



Sublimity Fire District Safety Committee Minutes March 28, 2007

Call to order: Geoff McFarland called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members present: Angela Hargin, Geoff McFarland, Amy Manning

Members absent: Tim Gardner

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: None

Reading of Minutes: The minutes from February 13, 2007, were approved.

Old Business: All turnouts have now had their six months cleaning. Those involved in the sprayer incident must wash their turnouts because of exposure to herbicides. Geoff created a turnout washing log. It includes the bi-annual cleaning, as well as space for incidents. After Kameron leaves, his turnouts need to be washed.

Geoff posted the MSDS label on the cupboard at Station 52. He also secured the officers office shelf, the paper storage shelf and the fax machine. He still needs to secure the upstairs metal locker.

There was discussion regarding extinguisher testing. It still needs to be done. Geoff mentioned that we need to get testing/inspection tags. Also, the committee found out that every apparatus should have an extinguisher.

Angela and Amy briefed Geoff on the SDAO safety training. There was a presentation by Paulette Oliver and discussion about safety committee and OSHA. Paulette reviewed the Top 10 fines/citations. George Dunkel also made a presentation on safe driving of tenders. His PowerPoint was based on a 2003 NFPA report. The committee discussed George's comments and noted that the new driving policy was in agreement with his presentation.

New Business: Geoff felt that district needed to have annual physical agility test and have the records in each person's file. He heard that it's an issue OSHA is looking at. The district currently does not have an annual physical agility test. The issue was discussed with the chief. He mentioned that those over 50 are supposed to have an annual physical agility test. Guidelines need to be established (e.g. for entry into fires? Should it be weighted for age? What happens if you don't pass?, etc.) Angela and Geoff will research it.

There was discussion regarding Geoff remaining on the safety committee now that he is no longer an intern. Because of lack of interest in serving on the committee, it was decided that Geoff would remain on the committee.

The committee discussed and reviewed two near-miss incidents. The incident forms were then forwarded to the chief for review.

There was discussion about having a voluntary OSHA walk-through. At the SDAO training, it was mentioned that it might be best to have both the industrial hygiene and the regular inspector complete the walk-through.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next meeting: TBA

Submitted by Amy Manning

Accepted by Geoff McFarland