TAMFS Safety Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting 1/12/2022 via TEAMS

**2nd Quarter Meeting**

Members Present:Les Rogers, Chris Brown, Tim Pierson, Joshua Bluford, Jared Karns, Michael Easley, Jacob Donellan, Matt Ford, Kevin Matthews, Travis Pecht, Matthew Whalen, Kevin Runnels, Jarred Lemmon, Brian Pope, Rusty Smith

Guest: Al Davis (Director)

Meeting called to order at 10 am.

1. Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. 2nd by Kevin Runnels (Accepted Unanimously)
2. Director Davis joined for a couple of minutes to express his support the council’s mission and reiterated the need for a safety conscious attitude within the agency. He also spoke of the need to get the most out of the money available when it comes to the safety & tenure awards (cost vs value), as well as spending money wisely
3. Fire Curtains: Shawn Whitley has been working with the vendor to get them installed across the agency with good progress being made. Les will bring a completion percentage to the next meeting.
4. H2S Sensors: Tim Pierson is working with a local oil/gas contact in the Tilden area. Jake reiterated that if funding becomes an issue the council can bring this to the E-Team to inject funding as needed.
5. CPR & Stop the Bleed Discussion

Group discussion on the need to make CPR/First Aid & Stop the Bleed training required for all TAMFS employees. Bluford brought up the recommendation that the Line Medics can work with the training department to keep employees current & provide classes. Jared Karns spoke on the possibility of offering the classes as part of the yearly safety refresher. The group was asked for pros & cons on this, and it was brought up that a good refresher already takes most of the day & adding these classes would push it to a 2-day refresher.

CPR would need to be re-done every 2 years to keep current.

The consensus of the group was that it would be a good idea to make these classes required training for employees, especially for field personnel.

Travis said he would work with policy & review coordinator on a draft version and appropriate language.

Jake called for a vote on this topic:

* Brian Pope: Stop & CPR: Required
* Kevin Matthews: Stop & CPR: Required
* Jarred Lemmon: Stop (1-time) & CPR: Required
* Chris Brown: Stop (1-time) & CPR: Required
* Michael Easley: Stop & CPR: Required
* Kevin Runnels: Stop & CPR: Required
* Tim Pierson: Stop (Every 2 yrs.) & CPR: Required
* Joshua Bluford: CPR & Stop: Required
* Matthew Whalen: CPR & Stop: Required
* Les Rogers: CPR & Stop: Required
* Jake Donellan: Stop (Every 2 yrs.) & CPR: Required

1. Washington County meeting never happened, and 2nd one has been set up & Jared will keep up with the issue.
2. With Jimmy Mullis new position, Les recommended Nick Dawson to take over the ACRFC spot. He will notify Dawson.
3. No new update on the power line sensors. Les will work with Shawn Whitley on way forward.
4. Decision was made that any FLA will be brought to the attention of the Council & it will receive a briefing on it.
5. Bluford remined the group about the upcoming Line Medic Exercise in Burnett, on February 3rd.
6. Michael Easley brought up the idea of installing dash cams in all TAMFS vehicles to help on the liability side when agency vehicles are involved in accidents. Council was open to the idea, but it would need some more discussion, especially with IR, and to make sure there is no A&M policy against it. Travis will look into the A&M policy issue, while Michael said he would do more research into what type of cameras are best and would get with IR for advice.
7. Bluford brought to the councils’ attention, that some employees approached him about not being able to attend EMT school. Les provided additional background information. Issue was resolved. Co-Heads reiterated that its good to have employees bring concerns or potential issues to them.
8. Co-Chairs wanted all members to remind their staff that if your sick or feel bad, to please stay home, as COIVD is still on-going.
9. Jake tasked the council with coming up with ideas to implement Al’s intent on the safety awards, and how best to reward employees. An initial idea was to re-name the current safety awards to service. Some else recommend using the money spent on the awards go to the local office & let supervisor of those employees buy them something. Travis will get ideas from ED Head as well. The council will re-visit the idea at the next meeting.
10. Poll will be sent out for 3rd Quarter meeting
11. Adjourned at 11:30am