

AGENDA
SAN RAFAEL FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 4:00 P.M.
Public Safety Center, Lobby Conference Room
1375 5th Ave, San Rafael, CA 94901

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1. Open Time for Public Expression

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2. Approval of Minutes – February 14, 2024

Recommended Action: Amend and or approve as submitted.

3. SRFD 150th Anniversary – Historical Items & Preparations

4. Fire Foundation – Verbal Update from Commissioner Donna McCusker and Discussion Regarding the Fire Scholarship

Recommended Action: Accept Verbal Report and take appropriate action.

5. Current Media Coverage

Helicopter drone is made to drop bombs – News Atlas

6. Chair and Commission Member Reports:

-  Stan Burford– Chair
-  David Fonkalsrud- Vice Chair
-  Ken Johnson
-  Thomas Weathers
-  Donna McCusker
-  John Chung
-  Brian Waterbury

Informational only. No action to be taken on these items.

7. Fire Chief Report

Informational only. No action to be taken.

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CITY OF SAN RAFAEL

FIRE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 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 Brian Waterbury

Commissioner John Chung

Commissioner Thomas Weathers

Chief Sinnott

Chief Roman

Deputy Director of Emergency Management Quinn Gardner

Justin Goger Malo

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 Chung.

The minutes are adopted unanimously.

3. Annual Wildfire Safety Mailer – Presentation

Quinn Gardner, Deputy Director of Emergency Management and Justin Goger Malo present the Annual Wildfire Safety Mailer and answer the Commissioners' questions. Commissioners discuss the best approach to reach every resident to learn and get ready for wildfires.

Quinn Gardner comments on the Marin Tree Removal Plan, a major eucalyptus tree removal project on 150 acres between the Mt. Tamalpais Cemetery and Ridgewood Drive.

4. Fire Foundation - Verbal Update from Commissioner Donna McCusker

Commissioner McCusker reports the crab feed was a great success and \$17,000 were raised. The Foundation thanks all the volunteers and Firefighters who helped.

The San Rafael Fire Foundation Board is looking to welcome new volunteers as well as non-resident retired Firefighters.

5. Current Media Coverage

Sonoma County Fire District to launch 911 ambulance service – Sonoma County Gazette

Chief Roman explains how Sonoma County Fire District needed a new ambulances prior to launching their 911 ambulance service.

Next month, Chair Burford will be presenting a firefighting drone used in China.

6. Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Johnson is starting a new project offering safety advice to high school drivers.

Commissioner Chung acknowledges the benefits of fully staffing all San Rafael stations, Engine 54 in particular.

8. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Sinnott provides department wide updates including there were no major damage or injury related to the Feb 4th storm.

Chief Roman gives each new Commissioner their Fire Commissioner badge and explains their symbols and use.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM

