

Regular Meeting, Fire District #1, April 30, 2007

VOTE

Commissioner Unruh	Aye
Commissioner Norton	Aye
Commissioner Parks	Aye
Commissioner Welshimer	Aye
Chairman Winters	Aye

Chairman Winters said, "Next item."

NEW BUSINESS

A. REVISED MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MUTUAL SUPPORT IN FIRE PREVENTION AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT RESPONSE.

Mr. Gary Curmode, Fire Chief, greeted the Commissioners and said, "With me today I have the Fire Chief of McConnell Air Force Base, Chuck Hudson, that I'll also introduce here in a minute or two. He'll explain additional things that McConnell and the Sedgwick County Fire District #1 has been improving in our relationships and response to both the McConnell citizens that are stationed on the Base and also to our citizens in Sedgwick County.

Basically we've had an agreement with McConnell Air Force Base for as long as I can remember. Even back in the days when we had the KC-135 go down near 21st and Piatt. The agreement has always been that the fire service will take care of firefighting the plane and the surrounding vicinity until McConnell gets there.

Then they're in charge of the plane itself and we're subordinate to them on the plane. But we work in a unified command system to take care of the surrounding environment and property and lives. So this is worked real well. Since I became chief in 95, Chief Hudson was chief in 1992, we've developed an excellent relationship and this was compounded in addition with Chief Garcia, that's retired this past year, and we developed an excellent framework to help us during the tornados we've had in the last 15 years, also because they hit the Base also, and we have also enhanced our hazardous material response team, which is a joint team, City and County, that McConnell is also a very principal partner in that.

We have rescue, we do some enhanced training, we do a myriad of things and to close with, this is an agreement to kind of revise and update all the things that we have been doing and it states again the NIMs System that we use, the National Integrated Management System. Kind of give you an example.

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One of the partnerships that we have done, anything that is in Haysville at 71st and Meridian, south to the County Line, anything north at 53rd and 135 east of the County Line, they're automatically dispatched with us, subject to their response on the Base. But they usually respond. If it's in a rural area, they'll send a 5,000 gallon tender to bring us additional water.

If it's in one of our cities like Haysville, say possibly Bel Aire, we can get them to also come and augment and they'll bring a four men engine company with an safety officer, which is an Assistant Chief, there. It doesn't take away from our response. It augments it, makes it safer. Likewise, if they have a major call in the flight line, we respond and protect their buildings or system and stand by at the gate or wherever they would like us to stage.

We have developed a great partnership here, and at this point I'll turn it over and introduce Chief Chuck Hudson with McConnell Air Force Base."

Mr. Chuck Hudson, Fire Chief, McConnell Air Force Base, greeted the Commissioners and said, "Commissioners, I'd like to just enhance a little bit on that. Also, when 36 or 34 would dispatch to other parts of the County, we will backfill into those stations. It gives us a real, helps my firefighters, because my firefighters don't get a lot of firefighting. We deploy them a lot but we don't get a lot of structural.

We have also a ride out program that we enhanced where we send firefighters to 34 and they stay one or two shifts down there and ride out with them. It becomes a great learning experience for our people and a great relationship between our people and the County Firefighters. I think it really enhances our relationship with the County.

Another one that we have really talked about, and I have talked with Gary about it, is getting a seat for him, his fire department, or the County, in our EOC and one in the County's EOC where we have direct contact when we have major disasters.

Our Wing Commander is planning on a visit to the EOC in the next few weeks to visit and look at their, your EOC, and how we'll integrate our EOC into their EOC or your EOC at times of major disasters. We have direct contact and be able to talk directly to each other so we understand whets going on and how we can enhance you, how you can enhance us."

Chairman Winters said, "Chief Hudson, thank you very much for attending our meeting today and bringing us those remarks. I think you'll find this Commission very supportive of the cooperative work that we can do with all sorts of agencies. But we particularly like to think that we've got a good partnership, working relationship with McConnell Air Force Base.

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The Base is very important to us, our community and anyway that we can cooperate with you to assist you, we're willing do that and we certainly appreciate the service that you provide to the citizens of Sedgwick County by virtue of your department.

We appreciate very much your being here and working on this new agreement.

Mr. Hudson said, "Thank you very much."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioner Norton?"

Commissioner Norton said, "This is just an another instance that shows McConnell is not insulated and has the walls up for any reason other than security of their system, but that they are full participants in our community outside the walls of McConnell. I think that's important.

Station 34 does give your people a chance to be in a station that gets a lot of action and would give them a chance to be out in the community and to practice their craft. Probably more than they would in the closed system of McConnell."

Mr. Hudson said, "It does."

Commissioner Norton said, "You don't hear of a lot of fires or other things every day at McConnell. But you hear about it broad based in the County. We are glad you're full participants and partners. It's another example of how important McConnell Air Force Base is to our community. That's all I have, Mr. Chair."

Chairman Winters said, "Commissioners, you've heard the discussion and the recommendation of Chief Curmode. What's the will of the Board on this item?"

MOTION

Commissioner Unruh moved to approve the Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Parks seconded the motion.

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Chairman Winters said, “Chief Hudson thank you for being here. Chief Curmode, thank you for working on this project.”

Chief Hudson and **Chief Curmode** said, “Thank you.”

Chairman Winters said, “Any other business to come before the Fire District? Seeing none, this meeting is adjourned.”

B. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

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