

Safety Meeting Minutes

2-1-21

In attendance: Ryan Power, Carl Golden, Drew Ableman, Wendy Jarchow, Brian Mangis, Robert Blom, Bill Dennstaedt

Meeting started at 6pm by Brian Mangis. A motion to accept the Nov Safety Meeting notes was made by Carl Golden, with second by Wendy Jarchow.

A safety briefing was given by Wendy Jarchow: Safety Glasses should be worn on all medical calls, especially Echo calls with CPR initiated. Chiefs Dennstaedt and Power will work on getting word out to the district.

Also, do not overdrive headlights.

Regarding the current Covid situation, vaccinations were given through EMS in Spokane, the program worked well, 25% of EMS personnel in Spokane received a first vaccination.

Discussion held on Safety Committee and a workflow program. How much time are committee members putting into projects while not on duty.

Gross Decon program was discussed: What can we do now in the short term and in the long term. A shortened draft proposal for gross decon was presented to the committee, Chief Power would like comments back by Feb 16th.

The Peer Support program was discussed next, a motion to move the Peer Support draft to Chief Power was made by Drew Ableman, and seconded by Carl Golden.

The EMT class being held by the District is going well.

A motion to move the Safety Recognition Program draft to the full time staff was made by Wendy Jarchow, and seconded by Robert Blom.

An Operations of Emergency Apparatus by district personnel document was presented to the group, Carl Golden motioned that the committee endorse the plan, with a second by Wendy Jarchow. Any modifications to the document can be given to Chief Power.

Issues brought up to the group: Installing an Air Filtering System at #33 should be investigated, observations by career firefighters is that exhaust particles are being deposited within the building when the apparatus are started. Committee encouraged that the exhaust fan on the east wall be used, and bay doors opened before starting engines.

Explore having adequate storage on the new TimberWolf for PPE.

Accident on R33 while driving on Melville in fog, clipped the drivers mirror on another vehicle going in the opposite direction. District members should be encouraged to exercise caution while driving in low visibility conditions.

Meeting was adjourned, with the next Safety Meeting scheduled for March 1st.