that is without experiencing additional fire loss.
 - Apparatus replacement - be sure to state why we replace them.
 - This tax provides for 24-hour service, for every minute of every day.

Executive Session – none

Adjournment 19:24



Fire Commissioner Jon Couture



Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry



Fire Commissioner Rick Steele



Fire Chief/Secretary Scott Sorenson