

CITY OF SAN RAFAEL

FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

January 10, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

In person meeting at 1375 Fifth Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Burford

Present:

Chair Stan Burford

Commissioner Donna McCusker

Commissioner Ken Johnson

Commissioner Dave Fonkalsrud

Commissioner Waterbury

Commissioner Chung

Chief Sinnott

Thomas Wong

1. Open Time for Public Expression

No public comments

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Fonkalsrud makes a motion to approve the draft minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

The minutes are adopted unanimously.

3. Appoint Chair and Vice-Chair for 2024

Commissioner Johnson motions to reelect Chair Burford and Vice-Chair Fonkalsrud in their current role. Commissioner Chung seconds. Commission unanimously approved to reelect Chair Burford and Vice-Chair Fonkalsrud for 2024.

4. Fire Foundation

Commissioner McCusker announces her donation from the Fire Foundation to start the San Rafael Fire Department's first drone program. The program will be in honor of her late brother, San Rafael Firefighter Michael McCusker and the drone will be named "Big Mac". Battalion Chief Kyle Hamilton assisted in getting the approvals to make the program come true.

5. Current Media Coverage

Marin mental crisis team fortifies public safety system – Marin Independent Journal

Commissioner Fonkalsrud shares an article about a nine person response team that is assisting those that the fire department respond to often, for non-emergency calls.

7. Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Fonkalsrud reports that he helped provide gifts to station 55 which they appreciated. He asks whether SRFD has any volunteer firefighter program. Chief Roman says we do not have a program, but SRFD is looking at doing something like that as it is a good feeder program. Marinwood has one and Chief Roman is interested in working with them as it could work as a good feeder for SRFD. The department does have Explorers and a new cadet program.

Commissioner Johnson commends the drone program. He talks about the drone program at FAIRA and will put the department in touch with his contact there.

Commissioner Chung visited Station 51 and took out Fire Admin to lunch for the holidays.

Commissioner Waterbury went through his old items and provided Fire Management Plans from the early 2000's.

Chair Burford did a station visit at 57 and enjoyed it. The crew was friendly, and they chatted for a long time.

8. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Sinnott provides department wide updates including there were no holiday tragedies this year, Station 54 opened on January 3rd, and offer letters for new FF/PM candidates are going out.

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM

