

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 1**  
**179 S. Bloomingdale Road**  
**Bloomingtondale, IL 60108**

Minutes of the Regular  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
September 18, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairman Gray at 3:03 P.M.

On a call of the roll, the following commissioners were present: Commissioner Zeno. Commissioner Flood.

Also present: Chief Janus, Deputy Chief Kurka.

Absent: Chairman Gray

Chairman Gray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** No comments from the public.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:**

Deputy Chief Kurka delivered the Chiefs' Report. Our crews ran 446 calls in August, about 14.4 runs per shift. New firefighter Zac Gloodt started on August 5. New Fire Inspector Randy Roberts started August 12. New firefighter Brian Pennington started September 16. Incidents of note: August 18 Lightning Strike @ Eaglewood Resort- Fire on the roof of the building; fire was extinguished quickly. Golfer Phil Mickelson immortalized us on Twitter. August 5 Cardiac Arrest- full arrest patient resuscitated and transported to Glen Oaks. BMW Championship was held August 13 through 18 at Medinah Country Club. We received assistance from Roselle and Itasca and no incidents were reported on the grounds. Training Division: Training logged over 750 hours in over 1200 different drills. Our crews performed triage and treatment as part of the Mass Casualty Drill held by the Alliance at DuPage Airport. Buildings and Grounds: An analysis of the Station 21 HVAC system was performed by Priority Energy. The report is in your packet. Good and Welfare: Kevin Lind and his wife, Carrie, welcomed their second child...Iver James was born August 8 (7lbs, 7 oz). Everyone is doing well. Adam Bzdelik finished third in his division in the World Police and Fire Games in Chengdu, China. Marshall Gray received the Trustee of the Year award from AMITA. He was chosen from a total of 48 hospitals in their system. He was described as "Ambassador. Cheerleader. Champion. Volunteer. Friend" Exactly the words we would use to describe him. Congratulations, Marshall!

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Flood made a motion to approve and hold the closed session minutes of the March 21, 2019 meeting seconded by Commissioner Zeno. Roll Call: Flood, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Flood made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting seconded by Commissioner Zeno. Roll Call: Flood, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Personnel Update: Chiefs briefed the Commissioners on personnel.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Discussion/Possible Action- BC Promotion Approval.

DC Kurka presented to the Commission an overview of the organizational structure. Following the promotion of DC Kurka from Battalion Chief to Deputy Chief, it created a vacancy at the Battalion Chief rank. DC Kurka advised that Lt Chris Soderstrom is the highest ranking person on the Battalion Chief eligibility list.

Commissioner Flood made a motion to approve to promotion of Chris Soderstrom to the rank of Battalion Chief, seconded by Commissioner Zeno. Roll Call: Flood, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

### Discussion/Possible Action- Terminate Current BC List.

DC Kurka advised that with the promotion of Chris Soderstrom to Battalion Chief, there are no more candidates on the Battalion Chief eligibility list, it should be deemed exhausted.

Commissioner Flood made a motion to exhaust the Battalion Chief eligibility list, seconded by Commissioner Zeno. Roll Call: Flood, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

### Discussion/Possible Action- BC Exam Proposal.

DC Kurka presented a package from the Illinois Fire Chiefs to administer the Assessment Center and Written Exam for the position of Battalion Chief. The quoted price was \$7,100, plus fees.

Commissioner Flood made a motion to approve the proposal from the Illinois Fire Chiefs to administer the Battalion Chief Assessment Center and Written Exam at a cost not to exceed \$7,500, seconded by Commissioner Zeno. Roll Call: Flood, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

### Discussion/Possible Action- BC Exam.

DC Kurka outlined the timeline for the Battalion Chief Exam. After discussion, the Commission authorized the Chiefs to calculate and post Steps 1-3 of the process as the scores when the scores are available. Step 4- Assessment Center will be held on December 19, 2019 and scores released following the Commissioners meeting. Step 5- Written Exam will be held on January 22, 2020 and require a Special Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Flood made a motion to approve the Chiefs to calculate and post Steps 1-3 of the Battalion Chief Exam process as they become available, seconded by Commissioner Zeno. Roll Call: Flood, yes; Zeno, yes. Motion carried.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

2019 Illinois Fire & Police Commissioners Fall Seminar, Naperville November 1-3.

## **ADJOURN:**

Having no further business, Commissioner Flood a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Zeno at 1526.

Next meeting: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 1500 hours.