

Chief's Report

Upper Captiva Fire and Rescue District Board of Commissioners Meeting

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Happy New Year!

Stats Recap

2024 Total Calls:

- 53 calls
- 36 EMS
- 17 Fire/Odor Investigations/Good Intent
- EMS Calls in December: 4
- Capital Expenses: \$0
- Disposals: \$0 (Pending insurance claims)

Apparatus Updates

- Brush Truck:
 - Tire lugs snapped; forestry assisting with parts.
 - Possible replacement being considered based on insurance payout.
 - Forestry conducting inventory this week; Memphis-based supplier specializing in military units identified.
- Spartan and Transport Vehicle:
 - Likely to be off-island next week for repairs.
- New Transport Vehicle:
 - Arriving Monday; not budgeted for wrapping this year.
 - Long-term goal: standardize to a black and gold appearance for all units.
- Ford F450 4X4 Ambulance/Transport:
 - Frame coated, resulting in cost savings.
 - Unit will not be wrapped due to budget priorities; plans to match units in the future.
 - Repair of airbag system scheduled with SWEV; repair costs are being pursued with the seller.

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Facility Repairs and Maintenance

Bunker Gear Room and Air Conditioning

- Air Handling:
 - Mini-split AC is considered but raises pressurization concerns.
 - Alternatives such as a through-wall fan are under review.
- Space Optimization: Considering relocating ALS cabinets and base radio to improve space. Feedback requested.
- Feedback: on bunker gear room setup and air handling solutions is encouraged.

Dispatch System Upgrade

- Radio System:
 - Motorola scheduled to upgrade the system in line with county dispatch changes.
- Remodel Progress:
 - Drywall repairs to be completed by the end of the week.
 - Paint quotes pending for interior and exterior.
- East Side Stairs and Deck:
 - Construction completed, minus railings.
 - Outdoor table and chairs to be ordered.
- Fire Extinguishers:
 - Annual contract initiated; building is now NFPA compliant.
- SWEV Master Mechanic Visit:
 - Provided repair quotes on 1/15 for all units.
 - Quotes will be submitted to PGIT and VFIS for review.
- VFIS Inspection:
 - Completed 1/14; claim decision expected within 10 days.

Financials

- Deposits:
 - \$81,823.89 (VFIS)
 - \$66,016.40 (PGIT)
 - Funds deposited into the money market account. These are not for vehicle claims but for building, contents, and inland marine.

Grants

- Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant:
 - Application period opened on January 9 at 10:00 AM and closed the same day by 3:00 PM due to reaching the maximum 600 applications instead of lasting until April 3rd.
 - Plan to reapply during the next opening on April 4.
 - Award: max of 600 applicants, each quarter, \$45k max though recommendation of \$15k-25k is encouraged for more likelihood of approval.

Questions, Comments, Concerns



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