**Norwood Fire Protection District**

**Board of Director Minutes, December 18th, 2024**

Board Members Present: Jim Wells, Dave Alexander, Trace Griffith, Wendy Crank

Department Members Present: John Bockrath

* **1800 Call to Order**
* **1804 Approval of Minutes**
* Wendy motioned, Trace 2nd, all in favor
* **1808 EXECUTIVE SESSION**
* Fire Chief Yearly Evaluation
* **1845 Financial Report**
* Review current budget
* Accept current budget for December 2024
* **1855 Public Walk-In/Comments**

None

* **1900 Old Business**
* Mill Levy Final Numbers: San Miguel County – 78% YES

Montrose County – 64% Yes

* Pension Update – We now have money in our checking account, John will revisit a small business loan. John also suggested we use the $75,000 still coming to us from wildland payment, if possible, to reduce the debt to half.
* Auxiliary Station-Sanborn – Land will be donated and residents of Sanborn are looking into building options and cost. The cost will have to be at the residents expense since they are the ones benefiting from the auxiliary station. John and the residents will continue the discussion.
* **1915 New Business**
* EMS/Fire Totals – Fire 1, including structure fire

EMS 27

Transports 17

Total = 28 calls to service.

* New Budget Review – Budget and Mills were approved at a Special meeting held on Wednesday, December 11th. 2025 budget reviewed again, no comments, no changes. 2024 budget audit/adjustments discussed, audit approved and will be completed by ASAP Bookkeeping and sent to State.
* John discussed Deputy Chief assignments and POC daily schedule. John, Heather and Trago will be assigned a shift to be the Duty Chief. The Duty Chief will work with the two POC members to make up the “THREE TOTAL” FF/PM’s per day.
* POC members will be training on a daily basis as well as conducting inspections, public education, vehicle inventories/maintenance and station chores. Calls take priority.
* **1925 Chief’s Report**
* State mandates for fireworks displays are being met this year. Liability release and permit were submitted to the Town of Norwood. Both were signed and returned. Fireworks will arrive on December 30th and department members will inspect, set up and display the fireworks on the 31st at 6:15 PM. Members will do clean-up on New Year’s day.
* John is working with the County on the new mining regulations for the Land USE Code.
* John will be meeting with Casey to discuss the 2025 wildland team. John will also be meeting with Heather and Trago to discuss administrative roles and the future of the department.
* John is also working on workcomp and liability insurance for 2025. John will be sending out emails to non-productive members to see if they are planning on participating in the department or if they will be resigning. Each member costs the department $1200 and if they are not contributing, they will be asked to resign.
* **1940 Wildland Coordinators Report**
* John reiterated he will be meeting with Casey the first week of January to discuss the future of wildland. John wants to keep a wildland team but is not sure if this year will work. It all depends on getting an engine boss to replace Casey.
* **1945 EMS Coordinator Report**

Heather is completely taking over medical billing and EMS supplies. Heather will now be the Deputy Chief of EMS. Heather is still a structure and wildland firefighter.

* **1950 Adjourn –** Wendy motioned, Trace 2nd, all in favor.