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VCOS Board Special Pre-FRI Teleconference

Monday, July 30, 2018

3 p.m. Eastern/2 p.m. Central/1 p.m. Mountain/12 p.m. Pacific

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MINUTES

Present: Chief Donna Black, Chief Charles Flynn, Chief Timothy Wall, Chief Fred Windisch, Chief Rich Cowger, Chief Jason Catrambone, Chief Jim Cook

Guest: Chief Ron Oettel, Chief Al Yancey

Absent: Chief Norvin Collins, Chief James Seavey, Chief Ed Rush

Staff: Ms. Jenny Bragiel Cozad, Ms. Kelly Ameen

The call started at 3:01pm.

Welcome and FRI Overview - Chief Wall

Chief Wall reviewed the FRI schedule and emphasized the change to the Thursday, August 9 dress code. It will be Class A uniforms on Thursday, August 9. We will be taking photos and have several important individuals at the VCOS Annual Meeting. Chief Wall asked the VCOS Board current and incoming to be prepared to be pulled into last minute meetings.

Action Item: Chief Curl will be sending shirts directly to Chief Oettel and Chief Yancey.

There was discussion on when the VCOS Board should meet to select the VCOS officers. It was decided to meet following the VCOS Annual Meeting.

Action Item: Ms. Ameen or Ms. Bragiel Cozad to find a meeting location at 2:30pm for the selection of the VCOS officers.

Chief Wall reviewed the scheduled meetings at FRI for the VCOS board to attend. He also explained that at the IAFC Business Meeting he will be presenting the signed 11 Best Practices for Preventing Firefighter Cancer poster to the IAFC Board, and at the VCOS and NVFC Meeting the VCOS Board will be presenting the signed poster to Chairman Quinn.

Lavender Ribbon Report Printing

Ms. Jenny Bragiel Cozad reviewed the initial quotes for printing. Chief Wall explained that the Executive Committee wanted the decision of printing the additional copies to be made

by the entire VCOS Board as it is a considerable expense. We had to move forward with the initial printing of the 2,500 copies to have them for FRI. Although this route is more expensive given the additional cost it was important it be presented to the VCOS Board as a whole. New quotes are being gathered to do a solo-mailing to the VCOS members.

The VCOS Board was updated that Ward Diesel will contribute \$2,000 in 2019 and \$2,000 in 2020 for the mailing of posters and the cost of presenting on the Lavender Ribbon Report at various events. The goal is to help get this valuable information out to as many departments as possible.

IAFC President's Hospitality Room

The VCOS Board was asked if they would like to help with food for Chief Eggleston's hospitality room. The board discussed providing a monetary contribution with or without restrictions.

Motion by Chief Flynn and seconded by Chief Windisch to donate \$500 to Chief Eggleston's hospitality room at FRI. Motion carried.

VWS Recruitment and Retention Instructors – Ms. Kelly Ameen

Ms. Ameen reviewed the open recruitment and retention instructor positions and asked the VCOS board to assist by encouraging interested individuals in applying for it.

Chief Wall thanked everyone for attending the call and for their hard work.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 9 at 1:30pm CT at Fire-Rescue International in Dallas.