



South Santa Clara County Fire District

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Derek J. Witmer, Fire Chief

MINUTES OF THE SOUTH SANTA CLARA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING OF November 14th, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the South Santa Clara County Fire District was held on Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 at Morgan Hill Headquarters. Chairperson Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

- A. Commissioners Present: Acker, Monaco, Lewis, Scatena, Velasco
- B. Fire District Staff: Chiefs Witmer, Hess, Crawford, and Allan (Gilroy Fire)
- C. Absent: Commissioners Ludewig and Burback
Chiefs Provence, Galassi, and Borelli

INTRODUCTIONS

None

1.2 DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

District Clerk Lopez certified that the meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code 54954.2.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

3. NEW BUSINESS - INFORMATION

3.1 Introduction to Unit Chief Jake Hess ♦ Information

Jake Hess was appointed as the new Unit Chief covering CAL FIRE's Santa Clara Unit, Morgan Hill Fire, and the South Santa Clara County Fire District. Chief Hess began his career with Santa Cruz County Fire Department in September 1995, as a Volunteer Firefighter at Corralitos Fire Station. In 1996, he was hired by CAL FIRE, then CDF, in the San Benito Monterey Unit (BEU) as a Firefighter I. In 1999, he promoted to Firefighter II, assigned to the Cypress Fire Protection District Rio Road Station. In 2000, he promoted to Fire Apparatus Engineer (FAE) in BEU, performing Schedule A, Schedule B, Truck Company, Water Rescue Operations and Unit Physical Fitness Coordinator duties.

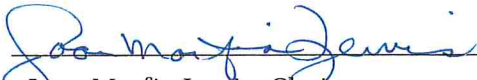
In 2003, Chief Hess accepted a position as a Lateral Firefighter Operator with the Seaside City Fire Department. In 2005, he returned to CAL FIRE as an FAE, and promoted to Fire Captain in San Mateo Santa Cruz Unit (CZU) at Ben Lomond Conservation Camp, and in 2008, he transferred to the CZU Training Battalion, where he was the Unit S-212 Chain Saw Coordinator for six years and was heavily involved in the development of a robust multi-agency multi-jurisdictional basic fire academy. In July 2009, he promoted to Battalion Chief in the CZU Training Battalion. In 2011, he accepted a transfer to the Corralitos field Battalion. In 2014, he promoted to Division Chief of Administration in CZU, and in July 2016, he promoted to the Deputy Chief of Operations in CZU, overseeing State operations,

the Training Battalion, and Ben Lomond Conservation Camp, as well as the Santa Cruz County Fire Department and the Pajaro Valley Fire Protection District cooperative agreements.


4. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m. Next regular meeting: December 12, 2018 at Headquarters.

ATTEST



Joan Marfia Lewis, Chairperson



Amy Watson, Secretary