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DOUGLAS OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 15
APPROVED MINUTES

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Brewster, WA

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas Okanogan County Fire District 15 was called to order by Chairman Ike Vallance at 7:04 p.m.

REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY PHONE OR COMPUTER: Commissioners Chris Bailey, Lonnie Fenton, Tim Baird, and Ike Vallance, Secretary Kaylee Jensen, EMS Director Tonya Vallance, District Chief Bill Vallance, Methow Station Chief Joe Kitzman, Pateros Station Chief Keith Zweigle, Brewster Station Chief Victor Vargas and Rocky Butte Station Captain Sal Rodriguez

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Chief Vallance reported DNR mutual aid contract was updated. Discussion held.

DNR Coop truck update was given.

Bridgeport Auto Aid contract was discussed. The plan is to have a District truck available for Bridgeport to respond on District calls.

The District Command truck is currently in Omak for R&M due to cracked manifold.

R&M B1511 pump replacement and rebuild of old pump was discussed.

SOP/SOG COMMITTEE REPORT: Nothing to report.

PATEROS REPORT: Chief Keith Zweigle reported firefighters participated in a District wide burn training on Silver Spur and it was a good building block training.

Firefighters completed SCBA quarterlies in a small group social distancing.

Firefighters dismantled the old pump on B1511.

Firefighters provided Mutual Aid response to Chelan 7 on a fire.

BREWSTER REPORT: Chief Victor Vargas reported firefighters responded to a few MVA incidents, a grass fire, a structure fire, and a few calls where people had left their dinner cooking on the stove.

Firefighters participated in District wide burn trainings on Dire Hill and Silver Spur.

ROCKY BUTTE REPORT: Captain Sal Rodriguez reported firefighters had not been training much due to COVID19 and had not had many calls.

METHOW REPORT: Chief Joe Kitzman reported firefighters completed wildland refresher, virtual and outdoor social distancing training. Pump ops training was provided to a few firefighters. Structural protection and hose lays training was completed.

Firefighters completed R&M on trucks and oil changes are due to be done.

Firefighters responded to a motorcycle accident on the South Fork of Gold Creek and assisted Pateros with an MVA rollover incident.

EMS DIRECTOR REPORT: Tonya reported her involvement in the Emergency Management Team for Okanogan County COVID19 response.
Okanogan County Public Health MOU agreement was discussed.
Tonya requested authorization to sign the agreement after it has been reviewed by the District attorney. Commissioners supported the request unanimously.
EMS Billing Services, Inc closeout was discussed.
A mutual release agreement was received and will be reviewed by the District attorney.
Tim/Lonnie moved and seconded to allow Tonya to sign the agreement after it comes back from attorney review. Motion carried unanimously.
Covid19 discussion was held. EMS station is closed to the public. Volunteers are not being utilized at this time so they may be called upon if staff must quarantine. Testing is available to staff and volunteers and will be ongoing on a weekly basis to make sure they are healthy and not spreading the virus.
COVID19 funding options for local governments have been explored and exhausted with not much funding available to the Fire District. The grant application is in for the FEMA PA funding for reimbursements at 75%.
GEMT funding was received and was paid at a higher rate than originally expected.

Resolution 06-2020 Refund

Tim/Lonnie moved and seconded a motion to approve a refund in the amount of \$117.80.
Motion carried.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM.

Kaylee Jensen, Board Secretary

Ike Vallance, Chairman