

**WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

*Minutes of February 15, 2022  
Administration Building*

Oath was administered to new employee, David Miller.

The 2021 Awards were presented by Battalion Chief Jasinski, Battalion Chief Brunner, Battalion Chief Moore, Fire Marshal Kwiatkowski, Deputy Chief Johnson and Chief Rigney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. with the following members present: Larry Jennis, Robert Bennett, David Bishop, Al Robinson, and George Harris. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath.

**CHANGES TO AGENDA:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioner Harris motioned to approve consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Bennett; motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Administrative Assistant Wright read one communication to the board. The communication was a letter and painting from a FL resident. The artist is a retired science teacher that has made it his goal to paint logos for every Sherriff's department in Florida. He has achieved that and is now focusing on Fire Department logos. This is his way of thanking the men and women of WMFR District.

**CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. *Annual Reports:* Captain Tyler MacDonald summarized the Annual Report. Chief Rigney then explained that Captain MacDonald is in his last semester of his bachelor's degree program. For this program, he is interning as a Battalion Chief and was tasked with completing the annual report. Chief Johnson then reiterated the increase in medical call volume. He added that a statistic that typically does not get mentioned is the ROSC (Return of Spontaneous Circulation) percentage. He stated that the West Manatee Fire & Rescue District's ROSC percentage is 43% compared to the national average which is 25%-30%.

Commissioner Harris motioned to approve the 2021 Annual Report with discussion; seconded by Commissioner Bennett; Discussion followed.

Commissioner Harris asked Captain MacDonald if he attributes the decrease in Station 2's response time to the apparatus swap between Station 2 and Station 3. Captain MacDonald said that could have had some effect along with the factor of bridge traffic given that ECC contacts the bridge tenders to assist in halting traffic. He also credited it to WMFR personnel readiness.

After discussion, the motion to approve the 2021 Annual Report as presented, was passed unanimously.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Rigney reported that ISO came to review WMFR on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. He stated that he received word from ISO that the score for WMFR would remain a 2. The only area that went down was telecommunications, specifically the time between when a call came in and when a unit was dispatched increased since the last report in 2017. This could be attributed to many things, but some possible reasons could be the call volume increasing or decrease in dispatch staffing. Deputy Chief Johnson then gave a COVID-19 update. He said the number of cases is drastically decreasing. He also let the board know that we have lifted our department mask mandate. DC Johnson also spoke on the issue of telecommunications on the ISO Report, stating that the call volume has increased by approximately 100,000 calls in Manatee County since the 2017 report. DC Johnson referenced articles stating Bradenton's and Florida's rapid population growth.

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**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:** Commissioner Bennett stated that he attended the Manatee County Fire Commissioner's Meeting and was elected president. He said that the need for the committee has decreased so they have decided to decrease the number of meetings per year from 4 to 1 in February with the ability to call more when necessary. Commissioner Bennett stated that the awards ceremony was fantastic. Commissioner Harris and Chairman Jennis agreed that the awards and presentations were a job well done.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Administration building.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Jennis adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

