

1 FEBRUARY 26, 2008

2 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
3 THE NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

4 President Harris called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

5 THE INVOCATION GIVEN DEPUTY CHIEF GLASGOW.

6 ALL RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

7 ROLL CALL: Present: Directors Graham, Harris, Munson and Thuner.

8 Absent: Director Olson.

9 ALSO PRESENT: Deputy Chief Glasgow, Attorney James and Board Secretary Loren
10 Stephen-Porter. In the audience were: Division Chiefs Goldberg and Morel, Battalion Chief
11 Abbott, F/A Timmers, members of the public and Association.

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13 PUBLIC ACTIVITIES AGENDA

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15 1. PUBLIC COMMENT: President Harris addressed the audience and inquired whether there
16 were any public comments regarding items not on the Agenda. There being no public
17 comment, the public comment time was closed.

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19 ACTION AGENDA

20 CONSENT ITEMS:

- 21 2. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 22, 2008
22 3. APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 2008
23 4. APPROVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
24 5. ANNUAL DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

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26 President Harris inquired whether there were any questions regarding Consent Agenda items.
27 There being none, she asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. On a motion by
28 Vice President Munson to approve Items 3-5 as they were presented, which was seconded by
29 Director Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

30 **ACTION ITEMS:**

31 6. **REVIEW AND APPROVE SAFE SURRENDER BABY PROGRAM AND RESOLUTION 2008-01— B/C**

32 **ABBOTT:** B/C Abbott presented the Program and Resolution to the Board for approval. He
33 noted that the County Board of Supervisors has adopted a Program whereby stations may
34 participate in the Baby Safe Surrender Program. The Program permits individuals to drop off
35 their infants within a specified time frame, without repercussions. The Program is intended to
36 prevent the disposal of infants in a manner which might result in their harm. The District
37 Resolution will designate all fulltime stations as Baby Safe Surrender sites, with appropriate
38 signage and instruction to staff. Training is being accomplished throughout the Zone by a
39 video made through the Department. B/C Abbott indicated that he would insure the signs are
40 available in Spanish also. On a motion by Director Graham, seconded by Vice President
41 Munson, the roll call vote passed unanimously, with the vote being: **AYES:** Directors Graham,
42 Harris, Munson and Thuner. **NOES:** None. **ABSENT:** Director Olson.

43 **DISCUSSION AGENDA**

44 7. **STATUS REPORT ON EMS BILLING — B/C ABBOTT:** B/C Abbott provided an update to the
45 Board on the status of the EMS Billing with ADPI, noting that the Collection Contractor had
46 informed him that they were having results directly after the first billing, which is unusual.
47 Review of the collection rate shows a collection rate of 30-40%, when the District expected to
48 recoup a minimum of 50% with this contractor. Other clients of this contractor are recovering
49 50-70%. Discussion ensued regarding the factors influencing the drop in collection, with the
50 economy, changes in insurance reimbursements and refusal to pay for transports designated
51 “non-emergent” after the transport being noted as factors. Discussion ensued regarding ways
52 to appropriately designate transports and the use of 1193 for calls. B/C Abbott noted ADPI
53 has been in place for almost a year and an accurate representation of their effectiveness could
54 not be provided until July 2008. Discussion ensued regarding waiting for this time to act or
55 taking action at this time. The Board requested that B/C Abbott provide an interim report prior
56 to July, perhaps every two months. They also requested he provide them with information on
57 how ADPI is performing their billing due to concerns raised by the Collection contractor. B/C
58 Abbott agreed to provide such information.

59 **STANDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

60 **LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

61 Counsel James presented his report “Employees Do Not Always Have to Exhaust
62 Administrative Remedies,” to the Board. He noted that at least in this one instance, an
63 employee may not have to exhaust his or her remedies before filing in court. This is
64 informational only, no action required.

65 **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:**

66 1. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

67 1.1. JANUARY 29, 2008: LETTER FROM THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RE:
68 STRENGTHENING THE REGION’S FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM: Deputy Chief Glasgow provided an
69 overview and noted there will be a review within the next 90 days.

70 1.2. JANUARY 29, 2008: LETTER FROM THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
71 SUPPORTING THE STATE’S VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Upon questioning, D/C Morel
72 noted that the Vegetation Program moves the clearance zone from 100’ to 300’. He noted that
73 other parts of the state have not yet adopted this Program. D/C Morel informed the Board that
74 a difficult area for new housing is the 100’ standard, which requires that level of clearance
75 even if the homeowner has to go onto another person’s property to obtain it. This
76 informational only, no action required.

77 2. **BOARD RECOGNITION PROGRAM:**

78 **WOW Save:**

- 79 ● Captain Bledsoe;
- 80 ● Engineer Needham;
- 81 ● FF/PM Doumak;
- 82 ● FF/PM Crilly; and
- 83 ● Reserve FF VanSlyke.

84 B/C Abbott informed the Board of the tremendous work done by the abovementioned team on
85 a witnessed cardiac arrest. He told the Board at the end of their work on the patient, the
86 patient was a walking-talking discharge, without any deficits. Along with the involved
87 dispatcher, B/C Abbott felt the group did an excellent job. In addition, B/C Abbott noted that

88 the District had the first known AED save, which occurred at the high school. He noted the
89 resuscitation efforts were completely performed by bystanders. By the time the crew had
90 arrived, the patient's pulse and breathing had been re-established. The individual involved
91 does not want any notoriety. Director Graham opined that the AED program is a great one and
92 that the public should be made aware of the value of the program. This is informational only,
93 no action required.

94 **NEWS ARTICLES:** Deputy Chief Glasgow directed the Board's attention to several articles.
95 Brief discussion ensued. This is informational only, no action required.

96 **COMMENTS:**

97 1. **STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES:**

98 1.1. **DEPUTY CHIEF GLASGOW:** Deputy Chief Glasgow noted that the District had received
99 and placed three expeditions into service. He opined they would be a great asset to the fleet.
100 The District is actively recruiting for an Administrative Specialist for the Prevention Division.
101 The deadline for applications is Friday.

102 2. **CHIEF OFFICERS:**

103 2.1. **D/C MOREL:** D/C Morel met with a team from FEMA who are studying to see why
104 homes burned in certain situations. He escorted the team through the burned areas. The
105 team expects to have a report in the next six to nine months.

106 3. **BOARD:** Discussion ensued regarding arranging for an Open House for Station 3.
107 Deputy Chief Glasgow informed the Board if they wanted a tour in advance of the public Open
108 House, to just let him know and he would make arrangements. It was noted there would be a
109 public event wherein families were provided with car seats for their children at Maie Ellis
110 School, starting at 18:00. Everyone was invited to attend.

111 4. **BARGAINING GROUPS:** No comments.

112 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** A member of the public inquired whether there would be training
113 at the Fire Station regarding child surrender as per item 6. B/C Abbott noted the educational
114 piece would be through the Fallbrook Healthcare District, rather than the District.

117 **CLOSED SESSION**

118 There was no Closed Session for the February 26, 2008 meeting.

119 **ADJOURNMENT**

120 A motion was made at 5:59 p.m. by Director Thuner and seconded by Director Graham, to
121 adjourn the meeting and reconvene on, March 25, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. The motion carried
122 unanimously.
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124 Respectfully submitted,

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127 Loren Stephen-Porter

128 Board Secretary

129 Minutes approved at the Board of Director's Meeting on: March 25, 2008
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