



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: August 7th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. All in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were Vice President Adrian, Commissioner Deutscher, and Commissioner Kulavik. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Doug Legault, Commission Attorney Cory Shoffner, and Union Local 475 President Barrett Taylor. President Neulieb and Secretary Biege were absent.

Approval of Minutes- A motion to approve July's minutes was made by Commissioner Kulavik. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deutscher. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Communications and Claims- Brief discussion regarding commissioner badges ensues.

Report from City Council Representative- No report.

Report from Commission Attorney- No report.

Report from Union Local 475- Discussion started about the increased age maximum for applicants from 35 to 40; changes to the hiring process overall were also discussed as well as the importance of EMT courses and licenses.

Report from Fire Chief Doug Legault-

August Department Anniversaries:

- Lieutenant Judd Rose – 30 years
- Fire Chief Doug Legault – 29 years
- Captain Andrew Knouse – 27 years
- Driver/Operator Lemon Kelley – 10 years
- Firefighter James Manuel – 4 years

The call reports for July are as follows:

- 425 calls; of those calls:

- 21 fires
- 313 rescues/medical calls
- 22 hazardous condition calls
- 6 service calls
- 55 good intent calls
- 6 false calls
- Narcan was used on 7 calls in July.

Chief Legault states that the number of calls MCFD has gone on has been an 11% increase from the previous year to date, 277 more calls. In terms of Narcan usage by month, 2023 has gone as follows:

- January – 4 calls
- February – 6 calls
- March – 7 calls
- April – 7 calls
- May – 3 calls
- June – 9 calls
- July – 7 calls

The priority of EMT licenses and costs for EMT classes were discussed once again, with Chief Legault noting that a few of the most recent hires already had their EMT license. He stated that this saved the city thousands of dollars.

Old Business- Brief discussion ensues.

New Business- No report.

Public Comment- No comment.

Commission Comment- Commissioner Kulavik notes that Probationary Firefighter Richard Nagy's 1-year anniversary on the department is coming up and he will need to be promoted to firefighter once the time comes. He then also makes note of the fire at the Travel Inn motel and commended fire and police on a job well done.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Deutscher at 5:17pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulavik. Motion carried 3-0.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 11th, 2023, at 5:00pm.