# St. Matthews Fire Protection District

# 2020 - 2022

This is one of many sections that contain information, documents, letters, newspaper articles, pictures, etc. of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. They have been collected and arranged in chronological order. These items were collected, organized and entered into a computerized database by Al Ring. Last revised in 2023.

There were many people who helped with this project over the years, however 3 deserver special mention. Rick Albers, John M. Monohan, Jr. and Jack Monohan.

All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles. This also applies to other items such as documents, letters, etc. Credit to the source of the documents, photos, etc. is provided whenever it was available. We realize that many items are not identified and regret that we weren't able to provide this information. As far as the newspaper articles that are not identified, 99% of them would have to be from one of three possible sources. *The Courier-Journal, The Louisville Times* or one of the *Voice* publications.

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St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

JEFFERSON COUNTY CLERK

January 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on January 9, 2020 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser and Trustee Kathy Wrigiey. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief David Howser, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Asst. Chief Mike Riordan, Major Frank Flynn, Major Mike Richardson, Captain Greg Crabb, Sergeant Tommy Hedden, Sergeant Ron Renner, Sergeant Louis Stoke, Firefighter Stephen Dunlany, Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Jones, CPA Robin Roberts, HR & Management Assistant Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the December 17, 2019 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Cathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann referenced the prepared notes included in the financials distributed with the monthly board package. Items discussed included delayed receipt of the monthly cell tower rental and anticipated federal interest rate on the sweep account. Unscheduled overtime is over budget by approximately \$107,000 for the first six months of the fiscal year, due to extended medical leave on three employees and use of vacation time over the holidays. CPA Robin Roberts mentioned the two vehicles that were sold in December and removed from the fixed asset list.

The December disbursement detail report was approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported on the following:

Station 4 - Nothing new to report.

Phone System – The new phone system was installed with a three-year lease on the equipment. Trainings are being conducted on how to operate the various functions that it is capable of performing.

Tahoes - One of the two Chevy Tahoes that were ordered has been delivered and will soon be placed into service.

Roof - Roof replacement at station 2 will begin next month.

Apparatus - The new pumper that was ordered is expected to be completed in July.

Chie Howser reported on legislative issues:

Workers Compensation – There is a movement to add career firelighters to the worker's compensation provided by the state for volunteer firelighters that would include cancer presumption. If a bill is passed, it would save the fire district a substantial amount on our annual premium. As a side note, CPA Robin Roberts advised that we should expect to pay an additional \$70,000 this year, based on actual 2019 wages for fire and EMS that were estimated when the 2019 policy was issued.

Representative Jason Nemes has introduced a local government primary jurisdiction bill that would protect the ability of fire districts to collect a tax for the provision of emergency medical services.

Statistics – The December Fire & EMS statistics were provided. Chief Riordan reported on our EMS response data, and issues that are being addressed with local hospitals that declare internal disasters in order to temporarily close off their ER from accepting new patients. Louisville Metro EMS has also established a habit of taking their units off line 30 minutes before shift change, leaving the suburban units to respond into the urban area. Both of these matters will be addressed in upcoming meetings. Chief Seng advised that he, Chief Jones, and Chief Recktenwald will be meeting with Chief Frederick and Ozzy Gibson, Interim Chief of Public Services, to discuss closest unit response.

Chief Riordan also reported on the recent sale of Yellow Ambulance (CON purchased by Baptist Hospital; equipment purchased by AMR) and the potential lifting of restrictions from the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Certificate of Need, by Baptist in order for STMFPD to assist with patient transfers if needed.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held at 6:30 on January 16 at Kaden Towers.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting will be held on February 13, 2020 at St. Matthews Station 1 (240 Sears Avenue) at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

Chairman

January 11, 2020, https://www.wdrb.com/news/tree-falls-on-st-matthews-home-rescued/article b81fc186-348d-11ea-af78-f384aaedb4b6.html

# Tree falls on St. Matthews home, 2 rescued

Gina Glaros 46 min ago 🔍



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB)—Fire crews were called to a neighborhood on the east side Saturday morning to rescue two people from a home.

Jefferson County Fire Department spokesperson Jordan Yuodis tweeted out that a tree fell on the house located at 104 Holliswood Road just before 11 a.m. That's just outside of the Hurstbourne neighborhood in St. Matthews.

#### January 11, 2020, https://www.wave3.com/2020/01/11/two-people-rescued-tree-falling-home-east-louisville/

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# Two people rescued from tree falling on home in East Louisville



LOUISVILLE, Xv. (WAVE) - Two people have been resourd by fire crews Saturday mounting after a tree fell on their home in East Louisville.

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#### January 11, 2020, https://www.wave3.com/2020/01/11/two-people-rescued-tree-falling-home-east-louisville/

St. Matthews Mayor Rick Tonini told WAVE 3 News the tree crushed the family's sun room, and both the structure and the tree pinned them down. Tonini said the St. Matthews Fire Department brought in extra men and equipment to lift the debris off the people. Neighbors took in the family dog, while the couple was taken to University of Louisville Hospital.

Tonini gave credit to the firefighters who battled the weather to make the successful rescue.

"They had to not only take the stuff off of the people, including the big heavy tree, It's a very large tree," Tonini said. "But also stabilize that while they pulled them out from the wreckage. So it took a little bit of time, but they did a great job."

Yuodis reports the extent of victims' injuries is unknown at the moment.

# **Home catches on fire near Norton Commons**



The fire was reported on Waveland Circle around 4:15 a.m. (Source: WAVE 3 News)

By Sarah Jackson | January 23, 2020 at 7:08 AM EST - Updated January 23 at 7:08 AM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - Firefighters worked to put out flames at a home near Norton Commons early Thursday morning.

The fire was reported on Waveland Circle around 4:15 a.m.

No injuries were reported.

Firefighters said the house had significant damage but was not a total loss.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

#### January 30, 2020, Facebook

Next time you call our station you may hear a familiar voice. Thank you Reed Yadon for taking the time to record this for us. You have always been a great friend to Jefferson County Fire!!

February 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on February 20, 2020 at the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Station 1, 240 Sears Avenue.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief David Howser, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Asst. Chief Mike Riordan, Major Rick Baker, Major Frank Flynn, Major Mike Richardson, Captain Greg Crabb, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Sergeant Ron Renner, Firefighter Stephen Dunlarry, HR & Management Assistant Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the January 9, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Trustee Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

#### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Nick Heilmann referenced the prepared notes included in the financials distributed with the monthly board package. He also mentioned that gross pay continues to be over budget and that we are looking into what is causing the overage. Chief Seng mentioned that we have hired additional EMS personnel this fiscal year and have at least one EMT that became a paramedic in December, resulting in more to be paid out in gross wages. Unscheduled overtime should be tapering off with the transfer of two battalion chiefs to fill fire vacancies (on their shifts) due to extended medical leave, saving the department from covering those spots with overtime. Our CPA will report on the gross wage overage at the March meeting.

The January disbursement detail report was approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Treasurer Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

#### Old Business - None

#### **New Business**

Appointment of Election Committee: Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley volunteered to serve on the election committee. The 2020 election will take place on Saturday, June

Current board positions expiring June 30, 2020:

Appointed = Christine Kesler Elected = Chris Mooser, Property Owner

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported on the following:

Roof - Roof replacement at station 2 will be finishing up soon.

Apparatus -- The new pumper that was ordered is expected to be completed in July.

FY 20 / 21 Budget - Prefirmary real estate assessments are expected in the second or third week of April. Work on drafting the budget will begin upon receipt of the assessments.

Closest Unit Response with Louisville Fire — Asst. Chief Monohan met on February 19 with Louisville Metro representatives to discuss closest unit response, which is anticipated to begin in 60 days between the urban and suburban areas with the support of Mayor Fischer, Mayor Tonini, and the Louisville Metro Council. A list of the run types will be determined. Quints, engines, and quads will be responding +1 to areas within a half mile of the boundary lines.

Asst. Chief Howser reported on current legislative issues. Senate Bill 5 relating to Special Purpose Government Entities (SPGE) requiring local legislative approval (Louisville Metro) for increases in ad valorem taxes and fees, was amended with an exemption for Jefferson County Fire Protection Districts. The House Bill 44 requirement may still apply, if not amended before passage. We are at this point, about half way through the 2020 session.

Chairman Tonini reported that he recently attended a group presentation by CERS at Zoneton Fire Department. Wage spiking remains a concern. Reporting of "temporary" or "grant" supported wages should be reported as such so that employees are not at risk of being penalized.

Expenditure Authorization:

Ballout Kits (#58) \$17,110 - Budgeted Item

Motion of approval by Treasurer Hellmann. Second by Secretary Abell. Motion Carried.

Statistics - The January Fire & EMS statistics were provided. Chief Riordan reported on our EMS response data and pin point maps. Baptist Hospital is operating their ambulance transport service now and are willing to remove the restrictions that were put on the St. Matthews Fire Protection District CON by Yellow Ambulance, pertaining to run types and first right of refusal.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting will be held at 6:30 on April 16 at Camp Taylor.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting will be held on March 12, 2020 at St. Matthews Station 1 (240 Sears Avenue) at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM. Motion by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

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# MOURNING A LOSS



A giant flag flies at Southeast Christian Church during the funeral of firefighter Lesley Prather and her daughter, Rhyan, on Friday. The two were among four killed in a crash in St. Louis on Valentine's Day. SCOTT UTERBACK/COURER JOURNAL

## Lesley Prather, daughter Rhyan laid to rest Friday

Savannah Eadens Louisville Courier Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

n enormous American flag, suspended by two firetruck ladders, soared over Southeast Christian Church on Friday morning, where a service was held to mourn a Louisville mother and daughter. Il Louisville firefighter Lesley Prather, 40, and her daughter, Rhyan Prather, 12, were honored by hundreds of family, friends and locals in the closed service. The parking lot at Southeast Christian, one of Louisville's largest megachurches, was nearly full. See FUNERAL, Page 12A

Rhyan Prather was just like her mom — competitive, passionate and full of energy — according to friends and fellow coaches.

#### Find more inside

Photos from the funeral procession on its way to Calvary Cemetery. 12A

# February 22, 2020, The Courier-Journal

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Firefighters watch as the funeral procession of firefighter Lesies Frather and her daughter Rigan passes by on Fridge, SCOTTATERSACKOURGE SCHOOL

### STMFD involved

#### **Funeral**

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Lesley and Rhyan Prather died in a car crash in Missouri on Valentine's Day. The crash also took the lives of Carrie McCav, 44, and her 12-year-old daughter, Casey. The four were on their way to a volleyball tournament in Kansas City.



Lesley Prather

The sun was blinding, and the breeze bitter cold as dozens of Louisville Metro Police patrol cars helped clear a stretch of 1-64 West just after noon for the procession, which drove a line of multiple hearses, several fire-trucks and three charter

buses, leading the mother and daughter E2 miles down the soad to their final resting place at Calvary Cemetery on Newburg Road.

Before becoming a mother to Rhyan and three other children, and before joining the Louisville Fire Department's Englise Company 22 in the West End, Lesley Prather was a standout volleyball player for the University of Louisville. She helped lead her team to three Conference USA titles, four NCAA Tournament appearances and a trip to the Sweet 16 during her 1996-2001 career at U of I., according to school's athletics department.

Rhyan Prather was just like her momcompetitive, passionate and full of energy – according to friends and fellow coaches.

From firefighters to local vulleyball leagues, the community has mourned their loss.

The McCawa' funesal was held Thursday, where people mourned the mother and daughter, who were laid to rest together in a single casket.

Surrounded by close friends and family, Lesley and Rhyan Prather were buried together on a hillside in Calvary Cemetery in the Highlands. Reach Saturnoth Endens at sec-

Reach Saturnah Endens at neudens@courierjournal.com, 502-381-9498 or on Twitter at @savannaheadens.Support strong local journalism by subscribing today: courier-journal.com/subscribe. Before becoming a mother to Rhyan and three other children, and before joining the Louisville Fire Department's Engine Company 22 in the West End, Lesley Prather was a standout volleyball player for the University of Louisville. She helped lead her team to three Conference USA titles, four NCAA Tournament appearances and a trip to the Sweet 16 during her 1998-2001 career at U of L, according to school's athletics department.



A flag flies during the funeral of Lesley and Rhyan Prather, who were killed in a car crash. SCOTT UPTERSACK/COURGE JOURNAL



Come join us March 11th as a we seek to raise money for the St. Matthews Firefighter Benevolence Fund!



March 24, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes



A SPECIAL MEETING of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on March 24, 2020 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief David Howser, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Asst. Chief Mike Riordan, Major David Joels, Captain Larry Heaphy, Sergeant Jeff Landers, Firefighter Moss Clore, Firefighter Timothy Southard, Attorney Mark Leach, CPA Robin Roberts, HR Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the February 20, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

CPA Robin Roberts and Treasurer Nick Heilmann reported on the document distributed by Chief Seng on March 23, regarding the overage in gross pay. The following contributing factors were noted:

- Unbudgeted time off for sick leave, military leave, paramedic classes, EMS monthly training, and IT work performed by employee vs a subcontractor
- Addition of 2 paramedic equivalents for the year, calculated as 4 that were to begin in January but hired earlier when acceptable candidates were presented. There were 29 EMS employees when the FY 19/20 budget was prepared. The number increased to 31 in July then 32 by mid-August.
- One of our FY 19 EMS employees became a paramedic in FY 20 (increasing hourly rate of pay).
- Our Medical Director requires all new EMS employees to perform "ride-along" for two months or more (placing an additional staff member in the ambulanced until new personnel are cleared.)

CPA Robin Roberts has provided a template that HR Manager Mike Frantz can use to develop a spreadsheet to track all personnel costs by employee, for each fiscal year. Having the specific documented resource available will make it much easier to track/manage payroil and HR benefits and review budget variances.

The February disbursement detail report was approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Treasurer Nick Hellmann. Motion Carried.

#### **Old Business**

Trustee terms expiring June 30, 2020: Appointed = Christine Kesler / Property Owner = Chris Mooser

Trustee Christine Kesler advised that she would be willing to serve another term if appointed by Mayor Fischer. Motion of support by Secretary Mike Abell to recommend the reappointment of Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Treasurer Heilmann. Motion Carried.

#### March 24, 2020, Video Special Trustees Meeting

The district will need to send a letter of support and completed biography to Mayor Fischer, through Rebecca Bartlett – Executive Fire Administrator for the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service, before April 8. Christine will also need to register with Louisville Metro Boards and Commissions.

The Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service will also publish a group legal notice with cost sharing for the Property Owner Trustee Election to be held on Saturday, June 27. That information (name and address of candidate) is due to Rebecca by May 15.

#### **New Business**

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported on the following:

The COVID-19 Pandemic has impacted the global population. Chief Seng and his Mission Planning Team are working non-stop to guide and protect our first responders in their service to the community. The MPT (14 members) gather every other day to teleconference. A daily operations report is distributed through HR Manager Michael Frantz that covers all current updates, past information and protocols, and future planning. All four stations are currently on lock down – no guests, no indoor deliveries, no unnecessary travelling out into the public. All COVID-19 expenses are being tracked and will be submitted for FEMA reimbursement. Chief Seng has been ahead of the curve and began implementing safe guards for the department before the required social distancing measures were mandated. Secretary Abell (Sgt) and Treasurer Heilmann (Sgt) both commended the chief for his efforts, and reported that our crews, especially EMS are doing a fantastic jobl Trustee Kesler, Trustee Wrigley, and Chairman Tonini echoed their appreciation for the work of the team and department members. Assistant Chief Riordan most notably said that, "we have extraordinary people, doing extraordinary work".

Exposures to patients testing positive to the virus were slow to report at first, but the process has improved. We've had a few crew members that were quarantined but have returned to work. Ambulances, apparatus, and facilities are regularly sanitized to the highest level. Personnel are checked and logged for temperature at the beginning of each shift. Unscheduled overtime or time off used as a result of COVID-19 are reported as such.

Chief Seng requested official authorization to purchase 4 new UV lights for sanitation purposes, at a cost \$4,000 each through the EMS equipment budget. Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried. Secretary Mike Abell also suggested that Chief Seng have authority, in these extreme times, the authority to purchase without delay, equipment within reason if needed to save lives in public service. Trustee Kesler agreed, if purchases are made within the scope of our budget.

The department is desperately trying to locate additional masks to replenish the supply that could be depleted within a few weeks. Other agencies, locally and nationwide are in the same position.

Annual KBEMS Ambulance Inspection - Scheduled for April 1. Attorney Mark Leach advised that is unlikely the state will reschedule.

Expenditure Authorization:

Fire Gear - Four Sets \$12,000.

Motion of approval by Secretary Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Statistics - The February Fire & EMS statistics were provided via email.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on April 16 at Camp Taylor.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2020 (likely via video conference) at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM. Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

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# A very big THANK YOU!!! Goes out to Commonwealth Credit Union for providing lunches for all 4 stations!



We have received reports of phone scammers calling and asking for donations in the name of St Matthews Fire for home of the innocence.

WE ARE NOT CALLING ANY INDIVIDUALS FOR DONATIONS OF ANY KIND. Please report any suspicious activity.

We have contacted some local businesses only for cleaning or PPE supplies.

April 16, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes



A SPECIAL MEETING of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on April 16 2020 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief David Howser, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major David Joels, Major Patrick Montague, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Attorney Mark Leach, CPA Robin Roberts, HR Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the March 24, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and CPA Robin Roberts spoke briefly on the distributed financials with regard to tracking of COVID related expenses for materials as well as costs associated with payroll and EMS responses through the Federal CARES Act and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

CPA Robin Roberts continues to work with HR Manager Mike Frantz on the detailed summary of personnel costs, as reported at the March meeting.

The March disbursement detail report was approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser, Motion Carried.

#### **Old Business**

Trustee terms expiring June 30, 2020: Appointed = Christine Kesler / Property Owner = Chris Mooser

The letter of recommendation for the reappointment of Trustee Christine Kesler was submitted to Rebecca Bartlett, EFA - Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service for inclusion in the package for mayoral approval. We have also submitted Trustee Chris Mooser's information for the group legal notice for Property Owner Trustee, for the election that will take place on Saturday, June 27.

#### **New Business**

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported on the following:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 reassessment schedule of real property will be delayed by
one year according to the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator and authorized by
Governor Beshear. The delay will impact the district's 10-year projections. On the plus side, employer
CERS contributions will be held at the current rate, also due to the pandemic. Work will begin on the
FY 20/21 budget upon receipt of the preliminary assessments, expected on April 24.

- Major Montague and HR Manager Frantz mentioned the daily operational report, which all of the board
  members should be receiving, and the good work that everyone is doing to keep the department going,
  our community protected and our people safe. Assistant Chief Riordan provided an update on the
  status of COVID reported exposures from the hospitals, management of equipment and supplies, and
  available testing for first responders as needed; with special thanks to Asst. Chiefs Howser and
  Monohan, and Major Richardson for their help at the testing center on Cannons Lane.
- Chief Seng commended our EMS division for recently achieving the KY EMS-C (children) accreditation for St. Matthews Fire & Rescuel
- Board Resolution Excluding Emergency Responders from EPSLA and EFMLA, & Granting 14 Day Paid Leave for Self-Quarantine When Recommended: Board discussion and clarification brought forth the following revision: Be it further resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes paid sick leave for the scheduled shifts for the 14 days from when an emergency responder has a positive test result for COVID-19 from Concentra or other selected provider by the designated infection control officer. Requests for this sick leave will be made to the Chief or his designee. Should an emergency responder break quarantine without approval from the Chief, the emergency responder will be required to pay back the pay received or have the days used credited against the emergency responder's existing sick leave or vacation time. Motion of approval by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote: Yes (Treasurer Heilmann, Trustee Bradley, Trustee Kesler, Trustee Mooser, Trustee Wrigley); No (Secretary Abell).

Statistics – The March Fire & EMS statistics were provided via email. Assistant Chief Riordan reported on the number of suburban ambulances (28-30) that are available and responding on a daily basis, as compared to Louisville Metro (14-15).

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on June 18 at St. Matthews.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020 (likely via video conference) at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM. Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

Chairman

April 22, 2020, https://www.wave3.com/2020/04/22/fire-prompts-evacuations-jeffersontown-apartment-building/

# Fire prompts evacuations at Jeffersontown apartment building



A fire was reported in the 9000 block of Deer Run Circle in Jeffersontown Wednesday. (Source: WAVE 3 News)

By Shellie Sylvestri | April 22, 2020 at 5:02 PM EDT - Updated April 22 at 5:03 PM

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - Fire crews are working put out flames at an apartment building in Jeffersontown.

A Metrosafe spokesperson said the building is in the 9000 block of Red Deer Circle. The fire was first reported around 3 p.m.

People inside the apartment were reportedly evacuated.

This story will be updated.

May 14, 2020 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on May 14, 2020 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief David Howser, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Rick Baker, Major David Joels, Captain Greg Crabb, Captain Larry Heaphy, Captain George Wiggins, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant Jeff Landers, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Firefighter Moss Clore, Paramedic Josh Lewis, EMT Chris Early, Attorney Mark Leach, CPA Robin Roberts, HR Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the April 16, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and CPA Robin Roberts spoke briefly on the distributed financials, mentioning receipt of \$71,201.53 in CARES ACT funds from the federal government due to the COVID 19 Pandemic; a decreased interest rate on the district's sweep account; a correction in the description of a capital expenditure for paving at station 1, rather than station 2; and a reclassification of the monthly cost sharing deposit from Anchorage Middletown for station 2, to facilities rental income rather than offsetting expenses for building maintenance and supplies.

The April disbursement detail report was approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abeli. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

#### Old Business

Trustee terms expiring June 30, 2020: Appointed a Christine Kesier / Property Owner = Chris Mooser

The letter of recommendation for the reappointment of Trustee Christine Kesler was submitted to Rebecca Bartlett, EFA - Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service for inclusion in the package for mayoral approval. We have also submitted Trustee Chris Mooser's information for the group legal notice on the Property Owner Trustee election. The legal notice will be published on May 22. There being no further nominations for the position of property owner, the nominations were closed by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried. Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Secretary Mike Abell and Trustee Kathy Wrigley are serving as the election committee and will be on site to conduct the election on Saturday, June 27.

#### New Business

FY 20/21 Budget — CPA Robin Roberts presented the proposed budget that accompanied the distribution of the board meeting documents. Trustee Christine Kesler referenced the updated 10-year projection report that was shared prior to the meeting, and Chief Seng went over the planned capital expenditures and noted the proposed budget includes a 1% COLA increase with a total calculated cost of \$96,000 for each 1%. Group discussion led to a recommendation of allowing for 30-day review, until the June 11 board meeting, before voting for approval.

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported on the following:

Repairs - Engine replacement needed on 2632 at a cost of \$15,000 - \$20,0000.

Equipment Surplus – Request to declare all the district's swift water rescue equipment as surplus and donate to the Jefferson County Water Rescue Team. The equipment (vests, dry-suits) is very old and we no longer have any members that participate on the team. Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abeli. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Expenditure Authorizations - The following EA's were submitted for approval:

- Vogelpohl Fire Equipment: Hydraulic Rescue Tools \$49,184
   Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.
- Integrated Services Lifepak 15 AED \$20,605
   Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.
- MCR Medical Supply CPR Training Materials \$2,532.56
   Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Statistics - The April Fire & EMS statistics were provided via email. Assistant Chief Riordan reported on the decreased number of calls for service and transports during the month of April, due to the COVID 19 stay at home orders (less traffic/accidents and restricted access to non-emergency care). A resurgence of COVID exposures is expected when the orders are lifted, leading to a potential decrease in revenue that may need to be factored into this fiscal year as well as the next.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on June 18 at St. Matthews.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2020 (likely via video conference) at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

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June 4, 2020: Former STMFD member.



Jackie DeHart

Louisville - Jackie DeHart, a lifelong resident of St. Matthews died June 4, 2020 at age 78.

Jackie is survived by her two sisters, Mary Jane Hoetker and Peggy Saint; son, John DeHart; two grandchildren, Haddie and Christian DeHart, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was dearly loved by her lifelong friends, Renie' Glenn, Jim Graven, David Dick, Jim Whitlock, Tom Thompson and John Kilroy.

Jackie was truly one of the most unique individuals ever known by her countless friends. There are simply no words that can describe her impact on those who knew her, which was many. She lived an incredible life full of adventure, excitement and lots of hard work. Among other things, she was a painter, rope maker, yurt technician operator, mechanic, volunteer firefighter, Captain of the fire department, entrepreneur of many businesses; including ice cream store, gas station, auto repair shop, motorcyclist, property owner, gun collector, farmer and animal lover. Most importantly, Jackie was a good friend to so many.

In most of her endeavors she was self-taught, driven by her inquisitive nature and curious mind. There was simply nothing she could not fix or a challenge she would not take on. There are literally thousands of stories to be told about her, and to be honest people would not believe them, but those who knew her have no doubt about their authenticity.

A celebration of Jackie's life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at Ratterman Funeral Home, 3711 Lexington Road, St. Matthews. Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, June 8, 2020 at the funeral home. Jackie's final resting place will be at Calvary Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy can be made to St. Matthews Fire and Rescue Benevolence Fund.

June 11, 2020 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on June 11, 2020 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Patrick Montague, Captain Greg Crabb, Captain Mo Tischendorf, Captain Mike Willinger, Sergeant/Paramedic David Cole, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Firefighter Bobby Agnew, Firefighter Derek Andriakos, EMT Mike Bland, Attorney Mark Leach; CPA Robin Roberts, HR Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. (Station 4 also listed as meeting participants.)

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:17 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the May 14, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann referenced the financial notes that went out with the board package. Specifically, the reclassification of monthly cost sharing for station 2; resumption of 2020 hydrant testing; and final pay off of unit 2657.

The May disbursement detail report was approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### Old Business

Trustee terms expiring June 30, 2020: Appointed = Christine Kesler / Property Owner = Chris Mooser

Mayor Fischer recommended the reappointment of Trustee Kesler. Formal approval requires two readings by the Louisville Metro Council. The second reading should occur within the next two weeks. The legal notice for Property Owner Trustee was published on May 22. The election will take place on Saturday, June 27 at Station 1 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### **New Business**

FY 20/21 Budget – Trustee Kesler reported on her research of the consumer price index (CPI) relative to employee COLA increases. The board was also informed of pay scales and length of service programs for comparable fire districts offering fire and emergency medical services. With the information provided, the board settled on a 2.5% increase across the board for all employees. Motion of approval by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

A committee will also be established for the review and comparison of length of service, hourly pay rates, and benefit packages, in preparation for next year's budget discussions.

The budget was approved, with mention of slight revisions totaling \$10,500 (\$3,000 for phone system annual renewal and \$7,500 in personnel expenses). Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Secretary Mike Abel. Motion Carried.

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng mentioned the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic, and the district's response with the St. Matthews Police Department to crowds of protestors within the fire district in response to the deaths of George Flynn and Breonna Taylor, as conducted all over the United States. Our units were on hand to support both the police in their efforts to ensure peaceful protests and the protestors should medical attention be required.

With regard to the FY 20-21 budget, Chief Seng reported that the Lake Dreamland FPD will be merging with Pleasure Ridge Park on July 1. PRP will be declaring 40 (4 year-old) SCOTT SCBA surplus, to be sold via sealed bid. Chief Seng recommended that the district submit a bid for the equipment, to save money in our upcoming budget and buy some more time before our current SCBA terms out.

#### Expenditure Authorization -

Flynn Brothers Paving, Station 2: \$42,000
 Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

Chief Seng also requested permission to proceed with ordering some of the loose equipment that will be needed for the new apparatus that is expected to be ready next month. The expense is budgeted and payment would not be made until after July 1. No objections were heard.

Statistics - The May Fire & EMS statistics were provided. Assistant Chief Riordan reported that our EMS response numbers are increasing and are expected to continue to rise with the COVID exposures, especially in the nursing homes. There was also some discussion about federal grant funding to offset COVID expenses, for municipalities, and the allowance of those municipalities to share those funds with their fire and emergency services, for COVID related cost recovery.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on August 20 at Okolona Station 3.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

Chairman



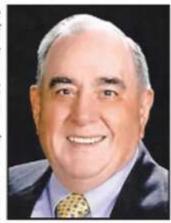
Thank you to all our EMTs and Paramedics who have taken the extra step to educate themselves in Pediatric Emergency Care. Their dedication to proficiency in the care of our smaller citizens has earned us an "Award of Excellence in Pediatric Emergency Care" with the KYEMSC Program for 2020! Read more about it on our website <a href="https://www.stmatthewsfd.com/st-matthews-fire-ems-award.../">https://www.stmatthewsfd.com/st-matthews-fire-ems-award.../</a>



#### George Conrad Haeberlin

LOUISVILLE - George Conrad Haeberlin, 86, of Louisville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Norton Women's and Children's Hospital.

He was a native of Louisville, born on August 24, 1933 to Theodore A. Haeberlin and Ethel Roederer Haeberlin.



George was a graduate of Manual High School and enrolled in the apprenticeship program at General Electric. He remained at GE for over 44 years, retiring as a prototype developer in 1997.

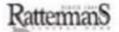
George was a founding member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, a member of the Gruetli Helvetia Society and The Parrish House. He was a former volunteer firefighter for St. Matthews Fire Department, was an avid bowler and enjoyed dancing to Polka Music with his wife. He was able to fix anything needing repair and was the family handyman. George was a one of a kind Papa. He attended his grandchildren's activities from baseball to ballet and everything in between, creating memories with them to last a lifetime.

George is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Joan Nagel Haeberlin; son, Jeffrey Haeberlin; daughter, Melissa Parrish and her husband, David; two grandchildren, Nicholas and Leah Parrish; brother, Albert Haeberlin (Jenny) and a sister, Irene Mai (Don).

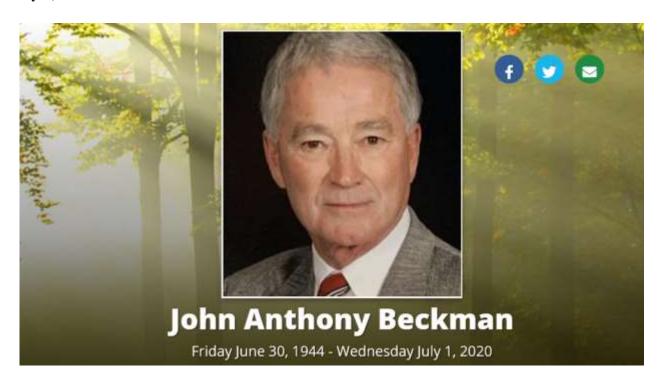
A Funeral Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Our Lady of Lourdes, 508 Breckenridge Lane with entombment to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday, June 26, 2020 at Ratterman Funeral Home, 3711 Lexington Road, St. Matthews.

Memorial gifts in the form of contributions may be made to the Mass of the Air, 1200 S Shelby St, Louisville, KY40203.

www.RattermanBrothers.com



July 1, 2020: Former STMFD member.



Obituary PRINT ⊖

John "Jack" Anthony Beckman, 76, of Stillwater, OK, passed away Wednesday July 1, 2020 at the Lakeview Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Eufaula, OK. His Rosary service will begin 6:00 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2020 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma. His Funeral Mass begins 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with his burial following at Sunset Memorial Gardens. The celebrants conducting his mass will be Father Ken Harder and Father Robert Duck, and Father Brian O'Brien, Pastor. Strode Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He was born on June 30, 1944 in Louisville, KY to Henry LeRoy Beckman and Bernice Pauline (Allgeier) Beckman. He graduated from Trinity High School in 1962. He attended the University of Louisville graduating with a Master's degree in Urban Studies. He served as a Louisville Police Officer, St. Matthews Firefighter and Miami-Dade Police Detective. He met Cynthia (Webb) Brungardt and they were married on October 20, 1990 in Louisville. Jack had a strong Catholic faith and a strong devotion to his family. After his mother passed away, he moved his family to Stillwater for his young son, John, to be able to grow up with his only grandparents.

While living in Stillwater and enjoying retirement, Jack enjoyed serving the church by volunteering his skills and time at St. Francis Xavier. He also considered his personal relationship with Fr. Bob Schlitt and Fr. Ken Harder as a blessing from God. His selfless activities included caring for Fr. Bob's rose garden, helping Cindy to host visiting missionary priests by taking them to dinner and having theological discussions.

He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Sharon McGuire.

Jack is survived by his wife, Cindy of Stillwater; his son, John Beckman and wife Maddie of Tulsa, OK; stepdaughter, Emily (Brungardt) Smith and husband Preston Smith of Tulsa. Mary Lee Ackerman, Louisville, KY., Jerry Beckman and wife Beverly, Louisville, KY., Pamela Morrison, Louisville, KY., Robyn Pierce and husband Joe, Crestwood KY. Also, special friends Orlando Cobos and Cyntia Paladines-Romero and their children Gabriel, Isabella and Addison of College Station, TX.

Live Streaming is available through the parish website: sfxstillwater.org

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Statuary Fund, 711 N Country Club Road, Stillwater, OK 74075; which would be greatly appreciated by the family.

July 9, 2020 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on July 9, 2020 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, and Trustee Chris Mooser. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief David Howser, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Attorney Mark Leach, CPA Robin Roberts, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. (Station 1 also listed as meeting participants.)

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:11 PM.

#### Old Business

Trustee Christine Kesler was reappointed to another three-year term, as approved by the Louisville Metro Council. Treasurer Nick Heilmann provided a report on the behalf of the election committee, certifying the re-election of Trustee Chris Mooser to another four-year term as property owner representative on the St. Matthews Fire Protection Board of Trustees. Motion by Trustee Marshell Bradley to accept the results of the election. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### **Election of Officers**

Chairman - Motion by Secretary Mike Abell to nominate Chairman Rick Tonini. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed with a second to the Motion by Trustee Bradley.

Secretary/Treasurer - Secretary Mike Abell and Treasurer Nick Heilmann both agreed to renew their positions for another year. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler to continue with the existing officers. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the June 11, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Hellmann referenced the financial notes that went out with the board package. CPA Robin Roberts explained the year end reporting and adjustments for accruals, the majority of which will be presented on the July financials. Overall, we ended the fiscal year operations better than budgeted.

The June disbursement detail report was approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Motion Carried.

#### **New Business**

Cost Sharing of Legislative Representation for Jefferson County Suburban Fire – Discussion held regarding support for the FY 20/21 contract with Julie Denton. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell to approve initial support of \$4,000 and up to \$5,000 if needed to reach the \$18,000 contract price. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

FY 20/21 Budget - CPA Robin Roberts advised that the additional approved for legislative support would need to be reflected on the budget, that was also amended to account for the FICA and Medicare increase due to the COLA approved last month. Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried. The approved budget will be filed with the Kentucky Department for Local Government before July 15, as required.

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported on a recent request from Louisville Metro to all Louisville/Jefferson County Boards and Commissions, asking for an audit of all trustees to determine potential incompatible offices. Attorney Mark Leach reported on the specifications of KRS 61,080 and advised that to his knowledge, no one on the St. Matthews Fire Protection Board of Trustees would be incompatible with the statute. Chief Seng advised that the trustees would be receiving an email for their response to the two questions as posed by Louisville Metro.

Chief Seng also mentioned the paving project at Station 2, and a recent visit to E-One to view the new Quint. He also reported on a meeting with Louisville Metro regarding the protection of facilities should crowd protests become violent over the next few weeks.

The Air Packs mentioned last month, should be declared surplus by the Pleasure Ridge Fire Protection District at their July meeting.

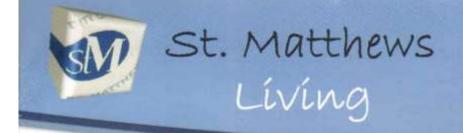
Statistics - The June Fire & EMS statistics were provided. Assistant Chief Riordan reported that our EMS response numbers have returned and our crews are managing their routes around the roving road blocks. The monthly EMS stats are being shared with Louisville Metro Emergency Services and our Louisville Metro Council representative.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on August 20 at Okolona Station 3.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.



City of St. Matthews 3940 Grandview Avenue P.O. Box 7097 St. Matthews, KY 40257-0997 Hours: M-Th 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. F 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.

AUGUST 2020

# COVID-19 Crisis & Recent Protests Highlight St. Matthews Fire & Police Partnership

The COVID-19 pandemic has raised community heroes and struck down loved ones. The crisis has also showcased the strong partnership between the St. Matthews Police Department and St. Matthews Fire & Rescue.

Like so many in our community, both agencies dealt with COVID challenges early on in February and March. Police officers continued working without going to City Hall for roll calls with other officers. They worked from their patrol cars, using their car computers rather than going into the police station. Firefighters were unable to allow visitors or vendors into the stations. Fire command staff and administrative personnel worked from home or on limited work schedules.

"Some of the most difficult responses were to those who needed medical help and transport for the COVID virus," said Fire Chief Bill Seng. "Our firefighters and EMTs responded knowing they could contract the virus and that they risked bringing it home to their families. Of course, we took all precautions, putting the stations

on lockdown and sterilizing our equipment and stations daily."

These strains continued to take a toll when protests began in April following the death of Breonna



Taylor just weeks earlier. After several long nights of officers patrolling and firefighters preparing for the worst, Police Chief Barry Wilkerson and Fire. Chief Bill Seng formulated a plan. All available off-duty police and extra firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics were deployed each

night and during specific days, depending on the situation. The fire battalion chief coordinated with police command about positioning, staffing, and logistics.

St. Matthews Fire & Rescue assigned a paramedic to the St. Matthews Police Special Response Team to provide medical care for police during the protests. Extra medical crews and ambulances were reassigned and staged off Shelbyville Road at fire station #1.

"St. Matthews Police
Department has always had a
great working relationship with
the Fire Department," said SMPD
Police Chief Barry Wilkerson.
"Before the protests we have
worked together in special
response situations, where they
have a medic embedded in our
team. This benefits not only
civilians who may be injured
during these crisis situations, but
also any police officers who may be
injured on the job. Seconds can
matter."

Chief Seng echoed Chief Wilkerson's words. "It is always great to work with the police department and the protests

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### Fire, Police Partnership

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allowed us to meet even more SMPD officers. This can only strengthen our already fine working relationship," he said.

While most of the protests at "Gilman's Point" were very peaceful, they took a toll on the

first responders. The group of protesters grew in number throughout the first week as word spread of the first group's efforts. The daily protests ended each night at 8 p.m. with

most everyone safely returning

What most residents didn't know was that during these peaceful protests another group of protesters was circling Louisville in approximately 200 vehicles. These vehicles touched on the borders of St. Matthews while police officers, give them an extra traveling throughout the Metro area causing traffic slow-downs and unsafe conditions on many area roads.

Said Chief Wilkerson, "Because Mayor Tonini kept the curfew during that time, it made it easier to keep order in the City.

Despite the increased stress of the COVID pandemic and the protests, Chief Seng said his team remains upbeat, adding, "They do their jobs with smiles on their faces."

Next time you see firefighters or reason to smile by saying thank you for their 24-hour response to the residents, visitors, and businesses of St. Matthews and for the outstanding partnership of City services.



# **Hometown History - 2020**

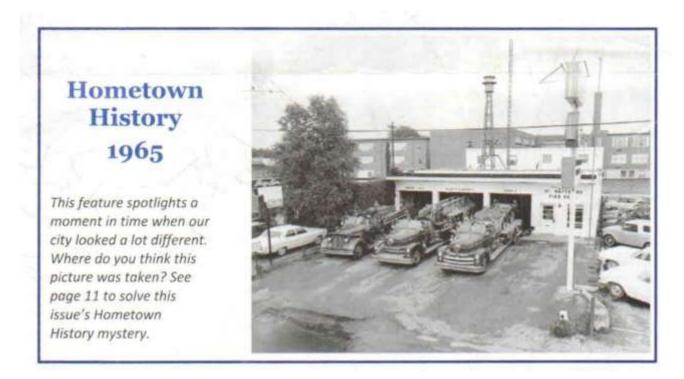
#### THEN

The photo of the St. Matthews Fire Department from page 2 was taken in 1965 when the station was located on St. Matthews Avenue. Today, St. Matthews has 3 fire stations, located at 240 Sears Avenue, 4400 Brownsboro Road, and 8126 LaGrange Road.

#### NOW

The building on St. Matthews Avenue now houses SteelCity Pops, which sells gourmet, all natural popsicles, and Quills Coffee, a local coffee house.





#### August 5, 2020, Facebook



Fire departments typically raise 50% of the annual Crusade tote board, but with social distancing in place this year, departments are limited in what they can do to continue this important effort. We want to make sure the children and families impacted by Crusade dollars do not suffer a loss of services. Please donate virtually via methods in the graphic or directly at this link. https://secure.qgiv.com/for/smatfirres/

Please credit your St. Matthews Fire Department in notes section of your chosen method!

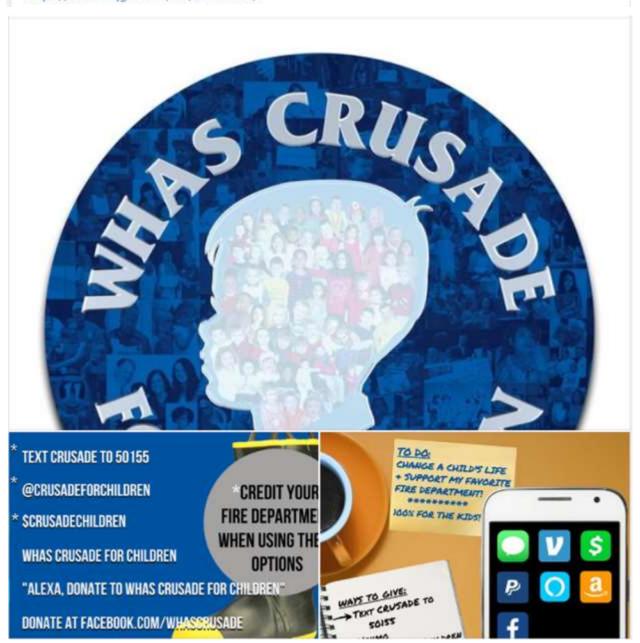






Thanks to COVID-19 we are doing things a little different this year for our WHAS Crusade for Children collections. Since we can't come to you, we are asking you to help virtually! Click on the link below or Venmo @CrusadeForChildren, or text CRUSADE to 50155 to give a gift digitally. Please credit your St. Matthews Fire Department in the note field of whichever donation method you choose!

https://secure.ggiv.com/for/smatfirres/



#### August 13, 2020 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on August 13, 2020 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief David Howser, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Accountant Robin Roberts, HR Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. (Station 1 and Station 2 also listed as meeting participants.)

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the July 9, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Trustee Christine Kesier. Second by Secretary Mike Abeil. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Accountant Robin Roberts referenced the financial notes that went out with the board materials and explained the year-end adjustments necessary for the audit work that will begin next week. A draft of the FYE June 30 audit may be available for presentation at the September meeting.

The July disbursement detail report was approved. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### **Old Business**

Official Swearing-In of Trustees Christine Kesler and Chris Mooser - Secretary Mike Abell read the Oath of Office to both trustees and they acknowledged. Their signatures will be obtained as soon as possible.

#### **New Business**

Tax Rate Resolutions -- Motion by Secretary Mike Abell for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to continue with the current tax rate of .15 cents per hundred dollars of valuation for real and personal property. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

#### Fire Chief's Report

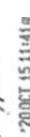
Chief Seng mentioned the following items in his report:

#### Human Resources

- One of our original EMTs resigned from the department to go work for another local fire department.
- We have two members that are currently off work due to medical conditions and utilizing FMLA.
- Two members have enrolled domestic partnership benefits available through our health insurance provider.

#### Apparatus & Equipment

- 2682 requires major engine repairs.
- 2634 should arrive at the end of next week.
- New rescue tools for 2636 and 2634 have been delivered.



#### August 13, 2020, Video Trustees Meeting

New fire gear, delayed due to COVID, should be arriving soon.

#### Operations

- Closest Unit Response with Louisville Fire has been approved by their union and submitted for review by the county attorney's office.
- Anchorage Middletown will be hiring a new fire chief. It is unknown at this time how that may impact the current arrangement for sharing quarters at station 2.
- COVID Cost Recovery Asst. Chief Howser is working with Kentucky Emergency Management to prepare our documents for cost recovery of COVID related expenses.
- ISO Inspection Asst. Chief Howser is also coordinating the collection of information that will be needed for the inspection in October.
- The 2020 Crusade for Children was last weekend. We collected \$81,000 and ranked riumber 4 in collections for the Jefferson County Fire Districts.

Statistics – July Fire & EMS statistics were provided. Assistant Chief Riordan drew attention to the number of runs that are being made to the Sam Swope Care Center at Masonic Home. Our crews are staying very busy, and responding to COVID diagnosed patients nearly every day throughout the Louisville Metro area.

#### Expenditure Authorizations - Budgeted

- C-Mac Video Laryngoscope D-Blade Sets = \$22,282.90
   Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Cathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.
- 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe = \$50,000 (includes radio and warning equipment)
   2021 Ford F150 Pick Up = \$50,000 (includes radio and warning equipment to be ordered with delivery not expected until January, 2021)
   Motion of approval by Trustee Marshal Bradley. Second by Trustee Cathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on August 20 (link to tele-meeting available upon request).

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Cathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Secretary

#### September 10, 2020 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on September 10, 2020 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the cell were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Auditors Jim Tencza and Kim Vo from Dean Dorton, HR Manager Michael Frantz, Captain Greg Crabb, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Firefighter Derek Andriakos, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. (Station 1 also listed as meeting participant.)

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the August 13, 2020 meeting were approved with correction to add Trustee Kathy Wrigley in attendance. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts referred their report to the written notes provided with the board package, in order to allow the auditors time to present the draft audit report for FYE June 30, 2020.

The August disbursement detail report was approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

#### Old Business - None

#### **New Business**

Presentation of FYE June 30, 2020 DRAFT Audit — Jim Tencza, Assurance Director Louisville Market Leader for Dean Dorton, presented the 2020 DRAFT Financial Statements and Required Communications. The district received a clean audit, with no material weaknesses or issues of concern. Everything was reported to be in good order. The audit was conducted remotely this year, due to COVID, which required electronic submission of all documentation and resulted in the expansion of audit procedures to consider the impact that the coronavirus had on the operations and financial reporting of the district. The audit review went very well and all that assisted were thanked for their support of the process.

The board was asked to review the materials provided and to submit any questions or concerns to either our accountant Robin Roberts, or to Mr. Tencza, prior to Thursday, September 17, before the audit is finalized and the Management Representation Letter is returned. Motion by Trustee Kesler to accept the audit as presented, unless there are any questions or concerns that arise in the next week. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the district has been busy working on updating SOP's, with specific mention of updates to the policy on civil disturbance. Chief Seng has been working with Louisville Metro Emergency Management and the City of St. Matthews to prepare for any unrest that may result with release of the case from the Kentucky Attorney General involving Breonna Taylor.

#### September 10, 2020, Video Trustees Meeting

Expenditure Authorizations – Several EAs were included with the board package. Chief Seng also requested that the board consider a declaration of surplus for 2631, as the Nicholas County Fire Department has expressed an interest in purchasing the unit for \$35,000. Trustee Chris Mooser asked if we could provide some sort of documentation to support the sale price, as well as the EA's expenses, so that the board could make more informed decisions on the sale or purchase of items that are brought forth for their consideration. Attorney Mark Leach was asked to provide the board with the procurement statute involving public notice for certain purchases.

Secretary Mike Abell reported on the building conditions at station 4, relative to the EAs that were presented (front office remodel, stove replacement, and roofing); all of which were deemed to be of significant importance for facility repairs and improvements. Chairman Tonini asked the board to consider each of the EA's individually and either move to approve or defer until the next meeting:

- Anchor Remodeling Front Office (ST 4) = \$4,161.98
   Motion of approval by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.
- Bonnycastle Appliance -- Replace Gas Stove (ST 4) = \$4,465 (Current oven does not work. Replacement is for 36" GE model.)
   Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.
- FD Service & Supply 7 Sets PPE = \$19,320 (Budgeted / Bi-annual Purchase)
   Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kessler. Second by Secretary Mike Abeli. Motion Carried.
- Geoghegan Roofing -- Roof (ST 4) = \$65,000 (Budgeted / Lower of 2 Quotes Received. Weather and necessity to repair leaking roof cited.)
   Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.
- Menards -- Bay Ceiling Fans (ST 3) = \$2,844,44
   Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.
- Thompson Heating & Cooling Roof Top Unit (ST 2) DEFERRED until next meeting. A replacement
  unit is needed to correct a moisture problem in the building. Chief Seng to provide additional support
  documentation.

The sale of 2631 was also deferred until the next meeting, to allow for research in support of the sale price for the unit.

Statistics - The August Fire & EMS statistics were provided.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on October 15.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM. Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

Chairman (

Secretary

## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

## Special Meeting

September 16, 2020 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes



A Special Meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on September 16, 2020 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sale of unit 2631.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, HR Manager Michael Frantz, Chief Doug French of the Nicholas County Fire Department, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

Chief Seng provided comparison sale documentation to support the \$35,000 purchase price of unit 2631, to the Nicholas County Fire Department, and asked the board for approval to proceed with the sale. Motion of approval by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

In closing, Chief Seng mentioned that the fire district had received word today on the award of a \$132,000 federal grant toward the \$260,000 purchase of new SCBA.

The Special Meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees adjourned at 4:08 PM. Motion by Trustee Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

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#### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

## October 8, 2020 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on October 8, 2020 via video teleconference due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief David Howser, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Accountant Robin Roberts, Captain Nick Clark, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Firefighter Bobby Agnew, Firefighter Moss Clore, AEMT Mike Bland, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. (Station 1 also listed as meeting participant.)

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the September 10, 2020 regular and September 16 special meeting were approved. Motion by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

## Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts referred to the written notes provided with the board package. Budgeted income, and expenses, were down for the month of September. Chief Seng advised that October wages will likely show an increase due to positions that were filled with overtime over the last two weeks, to be prepared for any civil unrest that might occur. Reduced interest rates were also mentioned as a matter of concern, with not a lot of options for improvement. The sweep account and the FDIC protection it provides may still be the best that we can expect at this time.

The September disbursement detail report was approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

## Old Business - None

#### New Business - None

## Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that two of our employees who were out on long term sick leave and FMLA, have recently returned to work. One employee is still out and may require surgery. None of these absences are workers comp related.

The City of Mockingbird Valley will be using the meeting space at station 2 for their monthly meetings. Chief Seng will approach them at some point to discuss potentially bidding for the fire protection agreement that they have with the City of Louisville, as our stations and EMS are the closest units.

Asst. Chief Monohan reported that the new truck, 2654 is ready to be placed into service at station 4. Plans are being made on the movement of other apparatus. Units 2658 and 2682 will be at station 1 for reserve.

Chairman Tonini inquired on the status of the Plus 1 response with Louisville Metro. Assistant Chief Monohan reported that the union has approved the concept and the document is still with the County Attorney's Office.

## October 5, 2020, Video Trustees Meeting

Chief Seng reported that Captain Moe Tischendorf will be retiring at the end of October. Promotions will be filled upward and the district will hire an entry level firefighter.

Expenditure Authorizations - The following EAs were included with the board package:

- 911 Fleet & Fire Equipment = \$289,295 for new SCBA to replace equipment that will be expiring at the end of this year. The district has received grant approval for \$144,000 of the expense. The vendor was selected from the Louisville contract.
- Tuff Shed = \$5,608 to install a shed at station 2 for housing the lawn equipment. This is a budgeted item.
- Willis Klein = \$11,151 to replace the exterior door handles and locks at station 4. This expense is also a budgeted item, and will complete the security access for all four stations.

Items 2 and 3 were approved with all board members being in favor of the budgeted purchases.

Item number 1 was approved by Motion of Trustee Christine Kessler. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

Statistics - The September Fire & EMS statistics were provided. Chief Seng reported that the district recently responded to an apartment fire, and made a quick stop on the spread. Chairman Tonini agreed that the crews did a great job! Assistant Chief Riordan reported on the EMS responses, noting that our numbers have returned to pre-COVID stats. We continue to make at least 58% of our responses within the fire protection district. Thirty-two percent were made within Louisville Metro.

## Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on October 15. It will be virtual. Please contact Chairman Tonini, Chief Seng, or the administrative assistant to request the meeting link, if interested.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

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Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

# October 22, 2020, https://www.wave3.com/2020/10/22/dozens-evacuated-during-fire-st-matthews-condominium/

## Dozens evacuated during fire at St. Matthews condominium



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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - Eleven people had to be physically carried out of a condominium after a fire started in St. Matthews.

The fire was reported in a five story condo complex in the 4100 block of Lyndon Way around 12:40 a.m. Thursday.

Firefighters had to knock on and knock down some doors to wake residents up and get them to safety, St. Matthews Fire Department spokesman Rick Tonini said.

A total of 54 people were evacuated. Two people were taken to an area hospital as a precaution.

Tonini said one unit burned and other units were left with fire and smoke damage.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.





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October~22, 2020, https://www.whas 11.com/article/news/local/st-matthews-condo-fire-lyndon-way-louisville/417-c10f5083-9dc4-48d5-8d8b-1863698f632f

# More than 50 people evacuated after condo fire in St. Matthews

A condominium on Lyndon Way caught on fire just after midnight on Thursday. No injuries have been reported.



Author: Courtney Hayden Published: 5:02 AM EDT October 22, 2020 Updated: 6:34 AM EDT October 22, 2020



LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Dozens of people had to be evacuated from their homes after a condo caught on fire in St. Matthews overnight.

According to a spokesperson for the St, Matthews Fire Department, the fire started sometime after midnight on Thursday Inside one unit at a condo on Lyndon Way near Hubbards Lane and Westport Road. Officials said 11 people had to be rescued from the condo and more than 50 had to be evacuated. No injuries were reported.

While one unit was damaged by the fee, several other units sustained smoke and water damage, according to officials.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Beth Fink shared a video of the fire with WHASTI. The video shows dark smoke billowing out of the front windows of the condo.



October 22, 2020, https://www.wlky.com/article/firefighters-battle-overnight-apartment-fire-in-st-matthews/34445809

## 11 people rescued from balconies after St. Matthews apartments catch fire

No word yet on what sparked the 2-alarm blaze



**SAINT MATTHEWS, Ky.** — Firefighters are investigating the cause of a 2-alarm apartment fire in St. Matthews.

It happened around 1 a.m. Thursday on Lyndon Way near Thierman Lane, behind the Target on Westport Road.

Firefighters say there weren't a lot of flames, but there was thick smoke throughout the building.

Eleven people had to be rescued from their balconies.

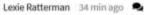
Firefighters tell us two people were taken to the hospital as a precaution, but no serious injuries were reported.

A TARC bus was brought to the scene for people to rest since the building was evacuated.

Investigators are working to determine the cause.

October 22, 2020, https://www.wdrb.com/news/smoky-condo-fire-in-st-matthews-injures-2-forces-dozens-to-be-evacuated/article 907872c6-1471-11eb-8f0d-9bb390cc63a5.html

# Smoky condo fire in St. Matthews injures 2, forces dozens to be evacuated





St. Matthews firefighters had to evacuate 52 residents and rescue 11 from balconies after a smoky fire at the Plaza de Oro condos on Lyndon Way early Thursday morning. Oct. 22, 2020

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) - Firefighters in St. Matthews evacuated dozens of people from a smoky condo fire early Thursday.

St. Matthews Fire Chief William Seng tells WDRB that crews were called to Plaza de Oro on Lyndon Way, near Westport Road and Thierman Lane about 12:42 a.m. It took firefighters about two hours to get the fire under control and everyone out of the building.

The fire was contained to one unit, but the smoke forced more than 50 residents to evacuate. Most were able to get out on their own, but St. Matthews Mayor Rick Tonini, who is a spokesman for the fire department, says 11 people had to be rescued or carried out of the condos.

Two residents were taken to the hospital including the woman who lived in the unit where the fire appears to have started in the kitchen. Two units suffered damage including the one where the fire started and the unit below that suffered heavy smoke and water damage. No firefighters were injured.

Louisville Metro Arson is investigating the cause of the fire, but most residents have been able to return to their homes.

## November 2020, St. Matthews Living

## Hot Off the Press

## Fire Pit Safety

Nothing says fall like roasting marshmallows with your family over your fire pit in the evening. When you are enjoying this special time, keep in mind these fire safety tips:

- Never leave any fire unattended, especially if there are children nearby.
- Always have a means at hand to extinguish the fire if necessary, for example a garden hose or fire extinguisher.
- Place or build your fire pit at least 25 feet away from any building or any type of combustible. Build your fire pit on a solid surface and in an open area, away from overhead trees or roof lines.
- · Establish a three-foot "kid-

-free zone" around your fire pit. Teach your children and their friends the rule, and always watch children near a fire.

## Visible House Numbers

Make sure that your house number is easily found, clearly visible, and well-lit at night from

the street. It saves time and lives in an emergency. Numbers should be placed at the front of the residence or should be visible from the nearest fronting road with no obstructions. The numbers should be at least three inches by two inches or larger if necessary to be visible from the nearest fronting road, and in a color

distinguishable from its background.

## Questions? Call SMFPD

If you have questions about fire prevention, contact the St. Matthews Fire Protection District at 502-893-7825. They have the experience you need.



St. Matthews Fire Protection District bought a new fire truck in October, which was brought here from Florida...

## November 10, 2023, Facebook



We are very proud to have received Silver Plus recognition from AHA Mission Lifeline!!

American Heart Association Mission Lifeline



## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

## November 12, 2020 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

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A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on November 12, 2020 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradiey, Trustee Chris Mooser and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief David Howser, Asst. Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Major Jeremy Leffler, Captain Greg Crabb, Captain Skip Zink, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Firefighter Bobby Agnew, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the October 8, 2020 regular meeting were approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

## Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts referred to the written notes provided with the board package. Unscheduled overtime was up for the month of October, primarily due to filling shifts to cover for COVID related illness; two members being on extended medical leave; out of town trainings; and SRT positions that were filled to be prepared for any civil unrest that might occur (end of September). Mike Frantz reported that 6 employees were off for COVID (320 USOT hours). FDTN training and SRT resulted in 289 USOT hours.

The first fire tax disbursement for the 2020 assessments is expected to be received on December 10.

A vote on the October disbursement detail report was overlooked during the meeting and will need to be covered at the December meeting.

Otd Business - None

New Business - None

## Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported on the following items:

- In response to the letter from Meyor Fischer to all Board Chairpersons, dated September 16, the district
  will be providing a training session on the topic of sexual harassment in the workplace, to be scheduled
  with an outside company that specializes in that area. The training will be a virtual session that the
  trustees will be able to attend. The district currently has a policy on sexual harassment in the employee
  manual. Accountant Robin Roberts suggested that a way to anonymously report harassment 24/7 be
  implemented as well.
- Unit 2695 (2009 Ford F150) has been placed on EBay for sale. Bidding closes on November 17.
- The 2021 health insurance renewal, budgeted at a 10% increase, was negotiated down to 4.5% (estimated savings of \$35,000).

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- The City of Mockingbird Valley is now using our meeting room at Station 2 for their monthly meetings, with limited access to the facility, due to COVID. They were reported to be very thankful and pleased with the accommodation.
- Eight members took the captain's test today to gain a spot on the promotion list as positions become available. The list will be good for two years. Chief Seng will send the ranked list and promotional criteria out to the board members.
- Attorney Mark Leach has been doing some research to support the implementation of policy on maternity leave, and whether or not suburban fire districts are required to provide military leave pay.

Assistant Chief Howser provided an update on legislative issues:

- The Kentucky Board of EMS is proposing changes to administrative regulations to increase EMT training recertification hours by 40 hours annually. The additional hours will present a costly hardship on fire based EMS services. The estimated additional cost to St. Matthews FPD is \$46,000. The Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky Fire Chiefs Association and the Kentucky Firefighters Association are all opposed to the change. A meeting will be held tomorrow (11/13) to discuss the matter further.
- Representative Ken Fleming won the recent election and has already reached out to Chief Howser. He
  will be working to support a PTSD bill in the 2021 legislative session for Kentucky emergency services.

Assistant Chief Riordan reported that the district recently received two distinguished awards: Mission Lifeline EMS Silver Plus & Excellence in Pediatric Care. Both were the result of outstanding crew performance and exceptional data compilation, prepared by Paramedic Tracy Jevning. Well done and Congratutational

Expenditure Authorizations - The following EAs were included with the board package:

- David Metry Painting = \$6,500.00 for painting of station 4 bay
- 2. Smith's Laminsting = \$12,000 for EMS lockers/closets at stations 2,3, & 4

Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell, for both of the above budgeted expenditures. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

Chief Seng had also sent to the board members, prior to the meeting, a request to purchase tactical vests and equipment to be used by fire and EMS personnel for their protection when responding to potentially violent scenes. Funding for the purchase of \$35,000 would be reallocated from money that would have been spent on the new SCBA (grant savings). Use of the equipment will be outlined in operating procedures. Motion of approval by Secretary Abell. Second by Treasurer Heilmann. Motion Carried.

Statistics – The October Fire & EMS statistics were provided. Assistant Chief Riordan reported on the EMS responses, noting that we continue to make a substantial number of runs well into Louisville Metro. In fact, our department in addition to Buechel, Okolona and PRP are being called in to cover for metro units far more often due to their units being out of service. There is also an issue with the way CAD is reporting EMS runs, compared to ESO, our patient billing software. The problem lies with CAD data from MetroSafe. Asst. Chief Riordan has brought the discrepancy to their attention.

In closing, Chief Seng reported that the long traditional, annual employee appreciation dinner will not take place this year, due to COVID.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on January 21, 2021. Location to be determined.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2020 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 PM. Motion by Secretary Mike Abeli. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

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## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

## December 10, 2020 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes



A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on December 10, 2020 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Socretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Major Rick Baker, Captain George Wiggins, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Firefighter Todd Jones, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

## Minutes

The minutes for the November 12, 2020 meeting were approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell, Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Trustee Christine Kesler was not able to attend the November meeting and therefore abstained from voting. Motion Carried.

## Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts referred to the written notes provided with the board package. Unscheduled overtime was up again for the month of November, primarily due to filling shifts to cover for COVID related illness and two members being on extended medical leave. Treasurer Heilmann Inquired if the CARES COVID Relief funds were reflected in EMS revenues. Accountant Robin Roberts advised that those funds would be considered as grant money, not to be intermingled with EMS billing receipts. We have not received any CARES income this fiscal year.

The October and November disbursement detail reports were considered for approval:

October - Motion of approval by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

November - Motion of approval by Treasurer Nick Hellmann. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

## Old Business - None

#### **New Business**

Certificates of Corporate Resolution, necessary for annual renewal of the employee FSA and HRA benefits managed through Benefit Marketing Solutions, for plan the plan year January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021. Copies of the Certificates were provided with distribution of the board packages. Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Christine Kesier. Motion Carried.

## Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported on the following items:

- The district is working on updating two policies for the employee manual.
  - Maternity Leave This policy will have a budgetary impact, to be considered for FY 21-22.

## December 10, 2020, Video Trustees Meeting

- Military Leave The district currently pays our military members for their time off. While we may
  have the discretion to do so, it may not be required. Attorney Mark Leach has requested in a letter
  to the Kentucky Attorney General, on behalf of another fire district that he represents, a
  determination as to if KRS Chapter 75 Fire Protection Districts are included in the federal law's legal
  description of municipalities, political subdivisions, and school districts.
- Unit 2695 (2009 Ford F150) was sold on EBay for a bid of \$9,955.
- The district will participate in a funeral procession for the two small children that were tragically hit by a car, while vacationing in Florida with their parents. The service will take place on Monday, December 14, within the Okolona Fire Protection District.
- The SCOTT air packs that were ordered in October, with anticipated delivery in December, have been delayed until after the first of the year.

Assistant Chief Howser provided an update on tegislative issues:

- The 2021 Kentucky legislative session will begin next month. There are currently 9 pre-filed bills being
  monitored that could impact the fire service. Although it will be a short session, with the budget taking
  up a good portion of time, there is a Republican majority in both the House and Senate which could
  lend to ease of legislative approval.
- Proposed changes by Kentucky Board of EMS to their administrative regulations, as reported at the November meeting, have been pulled for modification.

Human Resource Manager, Michael Frantz provided an update on personnel with regard to COVID absences and long term medical leave. Secretary Abell and Treasurer Heilmann again commended our crews for their dedication and professionalism, in their day to day work and throughout this pandemic. We have fortunately not had to reduce our staffing as some of our neighboring districts have, during the past several months.

Assistant Chief Monohan provided an update on facilities and apparatus. Of note, were completion of the new roof and door locks at station 4, as previously approved. Also mentioned:

- · 2684 went in to the shop today to repair an oil leak.
- Bi-annual service was completed on all of the heavy apparatus.
- 2659 is eleven years old now, and required some costly repairs. The body work on that unit was recently completed as well, from the accident a few months ago.
- Station 3 crows are busy cleaning ceiling tiles and light focures, doing some light remodeling, and painting of the facility.

Chairman Tonini asked if there was any news from Louisville Metro on the Plus 1 dispatch response. Due to COVID, there have not been any updates to report.

Expenditure Authorizations - The following EA was included with the board package:

Operative IQ -- Asset, Inventory, and Narcotics Tracking Platform \$9,479

Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley, Motion Carried.

Chief Seng asked the board if they would like to consider a Christmas bonus, gift card, or vacation sell back for the employees. The board discussed the matter and approved. The employees will be offered vacation time that, if they so choose, may be sold back at an amount of \$300 per employee, in recognition for what has been a very difficult year. Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

## December 10, 2020, Video Trustees Meeting

Statistics – The November Fire & EMS statistics were provided. Assistant Chief Riordan went over the EMS stats for November, highlighting our response times which are excellent, even when responding outside of the fire district. There is still a reporting discrepancy within MetroSafe between the CAD and ESO. Assistant Chief Riordan has been trying to work with them to resolve whatever the issue may be that is causing the times to record differently.

## Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on January 21, 2021. Location to be determined.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM. Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

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Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

## Leonard Heydt

ard E. Heydt, 75 of Louisville passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2020.

He was a Western Kentucky University graduate. Leonard dedicated forty years of his life as a firefighter. He started his career as a volunteer firefighter and was later



an Assistant Chief, He was appointed Fire Chief for the Harrods Creek Fire Department in 1974, and served in that position for twenty-seven years. Leonard also served as president of the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association for multiple terms.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Marie Heydt.

Leonard is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, Marilee J. Heydt, his sisters, Pamela Heydt and Marianne Heydt Bosco (Charles), nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

Visitation will be at Arch L. Heady & Son at Westport Village, 7410 Westport Rd. and the Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Leonard Catholic Church with entombment to follow at Resthaven Mausoleum.

Due to coronavirus restrictions the visitation, funeral mass and cemetery service will be private. Those who would like to honor Chief Heydt may join his funeral procession to the church, leaving the funeral home at 9:30 am on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 and after the church service to the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the WHAS Crusade for Children at www. whascrusade.org

To sign the online guestbook or leave condolences for the family, please visit us at www. archlheadywestport.com



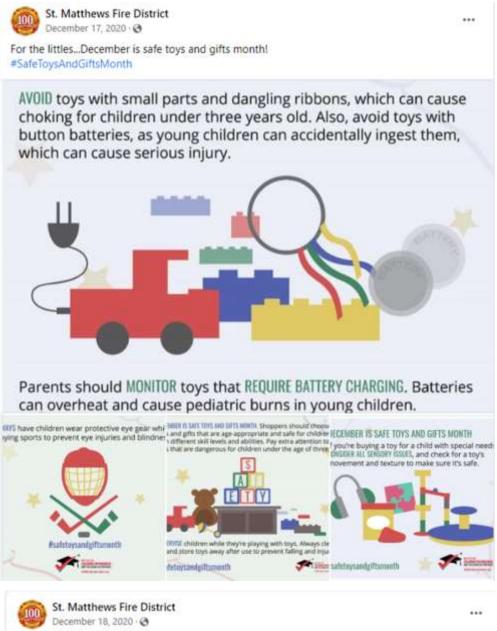
## December 16, 2020, Facebook



Safety tips from St. Matthews Fire and Rescue!



## **December 17 & 18, 2020, Facebook**





## Robert "Bob" Hope Gaddie

LOUISVILLE - Robert "Bob" Hope Gaddie, 85, of Jeffersontown, entered Eternal Life on Monday, January 4, 2021.

Bob was born on November 11, 1935 to the late John and Gladys Carrithers Gaddie and was a retired Fire Chief of the Jeffersontown Fire Protection District.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Mary Alice, his parents, and sister, Geraldine Tamme.

Bob was a member of the Taylorsville Masonic Lodge #210 and Kosair Shrine Temple. He en-

joyed his cabin at the lake, fishing, being with his family, working with his hands, and helping people in general. He loved socializing and never met a stranger.

He was proud to be a firefighter joining in 1958 as a volunteer and serving as Chief from 1964 to 1996. He was a leader and mentor to many, served his community, and was dedicated to the fire service.

One of the first lime-yellow fire trucks in Jefferson County, if not the whole state, was purchased while Bob was Chief. He picked up that truck in April of 1973 and drove it about 800 miles from Elmira, NY saying that it did fine on its maiden voyage. He believed the light color was highly visible and was a safety factor. The color affectionately became known as "Gaddie Green".

During his career he was heavily involved with the WHAS Crusade for Children, a longtime Kentucky Fire School Instructor, and served as an original member and vice-chair on the Governor's Fire Commission under four Governors. His legislative efforts through his many years of service enhanced the benefits for firefighters and every department in the Commonwealth. He was also one of the few to serve as a two-time President of the Kentucky Firefighters Association in 1978-79 and 1988-89. Bob became a member of the KFA Hall of Fame in 2004.

Left to cherish his memory is his son, Robbie Gaddie (Stephanie); daughter, Amanda Ragland (Tony); grandchildren, Benjamin and Matthew Ragland; brothers, Ronnie Gaddie (Sarah), John Mark Gaddie (Joyce) and sister, Mary Lou Florence (Billy).

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021, 2 to 8 pm, at Ratterman and Sons Funeral Home, 10600 Taylorsville Road, Jeffersontown, KY. The Funeral Service will be 11 am Friday, January 8, 2021 at the Funeral Home followed by burial at Resthaven Cemetery.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to the WHAS Crusade for Children in Bob's name.

Condolences may be made at www.Ratterman.com.



#### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

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## January 14, 2021 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on January 14, 2021 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riorden, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Sergeant Joe Bewiey, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. Also noted on the call listing were Stations 1 and 3.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the December 10, 2020 meeting were approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley.

## Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts referred to the written notes provided with the board package. The district received the first deposit of the 2020 tax assessments on December 10; the second on January 11, put us within 94% of what we are projected to receive for the 20/21 FY. Gross pay remains over budget, for the month of December, due to processing of the January 1 payroll on December 31, along with the vacation sell back, and unscheduled overtime.

The December disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser, Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported on the following items:

- The SCOTT air packs that were ordered in October, with anticipated delivery in December, are expected to be delivered next month.
- The tactical vests that were approved for purchase, are also expected to be delivered next month.
- The increase noted in unscheduled overtime is due to COVID (we have had a total of 15 employees to
  test positive since the beginning of the outbreak); one person out on extended leave due to injury; one
  person out on FMLA (due to return in February); and one person that just returned from a five-month
  absence due to back surgery.
- Major John Stich has announced his retirement. His last day on the job will be January 31, 2021.
   Major Stich leads our fire prevention bureau. He joined the Lyndon Fire Department as a cadet at the age of fifteen and has served approximately 49 years. Major Montague and Chief Howser are working on the proper recognitions, with a gathering to be scheduled once COVID restrictions are lifted.

Chief Seng advised that the position will be evaluated before a decision is made on whether or not a replacement should be hired. Motion by Trustee Chris Mooser to accept the retirement of Major Stich. Second by Secretary Abell. Motion Carried.

- COVID vaccinations are currently underway with the majority of our members having already received their first injection through Louisville Metro at Broadbent Arena or Baptist Hospital. We are also helping at Broadbent as stand-by for any patient reactions that there may be to the vaccine.
- A new Complaint Policy recently was recently adopted to outline how complaints are handled by the department. Chief Seng will forward copy of the flow chart to the board of trustees.

Expenditure Authorizations - The following EA's were included with the board package:

- General Rubber = \$8,500 for replacement of supply hose on 2658.
- TRACE 3 = \$2,952.09 for software upgrade on our backup systems with three-year renewal.

Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

Statistics - The December and Fire & December + YTD EMS statistics were provided. Assistant Chief Riordan reported that the EMS response statistics are in good shape.

Assistant Chief Howser provided an update on logislative issues that are currently pending, with the legislative session to resume on February 2. Several bills have been assigned to committee. House Bill 44 (FF PTSD) now has twenty-two sponsors. Meetings continue on HB 120 (merger bill). JCSFS Legislative Representative Julie Denton is working to help change some of the language of that bill. SB 131 (Homestead) will likely be assigned to committee as well.

## Adjournment.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on January 21, 2021. It will be a virtual meeting. Please contact Chairman Tonini if you are interested in signing on for the Zoom call.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM. Motion by Trustee Chris Mooser, Second by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Secretary

Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

## John Schunder "Jack" Handel

## LOUISVILLE -

John Schunder "Jack" Handel (76)

passed away Sunday, January 17, 2021.

Jack was head of Pharmaceutical Puchasing for Omnicare/D&R Pharmacare where he worked for 26 years. Previously, he worked for Thornbury's Toys



of Louisville for 21 years. He was an alumnus of Trinity High School of the Class of 1963, a former Captain for the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, and was a Vietnam Veteran stationed in Japan during his tour. Jack was an avid model train enthusiast, gardener, and baker.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, Bernard and Helen Handel.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Marty (Rutledge) Handel; children, Bradley and Lee Handel, and Christen McKiel (Aaron); grandchildren, Cassie and Eli McKiel; sisters, Joyce Walker, Janie Hathorn, Julie Allen; and brother Jason Handel.

The Funeral Mass will take place at St. Bernadette Catholic Church on Monday, January 25th, at 10am. Visitation will be held at Highlands Funeral Home on Sunday, January 24th, from 12pm - 4pm.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.







## James Edward Tafel

LOUISVILLE - 68, died January 26, 2021 at home surrounded by his loving family after a bravely fought battle with cancer.

Born in Louisville, he was the son of Anne and Paul Tafel, Jr. He attended Aquinas Preparatory; St. Xavier High School (Class of '70); Spring Hill College, Mobile, AL and the University of Louisville, from which he obtained two degrees, one in Business Administration and later in Accounting. He was employed by Tafel Electric & Supply from 1968 until 1982; after that, he was involved in several independent ventures until he joined his



wife and son in real estate. He served his community as a commissioner for the City of Glenview and for over thirty years as a member of Harrods Creek Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of Louisville Country Club for 52 years, where he cherished his Sunday tennis game. He was happiest on the water or on a tractor at the beloved Shelbyville farm. Kindhearted and compassionate, he always put others first. With him, the most mundane day could turn into an unexpected adventure. He was a loving husband and father, teaching his boys to drive anything with a motor, swim, fish, hunt, play tennis, water ski, cook and appreciate life at its best. He adored his grandchildren and always delighted in introducing them to the latest gadgets.

He was predeceased by his parents, Anne and Paul Tafel, Jr.; brothers, Paul Tafel III and Joe Will Tafel; sister, Joanne Oldham; and brother-in-law, Joseph C. Oldham.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Kathryn Nanette Cody; sons, James Cody Tafel (Emily) of Richmond, VA; Addison Tobias Tafel (Elizabeth), and George Luckett Tafel (Ty); grandchildren, Alice Anne and Julia Addison Tafel (Richmond, VA), Owen Michael and James Daniel Tafel, Louisville; sister, Teri Wells (Keith); brother, Thomas Tafel (Nancy); sister-in-law, Laforrest Campbell (Alex); and several nieces and nephews, each of whom held a very special place in his heart.

Cremation was chosen. There will be a Memorial Service at a later date when it is safe to gather.

If desired, memorials may take the form of contributions to the Tafel Family Endowment, St. Xavier High School, 1609 Poplar Level Rd, Louisville, KY 40217, or the Community Foundation of Louisville SEMPER GRATI FUND, 325 W. Main St., Louisville, KY 40202, both of which he was instrumental in starting.

Embry-Bosse Funeral Home was entrusted with the arrangements.



#### FEBRUARY 2021

## Hot Off the Press

## Hoarding Increases Fire Risk

If you suspect someone you know is a hoarder, help them understand that their safety and the safety of first responders is being compromised due to fire risk.

First, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.

Next, help the person make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Help that person install smoke alarms and remind them to change the batteries.

Keep in mind that hoarding creates more fire risk due to:

- Flammable items that are too close to the stove or oven while cooking.
- Heating units that are too close to flammable items or are placed on unstable surfaces.
- Electrical wiring that may be old or worn from the weight of piles.
- Blocked pathways and exits that may hinder escape from a fire.

Besides the risk of fire, hoarding impacts first responders because:

 Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter, and the clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked and can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- The clutter prevents first responders from providing quick emergency care.

## Two Fire District Team Members Promoted

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District recognized the October 2020 promotions of Sergeant Nick Heilmann to the rank of captain and Bobby Agnew from firefighter to sergeant.

Nick began his volunteer firefighting career with STMFD in



Firefighter Bobby Agnew (left) is promoted to disposed of properly. Look up sergeant, and Sergeant Nick Heilmann receives the options for disposal in your area rank of captain in the last quarter of 2020.

2007, responding primarily from Station #1 between Trinity High School and the Target store. He is currently assigned to Station #3 on New LaGrange Road. Before being named captain, Nick earned his Paramedic certification in 2020 after months of tough training. He is married and has two children.

Newly promoted Sergeant
Bobby Agnew is a vital member of
the St. Matthews Fire Protection
District participating on emergency calls, training, station care,
and apparatus maintenance.
Bobby started his firefighting
career at St. Matthews in 2013
and has been reassigned to
Station #4 on Westport Road. He
is married with one son with
another child on the way in 2021.

Fire Chief William Seng said,
"Both of these firefighters serve
the Fire District and the entire
area with honor and integrity.
Their contribution to the
community and the fire
department has led to these
well-deserved promotions.
Congratulations to Captain
Heilmann and Sergeant Agnew."

## Recycling batteries

If you haven't changed the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detector, it may be a good time to do so. When you do this, remember that used batteries contain hazardous waste that should be disposed of properly. Look up options for disposal in your area and create a battery collection container for them in your home.

If you have questions about fire prevention, contact the St. Matthews Fire Protection District at 502-893-7825.

## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

## February 11, 2021 (video teleconference) Moeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on February 11, 2021 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kethy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Accountant Robin Roberts, Major Rick Baker, Major Patrick Montague, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. Also noted on the call listing was Station 1.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

## Minutes

The minutes for the January 14, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

## Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts referred to the written notes provided with the board package. The district has received approximately 98% of the budgeted property tax revenue. Discounts and commissions are included in the budgeted calculations. Unscheduled overtime is still over budget, partially due to COVID related absences. EMS receipts are starting to increase but are still under budget. Secretary Abell inquired about documentation and approval of credit card charges. Monthly statements are reconciled with receipts attached to the bills when they are paid and reviewed by the signers. Each expense is documented in the line item disbursement detail report.

The January disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley, Motion Carried.

## Old Business - None

New Business -- Appointment of Trustee Election Committee

2021 Trustee Terms Expiring June 30: Mike Abell (FF Rep); Marshall Bradley (Appointed)

Chairman Tonini asked if there were any recommendations for the appointed position. Trustee Bradley advised that he would be willing to serve another term. The board agreed to submit his name for consideration of reappointment by Mayor Fischer. Secretary Nick Heilmann, Trustee Christine Kesler, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley offered to serve on the trustee election committee. They will prepare notification to the membership for the election that will take place on Saturday, June 26.

## Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng requested the following reports:

Legislative — Assistant Chief Howser reported on HB 368 that would impose a 1% PVA assessment fee on special taxing districts. If passed, the measure would cost the St. Matthews Fire Protection District approximately \$120,000 annually. A meeting took place today with the bill sponsor, Jefferson County PVA Colleen Younger, Asst. Chief Howser, and Chief Adam Jones (President of the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs

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Association), and Jefferson County Legislative Representative, Julie Denton. Our PVA and local fire chiefs are opposed to this bill, which would collect about \$850,000 from the Jefferson County Fire Districts to be sent to the state for distribution to PVAs throughout Kentucky.

Facilities / Fleet - Assistant Chief Monohan reported that work is finishing up on the station 4 remodel. We have had several issues with our ambulances lately. Having only one spare, we have had to borrow an ambulance from Anchorage Middletown and/or Buechel at least five times in the last four weeks. Some of the problems are electrical issues, others are age and usage related. Discussions will be held with preparation of the FY 21/22 budget to update the current replacement schedule, and possible purchase of another spare ambulance.

Personnel - HR Manager Mike Frantz offered the following report:

- · Major John Stich retired on January 31.
- Captain Mike Willinger has announced his retirement for April 1.
- We currently have one employee out on a worker's compensation injury.
- Approximately 79% of our employees have received the COVID 19 vaccine.
- Sexual Harassment training scheduled for next month, in response to the memo that Mayor Fischer sent last fiscal year, recommending that all boards ensure their departments/agencies provide training on sexual harassment in the workplace.
- Committee established to review the current sick and vacation policies. Committee members are Chief Seng, Asst. Chief Riordan, Major Rick Baker, Major Frank Flynn, Major Patrick Montague, Paramedic Tracy Jevning, Sergeant Mike Abell, and Mike Frantz.

EMS Statistics – Asst. Chief Riordan reported on the January statistics and three-year historical comparison provided with the board documents. Our responses are staying steady, with units travelling all across Louisville Metro. Fire stats for January were also provided.

Chief Seng mentioned the following:

- The SCOTT air packs that were ordered in October, were delivered last week.
- Training on use of the new tactical vests will be conducted in March.
- Nothing new to report on the closest unit response with Louisville Fire. Chairman Tonini offered to follow up with Mayor Fischer.
- The 4 year building construction plan for the new VA Hospital near Brownsboro Road will begin within the year.

Expenditure Authorization -- The following EA was included with the board package:

Fire & Specialty Equipment = \$21,000 for exterior scene lights (2632 & 2659)

Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Adjournment.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on April 15, 2021. It will be a virtual meeting. Please contact Chairman Tonini if you are interested in signing on for the Zoom call.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 PM. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

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Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.



We have always known it, but now Major Mike Richardson is being recognized nationally for his organizational leadership in fire service training and professional development of others! Major Richardson was recently notified that he is recipient of the International Society of Fire Service Instructors' (ISFSI) 2021 Organizational Service Award. According to Leigh Hubbard, Executive Director of the ISFSI, Major Richardson's "work leading the ISFSI Professional Development Matrix Taskforce has been remarkable."

CONGRATULATIONS Major Richardson and THANK YOU for all you do developing the best in us here at St. Matthews, but also those you are impacting nationally through your work with the ISFSI! Jefferson County Fire Service International Society of Fire Service Instructors



## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

## March 11, 2021 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes



A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on March 11, 2021 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, and Trustee Chris Mooser. Trustee Kathy Wrigley was unable to attend. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major David Joels, Major Patrick Montague, Captain Greg Crabb, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Firefighter Luke Donovan. Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

## Minutes

The minutes for the February 11, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann referred to the written notes prepared by accountant Robin Roberts, and provided with the board package.

The February disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Secretary Mike Abeli. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

## Old Business - Appointment of Trustee Election Committee

2021 Trustee Terms Expiring June 30: Mike Abell (FF Rep); Marshall Bradley (Appointed)

The election committee will be sending out a notification to the voting membership within the next week or so, to advise of the June 26 election for firefighter trustee. The appointment process through the Mayor's office will begin in April, with final approval expected in June.

## New Business - None

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng mentioned that budget preparation for FY 21/22 would begin with receipt of the PVA preliminary assessments, next month.

Chief Seng also reported that the closest station response with Louisville Fire, is still on the mayor's desk with an addendum by the union. They do not oppose the measure, but have added a clause intended to ensure no future closures of fire stations.

Legislative – Assistant Chief Howser provided updates on the following legislation pending before the Kentucky General Assembly (see <a href="https://legislature.ky.gov/Pages/Index.aspx">https://legislature.ky.gov/Pages/Index.aspx</a> Bills/Find a Bill for details):

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HB 368 – AN ACT relating to providing funding for the office of the property valuation administrator and making an appropriation therefor. – Posted in Committee. (Not expected to pass this year.) This bill would cost the St. Matthews Fire Protection District between \$110,000 - \$120,000 annually. It does not have the support of the Jefferson County Fire Protection Districts, or the Jefferson County PVA.

HB 44 – AN ACT relating to mental health and making an appropriation therefor. – (Expected passage.) This bill would amend KRS 210.365 to make firefighters eligible for crisis intervention team training, and amend KRS 95A.220 with appropriation to treat those affected by PTSI/PTSD.

HB 120 – AN ACT relating to consolidated emergency services districts and making an appropriation therefor. (Expected passage.) This bill would create a new KRS Chapter 75A to establish procedures for consolidated emergency services district and establish the power to levy a property tax, subject to certain restrictions. (Those with mergers within the past five years would have the option to move to Chapter 75A.)

The recently passed, American Rescue Plan should bring 2.4 billion in revenue to Kentucky, and will be available to support local governments as well as special districts. JCFS legislative representative Julie Denton, will work on our behalf to determine how best to assist our emergency services. Chief Howser also noted that Representative Ken Fleming has been very helpful throughout the 2021 session.

Facilities / Fleet - Assistant Chief Monohan reported that we now have the new roof warranties for stations 2 & 4. Hydrant testing will begin in April. Office remodels at stations 3 and 4 are moving along. Nothing new to report with regard to vehicle and apparatus repairs.

Personnel -- HR Manager Mike Frantz offered the following report:

- Paramedic / Firefighter Dale Carrico will be transitioning from the EMS division to Fire on March 20, to fill the FF vacancy created with the March 30 retirement of Captain Willinger. A new medic will be hired to fill the position currently held by Paramedic Carrico.
- We did not have any COVID related absences, or overtime in February. Next week will mark 365 days
  of COVID operations for St. Matthews Fire & Rescue. All were commended for a job well donel ,We
  began the transition back to normal operations on March 1, while maintaining CDC guidelines.
  Approximately 81% of our employees have received the COVID 19 vaccine. Those that declined, will
  have the option of receiving it later if desired. Our internal operations will be updated again soon to
  mirror CDC guidelines, with regard to vaccinated and non-vaccinated interaction.
- Hurnana GO365 provides the district with a 7% employee monthly premium discount for obtaining silver status; 15% for gold. Most of our employees have already reached silver status and several have achieved gold.
- Major Mike Richardson was awarded the 2021 Organizational Service Award by the International Society of Fire Service Instructors. Congratulations!

Soft Armor and Ballistic Vests – Major Montague reported that distribution and training were completed on the equipment purchased. An additional purchase of ballistic vests to carry on the ambulances will be considered later in this meeting.

Response Statistics - Asst. Chief Riordan reported on the February statistics, with three-year historical comparison for the month of February. Although we continue to have data issues with MetroSafe, our average responses remain steady. Fire stats for the month of February were provided with the board package.

Expenditure Authorizations - The following (budgeted) EAs were included with the board package:

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- a. B & J Overhead Door Bay Door Replacement St 2 = \$18,662.
- b. B & J Overhead Door Bay Door Replacement St 3 = \$30,826.62
- c. Fire Department Service & Supply Fire Gear, 8 Sets = \$22,840
- d. Tuff Shed Yard Barns, St 3 & St 4 = \$12,000

Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

Another EA (non-budgeted) for the purchase of additional ballistic plates for the tactical vests was submitted and discussed. The original request for the purchase of 20 additional plates at \$145 for a total cost of \$2,900; was amended to add 8 more plates in order to cover all front line responders, for a total expenditure of \$4,060. Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

## **Executive Session**

Chief Seng requested that an executive session be conducted for discussion of a potential personnel matter. The board exited the regular meeting for another video conference at 4:43 PM and returned at 5:00 PM by motion of Secretary Mike Abeli. Second by Treasurer Nick Hellmann. Motion Carried. No decisive actions were taken in the executive session.

#### Adjournment

Discussion held regarding future in-person, continuation of virtual meetings, or combination thereof. Attorney Mark Lech advised that he would check the state's guidelines and advise.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on April 15, 2021. It will be a virtual meeting. Please contact Chairman Tonini if you are interested in signing on for the Zoom call.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler, Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

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Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.



Congratulations to Captain Mike Willinger who retired today after serving this community for 34 years as a career Firefighter, Sergeant, and Captain.

Captain Willinger served in many capacities over the years as the department's quartermaster, Logic mapping specialist, and driving instructor.

We wish Captain Willinger all the best in his new adventures!







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## March 28, 2021, The Courier-Journal

## James F. "JB" Brenzel

LOUISVILLE - James "JB" Brenzel journeyed to heaven on Friday March 19, 2021 at the age of 89, passing away unexpectedly at home after a final day of work in the family business. Jim was well-loved by all that knew him; classmates, business associates, employees, and most of all his devoted family. Born of parents William and Elsie VonHoven Brenzel on September 26, 1931, Jim showed an early interest in enterprising activities with a boyhood newspaper route. He began a long career in the Service Station business at age 12, at Terry's Texaco in St. Matthews. He gradu-



ated in 1949 from his cherished St. X High School and was still active in the alumni association. His honesty, diligence, and easy-going manner readily apparent, Jim was promoted to service station manager at age 21. Further to serve the community, he joined the St. Matthews Volunteer Fire Department, one of his many lifelong loves. He found great peace tending to his backyard fishpond and enjoyed immensely time spent at his lake house at Nolin Lake.

He married the love of his life, beautiful Janet Kurtz in 1955, with whom he had four children. In 1960, he took an accounting job at EK Williams managing the books for many service stations about town. When the opportunity arose to become his own boss in 1973, he purchased Brenzel's Chevron station at the intersection of Bardstown and Taylorsville Roads. Several years later he purchased Germantown Auto Service where he continued to work until his passing. Under his watchful eye, he mentored countless young men to future success. He believed in putting his custom-

ers first, always more interested in helping people than earning a profit.

Jim served several terms as president of the Kentucky Gasoline Dealers

Assn. He also served in the Kentucky National Guard and was a member
of the Honorary Order of the Kentucky Colonels. An avid Uofl. athletics
fan, Jim enjoyed regular luncheons of the Quarterback club. He was a
devout parishioner of St. Albert the Great.

He is survived by sons Greg (Jill Trautwein) and Glenn (Joanie Bartley), and daughters Jill (George Dick), and Kara Brenzel. He showed much love for grandchildren, Tyler, Marena, Samantha, Sydney, Graham, and Margaret. Jim is survived by his brothers, Bob (Madeline) and John (Joyce) and many beloved nieces and nephews.

His wife Janet predeceased him in 1990. Also predeceased were siblings Bill (Helen), Mary Catherine Lentz (Joseph), Dorothy Speed (Tom), and Patricia Wallace (John), and close in-laws, Denny & Mary Angela Kurtz. His second wife Connie Brenzel died in 2019.

He also will be deeply missed by his loyal caretaker Kaye March.

Jim's choice was cremation, and will be buried next to former wife Janet in Cavalry Cemetery. A funeral service and mass will be announced soon. Newcomer Cremations, Funerals and Receptions, East Louisville Chapel is entrusted with arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy can be made by donations to St. Albert the Great or St Xavier High School. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.Newcomerkentuckiana.com.

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## March 30, 2021, Facebook

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  - o Paramedic- \$55,924.51
  - o EMTB- \$41,335.66
- · Full Family Medical, Vision, and Dental
- Life Insurance
- Tuition Reimbursement
- · 12-hour shift(s)

Applications are to be submitted either in person or emailed to:
St. Matthews Fire & Rescue
Attn. Michael Frantz (HR)
240 Sears Ave
Louisville, KY 40207
mfrantz@stmatthewsfd.com
502-893-7825 ext. 2627

# St. Matthews first responders deliver new bike to 5-year-old hit by car

Stephan Johnson Apr 8, 2021 Updated 17 hrs ago



Matt Ford, a paramedic with St. Matthews Fire & Rescue, surprised Alijah with a new bike and matching helmet.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) — A 5-year-old boy was hit by a car and pinned beneath it last week in St. Matthews, a near tragedy for a local family and a traumatic run for first responders.

"Probably one of the most traumatic things I've ever been through," said Joseph Rayhel, the 5-year-old's father. "I see my son laid out laid out on the ground, unconscious, and I thought he was dead."



## **April 8, 2021, WDRB, TV**

Alijah Rayhel, was hit by a car while riding his bike in front of their apartment in Audubon Park.

"I didn't think he was breathing," said Kaelynn Tandy, Alijah's mother. "And I just said, 'Oh my God, my baby. Please don't. Please."

St. Matthews Fire and Rescue was first on the scene.

"We were clearing Audubon Emergency Department when a call came out about a 5-year old boy who was hit by a vehicle while riding his bike," said Matt Ford, a paramedic with St. Matthews Fire & Rescue. "He's unresponsive and unconscious. We were approximately 2 minutes away. So, we went and picked up the run, because the next closes unit was well over 10 minutes away.

Ford admitted he expected and prepared for the worst.

"They stated that the child was underneath the car, unconscious, unresponsive," Ford said. "The notes also said that he wasn't wearing a helmet. I was expecting to get here and see a much worse scene that what we actually saw."

Ford helped resuscitate Alijah and rushed him to Norton Children's Hospital. But like he does with most patients, Ford stayed in contact with Alijah's family.

"I did see that he got discharged after two days of being admitted upstairs at Children's downtown," Ford said. "So, I knew it was a good outcome."

And on Thursday afternoon, the outcome got even better. St. Matthews first responders returned to deliver a surprise and an important message to Alijah.

"I know you really like bikes," Ford said as Alijah walked to meet him. "So, we got you a new one to replace your old one.



Matt Ford, a paramedic with St. Matthews Fire & Rescue, surprised Alijah with a new bike and matching helmet.

## **April 8, 2021, WDRB, TV**

"What's your promise you're going to hold for me? When you ride that bike, what are you going to do?"

"Wear a helmet," Alijah replied.

"Wear a helmet, that's right," Ford said. "You going to shake on it? Deal."

The mangled bike is still a painful site and reminder for Alijah's parents, but they're healing because of the actions of St. Matthews Fire & Rescue and the paramedic who saved their son's life.

"It brought me so much joy to know that they cared so much to come back to check on him and bring a bike and helmet," Rayhel said.

Other than a few bruises, Alijah's parents don't believe he has any permanent injuries.

## **Zoneton Fire names Moulton as new chief**



Kevis Moulton, a 24 year member of the Zeneton Fire Protection District, was named chief of the department on April 20, 2021. (Source: Rich Carlson, Zanaton Fire Protection District)

By Charles Gazaway | April 21, 2021 at 7:25 AM EDT - Updated April 21 at 7:25 AM

## **April 21, 2021, Wave 3 TV**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - A firefighting veteran has been named the new chief of the Zoneton Fire Protection District.

Kevin Moulton, a 24 year veteran of Zoneton Fire, was selected to take over the position following the the death of Chief Rob Orkies in December 2020.

Orkies died after a battle with cancer and COVID-19.

Moulton began his fire service career in 1997 as a volunteer with Zoneton. After being hired as firefighter by St. Matthews Fire, Moulton continued as a volunteer with Zoneton before being hired as the department's first full time fire marshal nearly a decade ago.

## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

## April 8, 2021 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on April 8, 2021 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Song, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Jeremy Leffler, Captain Greg Crabb, Captain Nick Clark, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

## Minutes

The minutes for the March 11, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

## Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and accountant Robin Roberts referred to the written notes included with the financials, and provided with the board package. Total wages are getting back in line with the budget. Work on the FY 21/22 budget will begin later this month. PVA preliminary assessments are expected to be released by April 23; with anticipated reassessments for our area to be within a 10% - 13% margin of increase. Trustee Mooser requested estimated revenue and expenses for EMS operations, including the .05 tax assessment for the department to provide emergency medical services.

The March disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley, Motion Carried.

## Old Business - Appointment of Trustee Election Committee

2021 Trustee Terms Expiring June 30: Mike Abell (FF Rep); Marshall Bradley (Appointed)

Treasurer Heilmann reported that a notice was sent to the membership advising of the upcoming firefighter trustee election, and the availability of applications to become a nominee. Nominations will be accepted through the end of April. A notice will be sent via first class mail to the voting membership stating the name(s) to be placed on the ballot and election information, thirty days prior to the June 26 election.

A letter of recommendation for the re-appointment of Trustee Marshall Bradley was submitted to Louisville Metro and he has completed the online registration. Final approval of the trustee appointments is expected in June for the term that will expire June 30.

## New Business - None

## Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng reported that the City of Mockingbird Valley is using our meeting space at Station 2.

The cell tower owner for the tower at Station 2, notified the district of their intent to place an additional device on the ground space. It is not clear whether the new equipment would result in additional rental revenue. Attorney Mark Leach will follow up and advise.

Personnel - HR Manager Mike Frantz offered the following report:

- Our COVID vaccine rate has increased to 85% for the department.
- Paramedic interviews will be conducted soon, in hopes of filling the current vacancy by May 1.
- We have one person out on long term injury (not worker's compensation).
- The retirement party that had been scheduled for Major Stich and Captain Willinger for April 11, will be postponed, due to COVID.

Facilities / Fleet - Assistant Chief Monohan reported that the garage doors approved for purchase at the last meeting, have been ordered. The new sheds that were approved for stations 3 and 4, have been installed. 2659 is currently in the shop for its semi-annual service. 2683 was in for repairs but should be back in service tomorrow (04/09). All of the soft armor and ballistic vests that were approved, have been placed into service.

Legislative - Assistant Chief Howser provided updates on the following legislation, during the session that ended on March 30. (see <a href="https://feqislature.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx">https://feqislature.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a> Bills/Find a Bill for details):

HB 44 - AN ACT relating to mental health and making an appropriation therefor. - This bill amends KRS 210.365 to make firefighters eligible for crisis intervention team training, and amend KRS 95A.220 with appropriation to treat those affected by PTSI/PTSD. Signed by Governor Beshear on March 25, 2021.

HB 87 – AN ACT relating to the state-administered retirement systems. Amend KRS 16.578 and 61.640 to apply the alternate death benefit calculation options as written prior to 2009 legislation for deaths occurring prior to retirement; amend KRS 61.540 to remove requirement that the employer and member must file a statement of facts before benefit payments can commence; amend KRS 61.598 to provide that the ten percent cap on creditable compensation growth during a member's last five years of employment shall not apply to situations where the growth in excess of ten percent during the entire five-year period results in a benefit change of less than \$25 per month; provide that the implementation date of the amendments to 2017 Ky. Acts ch. 32, sec. 9(28) by the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall be December 1, 2019; provide that the amendments to KRS 16.578 and 61.640 are retroactive to JUNE 25, 2009. Signed by Governor Beshear on March 24, 2021.

HB 120 - AN ACT relating to consolidated emergency services districts and making an appropriation therefor. This bill would create a new KRS Chapter 75A to establish procedures for consolidated emergency services district and establish the power to levy a property tax, subject to certain restrictions. (Those with mergers within the past five years would have the option to move to Chapter 75A.) Signed by Governor Beshear on March 25, 2021.

HB 155 – AN ACT relating to abandoned infants. Amends KRS 405.075 to define and allow the use of a "newborn safety device" related to the anonymous surrendering of a newborn infant in the Commonwealth at a participating staffed police station, staffed fire station, or a staffed hospital. Signed by Governor Beshear on March 25, 2021.

HB 261 – AN ACT relating to fraud against the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority. Amend KRS 61.685 to make a person liable for civil penalties if he or she knowingly submits false or fraudulent claims or fails to report or remit required money, records, or property to the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) in order to obtain retirement benefits from any of the retirement systems administered by the KPPA; define "person" and "knowingly" for purposes of the Act; provide civil penalties, including restitution of the payments received as a result of fraud, a penalty of as much as 3 times the amount of the excess payments, a penalty of \$500 for each false or fraudulent claim submitted, and recovery of all legal fees and costs of the investigation and enforcement of civil remedies; require that, at the request of the KPPA, the Attorney General investigate and enforce the provisions of this Act and may

recover the reasonable costs of litigation as determined by the court and provided by KRS 48.005; provide that civil payments, costs, and interest be made payable to the State Treasurer and remitted to the KPPA for deposit in the affected systems' trusts consistent with the methods used to distribute administrative expenses between the trusts; provide that the remedies provided by this Act be separate from and cumulative to any other remedy available to the KPPA. Signed by Governor Beshear on April 5, 2021.

SB 48 - AN ACT relating to personal information. Amend KRS 61.870 to define "public officer"; amend KRS 61.878 to exempt records that would reveal the address or location of a public officer under certain conditions. <u>VETOED April 8, 2021</u>.

SB 162- AN ACT relating to state government. Amend KRS 14.025 to abolish the Division of Administration and the Division of Business Filings in the Office of the Secretary of State; create the Office of Administration, Office of Business Services, and Office of Elections, and describe the duties of the offices; amend KRS 355.9-513A to conform; confirm Secretary of State Executive Order 2020-02. Signed by Governor Beshear on April 5, 2021.

We are continuing to work with JCFS legislative representative Julie Denton to potentially access some of the federal American Rescue Plan revenue that is available to support local governments as well as special districts.

Response Statistics - Asst. Chief Riordan reported on the March statistics, which have remained steady. Once the Louisville Metro mass vaccination wraps up later this month at Broadbent, we will no longer need to have an ambulance on standby at that location.

Last Friday, one of our med units responded to a child that had been hit by a car. The child was not wearing a helmet. Fortunately, he was not injured too badly; his bike however, was destroyed. Paramedic Matt Ford wanted to buy the young man a new bike and helmet. One of our trustees offered to cover the cost. WDRB did a story on the accident and the department's gift to the family: <a href="https://www.wdrb.com/news/st-matthews-first-responders-deliver-new-bike-to-5-year-old-hit-by-car/article-7708d2a4-96ba-11eb-b9d8-b3521ad939dd.html">https://www.wdrb.com/news/st-matthews-b3521ad939dd.html</a>. Chairman Tonini stated that he is very thankful and proud of the department's compassionate efforts for the community.

## Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on April 15, 2021, it will be a virtual meeting. Please contact Chairman Tonini if you are interested in signing on for the Zoom call.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2021 at 4:00 PM. It will be a virtual meeting. (Moving back to in person meetings will be evaluated at the May meeting.)

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 PM. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler, Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

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Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St, Matthews Fire Protection District.



Thank you to all of our amazing EMT's and Paramedics who have taken the extra step to educate themselves in Pediatric Emergency Care! Your dedication to proficiency in the care of our smaller citizens has earned us the "Award of Excellence in Pediatric Emergency Care" with the KYEMSC Program for 2021! Read more about it on our website <a href="https://www.stmatthewsfd.com/stmatthews-fire-ems-award.../">https://www.stmatthewsfd.com/stmatthews-fire-ems-award.../</a>



May 13, 2021 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

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Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Patrick Montague, Captain George Wiggins, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Paramedic/Sergeant David Cole, Firefighter Derek Andriakos, Station 1 viewers, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the April 8, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

#### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and accountant Robin Roberts referred to the written notes included with the financials, and provided with the board package. Work on the FY 21/22 budget is underway, with less than anticipated real estate assessments. A draft budget will be shared with the board prior to the June meeting. A report in response to the request by Trustee Mooser, on the revenue and expenses for EMS operations, including the .05 tax assessment for the department to provide emergency medical services, was provided but will need to be adjusted for fees and service charges related to HB 8 (Kentucky Ambulance Providers).

The April disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Motion Carried.

#### Old Business

2021 Trustee Terms Expiring June 30: Mike Abell (FF Rep); Marshall Bradley (Appointed)

Treasurer Heilmann reported that two people have completed nomination paperwork for the firefighter representative position on the board: Sergeant Mike Abell and Paramedic Bill Soicer. The board needs to formally record the designation of special firefighters with approval to both serve and vote for the position of firefighter representative, and the use of absentee ballots. Discussion held.

Motion by Treasurer Nick Heillman to change the district's election bylaws, for the acceptance of absentee ballots on the three days preceding the blannual Firefighter Trustee election on the fourth Saturday in June. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler, Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler to designate all hazardous duty members of the fire protection district and volunteers, having at least one year of continuous service, as special firefighters for the purpose of serving and voting for the position of firefighter representative on the St. Matthews Fire Protection Board of Trustees. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Vote: Chairman Rick Tonini = Yes Trustee Marshall Bradley = Yes Trustee Chris Mooser = Yes

Secretary Mike Abell = Yes Treasurer Nick Hellmann = Yes Trustee Christine Kesler # Yes Trustee Kathy Wrigley = Yes

A letter of recommendation for the re-appointment of Trustee Marshall Bradley was submitted to Louisville Metro and he has completed the online registration. Final approval of the trustee appointments is expected in June for the term that will expire June 30.

#### New Business - None

#### Fire Chief's Report

Chief Seng requested that the board go Into executive session for discussion of personnel related matters. The open GoToMeeting session was closed at 4:30 p.m. and reopened with a Motion by Trustee Marshall Bradley to leave the executive session at 5:36 p.m. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried. Attorney Mark Leach explained that the board had discussed employee compensation during the executive session and that the board had given Chief Seng discretion of employee compensation subject to objection by the board at the June meeting. Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Operations -- Chief Seng reported that the + 1 agreement with the Louisville Division of Fire is expected to begin June 1 and will include all high priority incidents.

Permission was requested to begin the ordering process for replacement of 2658. Payment would not be due until the fall of 2022 in accordance with the vehicle replacement schedule, with budgeted reserves. Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser, Motion Carried. The Nicholas County Fire Department is interested in purchasing 2658 and are requesting a commitment from the district on the purchase so that they can ear-mark federal funds. The board will discuss an agreement at the June meeting.

Permission was requested to declare the old SCBA air packs as surplus equipment. Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Expenditure Authorization – An EA was submitted with the board package for the purchase of an additional video laryngoscope in the amount of \$21,179. Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

Response Statistics — Asst. Chief Riordan reported on the April statistics, and requested permission for the district not to respond to obvious (noted in the CAD notes at dispatch as being "beyond help") dead bodies. The board decided to hold off on making a decision at this time.

#### Adjournment

Before closing the meeting, attorney Mark Leach expressed his sincere thanks and gratitude for recent assistance provided by several members of the district in a search for his daughter who had gone missing. She was found, safe and well.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on June 17, 2021. It will be a virtual meeting. Please contact Chairman Tonini If you are interested in signing on for the Zoom call.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2021 at 4:00 PM. It will be a virtual meeting. The board will be moving back to in person meetings in July.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM. Motion by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley.

Chairman

Secretary







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#### Hot Off the Press

#### St. Matthews Maintains Its Fire Hydrants

There are more than 1,800 fire hydrants in the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. Two-thirds of the hydrants are public hydrants installed and maintained by the Louisville Water Company, The

other third are private hydrants, or those on "private" water mainsincluding hydrants for commercial properties, apartment buildings, and town home developments. Fire codes dictate each hydrant be

inspected annually, and

the St. Matthews Fire Protection District is dedicated to the task of inspecting and maintaining them.

Maintenance for the private and public hydrants includes, among

other things, flushing, which helps Protection Association guidelines to remove mineral deposits in water mains; checking rubber gaskets and moving parts for wear and tear, which can create leaks; and ensuring that the hydrants have not been damaged (e.g., if a car or truck runs into a hydrant, knocking it off its rod). Freezing

weather also poses a potential issue—if the hydrant is leaking and the water freezes, the hydrant can be damaged.

The fire crews flow test each fire hydrant in April. Any painting is

completed in the summer months. And in October they are checked to make sure they drain properly before winter.

Bonnets and caps are commonly painted to follow National Fire

for arguably the most important piece of data: water flow. When estimating the size of the fire they are up against, firefighters want to know they will have enough water. Flow rate depends on the size of pipe, including the water main, and whether the main below the hydrant is a primary feeder, secondary feeder, or distributor. Hydrants above larger mains are more likely to have high flow due to the size of the pipe.

The color of the hydrant cap concisely summarizes the water available at a given hydrant. Hydrants are classified by their rated capacities for gallons per minute (GPM):

Light blue: Class AA - 1500 GPM Green: Class A - 1000-1499 GPM Orange: Class B - 500-999 GPM Red: Class C - less than 500 GPM

#### June 6, 2021, Facebook



#### St. Matthews Fire District

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The St. Matthews Fire District extends our thanks and gratitude to all the citizens in our community who contributed to this year's WHAS Crusade For Chidren! Our department turned in \$83,948.00 of your donations to this year's campaign which played a part in the total of \$5.1 Million raised in Kentuckiana!

#100percentforthekids! #WHASCrusade



June 10, 2021 (video teleconference) Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on June 10, 2021 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present on the call were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Patrick Montague, Major Michael Richardson, Captain Moe Tischendorf, Captain George Wiggins, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Paramedic Tim Hammond, EMT Michael Bland, St. Matthews FPD Station 2 and Station 3, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the May 13, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and accountant Robin Roberts referred the board to the written notes that were included with the financials, so that the majority of financial discussion could center around the FY 22 preliminary budget. The May disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

#### Old Business

2021 Trustee Terms Expiring June 30: Mike Abell (FF Rep); Marshall Bradley (Appointed)

Treasurer Heilmann reported on plans for the election of Firefighter Trustee. Absentee ballots will be prepared in advance of the election that will take place on Saturday, June 26 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Fischer has recommended approval by the Louisville Metro Council, for the re-appointment of Trustee Marshall Bradley to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees. Final approval is expected in June for the term that will expire June 30. Attorney Mark Leach reported that Louisville Metro intends to enforce a three-term limit for mayoral appointments; although they previously conceded that appointments to KRS Chapter Fire Protection Districts are legislated by the state. The 2021 reappointment of Trustee Marshall Bradley will be his third term.

#### **New Business**

FYE June 30, 2021 Audit Engagement Letter — Copies of communications received from Dean Dorton to Chief William Seng and Chairman Rick Tonini regarding the FYE June 30 audit proposal and process, were shared with the board package. There will be a \$300 increase over last year's fee to perform the audit. Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

FY 21/22 Budget Proposal — Accountant Robin Roberts began the discussion by advising the board of an income update to the Ambulance Provider Assessment Program (Ambulance Provider Tax / HB 8), received earlier today from Asst. Chief Mike Riordan, which resulted in distribution of a revised budget proposal. Chief Riordan explained the information he had gleaned from our EMS billing company and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, outlining anticipated revenues that were not evident on the state's assessment notice.

#### June 10, 2021, Video Trustees Meeting

Accountant Robin Roberts went through the notes provided with the budget. A lengthy discussion took place with regard to growing costs, attributed mostly to personnel and accounting for 82% of our expense to income ratio, with the employer's contribution rate increasing to 44.33% for hazardous duty employees in the County Employer Retirement System. Human Resource Manager, Michael Frantz is gethering information from neighboring districts for personnel cost comparison. Capital expenses, consulting for station 3 remodeling, and ambulance replacement were also debated. The purchase of replacement rescue tools was removed from the budget, until next year, prompting a revision to be completed and shared with the board during the meeting. Trustee Chris Mooser presented some concerns that he had with the budget and expressed his support for the tightening of expenses wherever reasonable savings can be found. Trustee Christine Kesler noted the importance of planning for reserves that are depleting with the outpacing of expenses over income. A meeting to focus on long range planning is needed and will be scheduled.

There being no objection to the revised proposal as presented, the FY 22 Budget was approved (with 2% COLA). Motion of approval by Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

FY 21/22 Tax Rate Resolutions -- This item was placed on the agenda in the event that board discussion on the budget would have led to a potential tax increase. It did not. We should be receiving the proper forms for tax rate adoption within the next month or two from state and local agencies.

#### Fire Chief's Report / Fire Department Operations

Chief Seng reported that the district has an option to prepay or finance the purchase of the new fire truck to replace 2658. Prepayment will provide a \$35,000 discount, minus the performance bond. Motion by Secretary Michael Abell to support the prepayment. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

As mentioned at the May meeting, the Nicholas County Fire Department would like to purchase 2658 when it is declared surplus, at a cost of \$55,000 and have requested a written commitment to sell. The board was not ready to commit, without a sales comparison. Chief Seng advised that he will further explore our sales potential for the unit.

Request to surplus the 2010 Tahoe (due to purchase of new 2021 Ford F150 and reassignment of 2016 Ford F150). Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler for approval to surplus the 2010 Tahoe. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Collections, so far, for the 2021 WHAS Crusade for Crusade are over \$83,000 on mallers only - no road blocks and no door-to-door. Special thanks to Shepherd Insurance for their support in providing the postage for the mailers!

The + 1 agreement with Louisville Division of Fire that was expected to begin June 1, is running a little behind schedule but is still progressing towards implementation.

Human Resources - Human Resource Manager, Michael Frantz reported that the district has contracted with Attorney Karen Paulin with Vice, Cox, and Townsend to review our current SOP's. Ms. Paulin specializes in human resources/employer responsibilities and has experience working with fire protection districts. We expect to have a report of her findings available for presentation at the September or October board meeting.

#### In other HR news:

- We currently have three members off on 12 weeks or more of injuries that are covered by worker's compensation.
- Two of our members are off on maternity leave.
- Firefighter Byron Richardson was promoted to sergeant to fill the vacancy created with the retirement of Sergeant Jeff Landers.
- One of our paramedics will be leaving soon to attend medical school.
- We have recently hired two new paramedics and one firefighter to fill current vacant positions.

Facilities - The new buy doors that were ordered for stations and 3 and 4 are being painted prior to installation.

Response Statistics – Asst. Chief Riordan reported on the May statistics. He will be meeting with the new director for Louisville Metro EMS next week to discuss the number of runs that we are making west of I-65, as well as the decrease of available LMEMS units. The May statistics for fire were also provided.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on June 17, 2021, it will be a virtual meeting. Please contact Chairman Tonini if you are interested in signing on for the Zoom call.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2021 at 4:00 PM, and will be a return to in-person meetings of the board, at station 1.

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM by unanimous

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June 26, 2021, https://www.whas11.com/article/news/local/lyft-driver-alerts-residents-to-fire-at-apartment-complex/417-94df45fd-7a64-4918-8ab7-bc3366216cc7

### 'In the right place at the right time' | Lyft driver alerts residents to fire at apartment complex

A Lyft driver thought she was doing a routine pick-up, but instead she jumped into action after finding part of an apartment complex on fire in Middletown.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Lyft driver Angela Haeberlin was picking up a woman from the Dorsey Village Apartments in Middletown Friday evening when she saw smoke begin to billow out of an apartment building.

"I had her call 911 while I jumped out and started banging on everyone's door," Haeberlin said as fire crews from Middletown/Anchorage, St. Matthews and Jeffersontown put out the fire.

Middletown/Anchorage Deputy Chief Mike Sutt said the call came in around 6:45 p.m. and it took about 25 minutes to put out the flames. He told WHAS11 that fire, smoke or water damaged three apartments but affected 10 apartments all together after the power was knocked out. He said no one was injured.

Haeberlin said that was her goal - to get everyone out as soon as she saw smoke.

"We got everybody out," she said. "I went down the row, I was banging pretty hard."

Haeberlin said at first she couldn't tell at first if it was on fire, but as she started knocking on doors it got darker and thicker. She took a short video on her phone as the smoke came out of the building and sirens could be heard in the background.

"It was all on the back side. It got so thick you couldn't see."

She said that her first instinct was to help because of her years with Jeffersontown EMS around 30 years ago. Haeberlin said she was happy to help any way she could, but said she was worried there was one life she couldn't help save.

"The lady that lives here [where the fire started] is pretty devastated. She may have lost a pet." Haeberlin said. She tried to save the woman's cat but couldn't get to the apartment.

"I started up the stairs and I couldn't see anything. I had to just come back out."

But good news came a couple hours later when firemen found and rescued the owner's orange tabby cat. Haeberlin said the cat was taken to an animal hospital to be looked at for smoke inhalation.

Haeberlin wasn't able to take her ride to the airport as planned, but instead possibly helped save the lives of those inside. She stayed as the fire trucks packed up their gear and pulled out of the apartment complex, listening to the stories of those inside the apartments affected.

"I was told I got seven people out," she told WHAS11 after via text. "One had a girl sound asleep, while the mom was in the shower... It didn't hit me until so many thanked me."

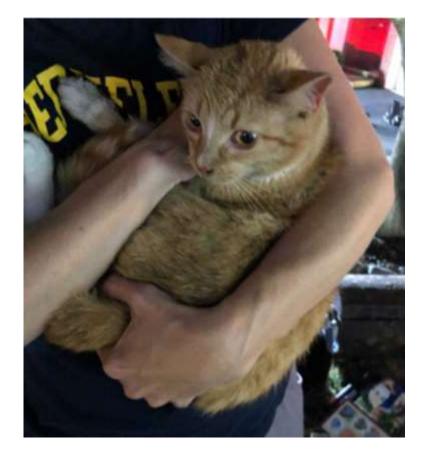
She said it wasn't how she thought she'd spend a Friday night while working for Lyft, but she said she knew it was fate.

"I almost didn't go drive tonight," she shared. "I'm not sure why we come into people's lives when we do. I don't think I did anything heroic. I was just in the right place at the right time."

2021 June 26, 2021, https://www.whas11.com/article/news/local/lyft-driver-alerts-residents-to-fire-at-apartment-complex/417-94df45fd-7a64-4918-8ab7-bc3366216cc7







TRAFFIC ALERT: Crash on I-71 North at MM 5, in Jefferson County. All lanes are blocked. Motorists should seek an alternate route.



## One dead in fatal crash on I-71 north near Watterson

Jul 4, 2021 Updated 3 hrs ago



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) - One person is dead after a single car crash on I-71 north near the Watterson Expressway.

LMPD says the driver lost control and hit a rock wall near mile marker 5. The car then caught fire. Crews found a person dead inside.

I-71 north is back open after all lanes were shut down for several hours.

LMPD says the accident happened around 3:24 a.m. Sunday morning.

The LMPD Traffic Unit is continuing the investigation.

July 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on July 8, 2021.



Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the June 10, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts referred the board to the written notes that were included with the financials, which included reference to invoices for June that not yet posted and fiscal year-end accruals that will be made for the audit. The June disbursoment detail report was approved by Motion of Treasurer Heilmann. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### **Old Business**

Trustoe Appointment and Election

Chairman Rick Tonini reported that Trustee Marshall Bradley was approved by the Louisville Metro Council on June 24, 2021 for reappointment by Mayor Greg Fischer to serve another three- year term on the St. Matthews Board of Trustees.

Treasurer Nick Heilmann, chairman of the election committee, provided a report on the firefighter representative position. Sergeant Mike Abell was re-elected to serve another four-year term having received 49 of the 55 votes that were cast during three days of absentee voting and throughout the election hours of 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the election day of Saturday, June 26, 2021 (in accordance with KRS 75.031). Motion of approval by Trustee Chris Mooser to certify the election results. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Administrative Assistant (Notary) Terri Livers administered the Oath of Office to Sergeent Mike Abeli. Trustee Marshall Bradley will receive the Oath of Office at the August meeting.

#### New Business

Election of Officers - The following nominees were cast:

Chairman - Secretary Mike Abell nominated Chairman Rick Tonini. Motion by Treasurer Nick Heilmann to close the nominations.

Tressurer - Tressurer Nick Heilmann nominated Trustee Chris Mooser. Trustee Chris Mooser declined and nominated Tressurer Nick Heilmann. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell to close the nominations.



Secretary - Treasurer Nick Heilmann nominated Secretary Mike Abell. Motion by Treasurer Heilmann to close the nominations.

Motion by Treasurer Heilmann to retain the same slate of current officers for the St. Matthews Fire Protection Board of Trustees. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### Fire Chief's Report / Fire Department Operations

Chief Seng offered the following updates:

- The district had responded to three major fire incidents in the last month.
- Representatives from the fire district will visit EONE next week. Prepayment was completed as approved at the June meeting.
- The EA for replacement of a roof top HVAC at Station 2 was cancelled so that additional research may be performed.
- The Plus One agreement with the Louisville Division of Fire was implemented on July 1. To date, there
  have been two dispatched incidents for mutual response with St. Matthews and Louisville Fire.

Human Resources - Human Resource Manager, Michael Frantz provided the following report:

- Captain Greg Crabb will be retiring at the end of July.
- Sergeant Ryan Helton will be promoted to Captain.
- Firefighter Rickle Tapp will be promoted to Sergeant.
- Firefighter Noah Clark has been hired to fill the firefighter vacancy. He will begin on August 9.
- A firefighter has been hired to work on a part-time 24/48 basis to fill a current vacancy due to a worker's comp injury.
- We still have a total of three members that are currently out due to injuries. One is recovering from surgery and the other two are still to be scheduled.
- As reported last month, Attorney Karen Paulin is reviewing our employee manual.

Facilities – Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan reported that all of the spring apparatus checks were completed and all units are currently in service. All of the fire hydrants in the district have been tested and peinting has begun for the hydrants that are in need.

Response Statistics - Asst. Chief Riordan reported on the June statistics. We continue to make a large percentage of responses outside of our district, into Louisville Metro and throughout Jefferson County.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on August 19, 2021.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Discussion held regarding whether or not future board meetings should be simulcast or available through video link. In person meetings will be the preferred method until further determination of the legal requirements for advertisement and accessibility.

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 PM by Motion of Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

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## 65-year-old man killed in I-71 crash identified by officials



TRIMARC said the multi-vehicle crash happened just before 7 a.m. on I-71 North near I-264. (TRIMARC) By Dustin Vogt

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - A 65-year-old man who was killed in an early-morning crash on I-71 North Monday has been identified by officials.

The Jefferson County Coroner's Office revealed Kevin Cunningham, from Louisville, died due to multiple blunt force injuries sustained from the accident.

TRIMARC said the multi-vehicle crash happened just before 7 a.m. on I-71 North near I-264. All lanes on I-71 North were closed for around two hours while the scene was cleared.

Cunningham was transported to University Hospital, where he died around 9:42 a.m.







St. Matthews Fire and Rescue Benevolence Fund July 29, 2021 · 3

Congratulations to Captain Greg Crabb who serves the community today for his last shift before retirement on August 1, 2021. Captain Crabb joined St. Matthews Fire and Rescue in September of 1998 and was hired as a career firefighter on January 3, 2000.

Captain Crabb was promoted to Sergeant October 5, 2004, and later promoted to Captain in June of 2013. Captain Crabb has served the department in many ways with his honorable service as a past Board of Trustee member, Fire Service Instructor, Mentor, and his impressive work and knowledge of all things Information and Technology.

Captain Crabb has been instrumental in the modernization of the department through technology with programs such as our current district dashboard program, JotForm use, narcotics control, access, and inventory, and maintains our MDT infrastructure on all apparatus.

Congratulations Captain Crabb and we will see you at the pitch!



St. Matthews Fire District joins our Jefferson County community in mourning the loss of Deputy Brandon Shirley. Please keep the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Shirley's family in your thoughts and prayers.



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## I-264 crash near Brownsboro Road exit causes backups in both directions



Watterson Expressively crash near Exit 32. (TRIMARC)

By Shellie Sylvestr

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - A multi-car crash on the Watterson Expressway caused a backup in both directions near Exit 22 to Brownsboro Road on Friday.

According to a Metrosafe spokesperson, several people were injured in the crash, which happened around 4:30 p.m.

Several eastbound lanes on Interstate 264 were shut down until the scene was cleared and traffic could flow.

The number of victims and their conditions have not been released.

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#### August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on August 12, 2021 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Hellmann, Trustee Manshall Bradley, Trustee Christin Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Patrick Montague, Sergeant Bobby Agnew, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Attorney Karen Paulin, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. Station 1 was also recorded as being on the call.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

An executive session was requested for the discussion of personnel issues and policies. Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried. The executive session concluded at 4:51 PM. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Upon return to the open meeting: Motion by Secretary Mike Abell for the board to approve our current military leave practice, in order for it to become established policy. Second by Trustee Christine Kessler. Motion Carried. Chairman Tonini reported that the employee manual is under review for possible revisions before the end of the calendar year.

Human Resource Manager (Notary) Michael Frantz administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Marshall Bradley.

Treasurer Hellmann mentioned the Docu-Sign email that he received from Louisville Metro, and which all of our trustees should be receiving to confirm receipt of the updated Kentucky Open Records & Opens Meetings Acts.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the July 8, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Tressurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts referred the board to the written notes that were included with the financials. Trustee Christine Kesler asked about the health insurance expense for July and monthly budgeted expenses for the awards dinner. Accountant Robin Roberts advised that she will adjust the monthly budget categories to bring them more into line with their anticipated expenses. The draft audit for FYE June 30, 2021 is expected to be presented at the September meeting of the board.

Chief Seng reported on a recent AFG Grant awarded for \$383,830.77 for portable radios, software/installation/ antennas, mobile radios, and funding for NFPA 1500 behavioral health services. Special thanks to Captain Lee Look for his work on the successful grant application.

The July disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Treasurer Heilmann. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### Old Business - None

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#### **New Business**

Adoption of Real and Personal Property Tax Rates

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District hereby adopts as its tax rate for real property for the 2021 to 2022 fiscal year fifteen cents (\$0.15) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation as assessed for county taxes.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District hereby adopts as its tax rate for personal property for the 2021 to 2022 fiscal year fifteen cents (\$0.15) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation as assessed for county taxes.

Motion by Treasurer Nick Heilmann to apply the above Resolutions for any and all taxable property within the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. Second by Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Fire Chief's Report / Fire Department Operations

Chief Seng offered the following updates:

- The fire district has received an offer for the donation of a Safe Haven Baby Box, to be installed at Station 1.
- The Nicholas County Fire Department in Carlisle, Kentucky suffered a flash flooding disaster on July 30. The two fire trucks that they had previously purchased from STMFPD were damaged along with the rest of their fleet. We have loaned them 2658 for rental during their recovery. The department is in dire need of apparatus and are still interested in buying 2658 at a cost of \$60,000. Motion of approval by Trustee Marshall Bradley to declare 2658 surplus and sell to Nicholas County for \$60,000 after 40 days, with the assurance that our neighboring departments can provide a reserve unit should we need one before our new truck arrives next spring. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried. It was noted that Governor Besheer personally contacted Chief Seng and Chairman Tonini to thank the St. Matthews Fire Protection District for our support of the Nicholas County Fire Department.
- EA Replace SCBA fill station at station 1. (Budgeted \$18,000) Bid: \$13,800.
   EA Purchase of #30 additional SCBA Regulators. (Budgeted \$43,000) No change in bid price of \$1,425 per item. Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler to approve both EAs. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.
- Chief Seng requested permission to proceed with ordering another ambulance. The budgeted price has increased from \$240,000 to \$249,000 and will not be ready until next April or May. The board can decide later if there is a preference to purchase a refurbished ambulance for a cost savings of \$50,000 \$60,000. The purchase will bring us to 6 ambulances, each having a 6-year life expectancy, so we will need to replace one ambulance every year. Assistant Chief Monohan explained that usage is based on running hours as opposed to traveled miles. As further delays will likely result in additional price increases, the order for the chassis was approved. Motion by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley to accept the FEMA grant mentioned with the treasurer's report.
   Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion carried with opposition noted on behalf of Trustee Christine Kesler.
- Surplus Equipment Chief Seng reported that the following are no longer needed by the department: 2013 Ford Expedition; 2016 Ford F150; Halmatro Rescue Equipment. The two vehicles will be declared surplus and advertised for sale on EBay. Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried. The rescue equipment is not a complete set and will be offered as a donation to the Nicholas Fire Department with 2658. Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

#### August 12, 2021, Trustees Meeting

Human Resources - Human Resource Manager, Michael Frantz provided the following report:

- The district has re-enacted our former COVID policies. We currently have two employees that are COVID positive.
- Workers Compensation One employee has returned from WC leave. Two have recently had surgery and are still off from work.
- Paramedic Terry Guggisberg will be retiring at the end of August. We are currently interviewing for his
  replacement.
- Captain Greg Crabb retired at the end of July.

Response Statistics – Asst. Chief Riordan reported on the July statistics. We continue to make a large percentage of responses outside of our district, into Louisville Metro and throughout Jefferson County. Data is being collected on the number of ambulance responses that suburban fire is providing to Louisville Metro.

Treasurer Nick Heilmann asked about the status of requesting a portion of the federal CARES ACT funding received by local municipalities. While efforts continue, it is unclear whether or not funding will be shared with the suburban fire districts.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on August 19, 2021.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Secretary

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#### August 31, 2021, JCPS bus involved in deadly crash on Ballardsville Road | whas 11.com



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Parents reconnecting with kids from the bus this morning. They are keeping everyone together after triaging each student with tags. Spoke with a junior from Ballard who said he was thrown from the back of the bus when the impact happened, complaining of back pain. @WHAS11



LOUISVILLE, Ny. — A woman is dead after police said she crashed into a Jefferson County Public Schools bus filled with students early Tuesday morning.

According to a release from Louisville Metro Police (LMPD), the crash happened just before 7 a.m. on Ballardsville Road near Hickory Forest Drive. This area is near Brownsboro Road, south of I-71.

Officials believe a woman was heading east on Ballardsville Road when she ran into the side of the bus as it attempted to cross the road.

The woman died at the scene and has not been identified.

TOP STORY: VERIFY: No, JCPS cannot return to full-time virtual learning

JCPS spokesperson Mark Hebert said there were 60 students on the bus at the time of the crash. The district confirmed that the students attend Ballard High School and Kammerer Middle School.

Police said "several" students were taken to Norton Children's Hospital for the treatment of non-life-threatening injuries, but could not specify how many injuries were reported. Hebert said the district was still trying to find out how many students were hurt. One student at the scene said they were thrown from the back of the bus to the front due to the force of impact.

The students who were not injured were taken to school via other buses.

LMPD believes that there are several people who witnessed the crash but left before talking to police. If you saw anything Tuesday morning, contact 574-LMPD (5673).

The LMPD Traffic Unit is investigating this incident.

#### Woman killed, several students injured after car crashes into JCPS bus

JCPS said the bus had 60 students on board when a car crashed into it on Ballardsville Road. Police said the driver of the car died at the scene.



#### September 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on September 9, 2021 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Patrick Montague, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Paramedic Firefighter Chris Becker, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Auditors Jim Tencza and Nicholas Reynolds, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the August 12, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Auditor Jim Tencza with Dean Dorion reviewed the DRAFT financial statements and required communications that were provided with the board meeting documents, including the month-end financials. In summary, the FYE June 30, 2021 audit process went very well, having no issues, problems, deficiencies or adjustments. Our bookkeeping and records are well kept and our statements were noted as being the "Gold Standard". Mr. Tencza and Chairman Tonini thanked everyone involved for their continued diligence. Should any of the board members have questions or concerns, they were asked to forward them to accountant Robin Roberts before noon on Monday, September 13, when the audit will become final. Chief Seng and Chairman Tonini will sign the representation letter, also shared with the board documents.

The August disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Motion Carried.

#### Old Business - None

#### New Business -- None

#### Fire Chief's Report / Fire Department Operations

Chief Seng offered the following updates:

- Congratulations to Major Patrick Montague for achieving the Chief Fire Officer designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellencel Major Montague is one of only 1,554 CFOs worldwide and one of 9 in the state of Kentucky.
- Discussions with PVA Colleen Younger regarding the 2021 assessments resulted in the correction of a few errors discovered by Chief Seng, and revelation that some of the residential areas in our district had their assessments uncharacteristically lowered. The 2022 reassessments will cover the former Lyndon area and all of Shelbyville Road.
- Unit renumbering will be implemented at some point, due to the new Computer Aided Dispatch system at MetroSafe.
- Unit 2658 will be sold, as reported at the August meeting, within the next few days.

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- The following budgeted EAs were requested:
  - A Professional Installation = \$3,500.00

Replace 6 Overhead Door Switches; Hookup to Bay Heat; Install Electric Drop for Spare \
Ambulance - Station #

2). Bonnycastie Appliance = \$5,500.00

Replace 1988 Kitchen Stove - St 3

3). Flynn Brothers Paving = \$4,900.00

Seal & Stripe Rear Parking Lot - St 3

Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

- Chief Seng sent a message to the board prior to the meeting, advising that additional radio equipment
  will eventually be needed to replace some the radios that were not included with the AFG grant. No
  action was taken at this time. Those costs will be included with FY 22/23 budget.
- Discussion held regarding the Increasing number of COVID positivity and recent federal guidelines regarding vaccines. Chief Seng, Chief Riordan, and HR Manager Michael Frantz are addressing the issues relative to COVID exposures and sick leave. The board of trustees will continue to meet virtually, at least for the October meeting. Motion of approval by Trustee Mooser. Second by Trustee Wrigley. Motion Carried with opposition noted by Treasurer Heilmann – simply due to the ease of communication and productivity for in-person meetings.

Response Statistics - Statistical reports for EMS and Fire were distributed with the board documents.

#### Adjournment.

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2021.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Secretary

#### October 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on October 14, 2021 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Christine Kesler, and Trustee Chris Mooser. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Patrick Montague, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Firefighter Luke Donovan, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. Station 4 was also recorded as being on the call.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:19PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the September 9, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Hellmann referred to the financial comments distributed with the board package. Accountant Robin Roberts mentioned the sale of surplus equipment totaling \$116,600 of unbudgeted income and more than enough to cover the 10% portion of our responsibility for the FEMA mobile radio grant. EMS billing receipts are in excess of budget, and have been so far for this fiscal year. Unscheduled overtime remains a concern.

The September disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler, Motion Carried.

#### Old Business - None

#### New Business

Chief Seng reported that Louisville Metro will be offering Hero pay to their first responders, through the American Rescue Plan. Suburban fire will be submitting for a portion of those funds as well. The State of Kentucky is also studying how to approach a distribution to first responders, state-wide.

#### Fire Chief's Report / Fire Department Operations

Chief Seng's report began with an update from Human Resource Manager, Michael Frantz.

- HR Consultant and Attorney, Karen Paulin has identified four areas in our employee manual that need to be addressed as soon as possible: Workers Compensation, FMLA, Maternity Leave, and Military Leave. An email will be going out to the board members, with our current policies and draft changes for their consideration. Trustee Chris Mooser mentioned that he has also identified some areas in the employee manual which have been discussed in general with Secretary Mike Abell and others, that he would like to be presented for consideration by the board either all at once or incrementally over the next few months before the updated employee manual is finalized. Further discussion led to a recommendation for scheduling of a special meeting to discuss the items Attorney Karen Paulin has submitted for updating of our worker's compensation, FMLA, maternity leave and military leave policies, as well as the areas that Trustee Chris Mooser has identified as needing review.
- A recent meeting with our worker's compensation carrier revealed that even though we have had several people off on work related injuries, our claims experience is not as bad as others because the equipment that we use helps to prevent back injuries that are common in emergency medical services.

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#### October 14, 2021, Trustees Meeting

 We currently have two people off on worker's compensation, and three members out on long term injuries that are not work related. A couple of temporary full-time employees have been hired to reduce the costs of unscheduled overtime.

Assistant Chief Mike Riordan reported on the September EMS statistical report distributed with the board package. Our calls for service and transport numbers remain high. Responses into Louisville Metro — west of I-65 were at 12% of our total. Ongoing discussions continue with MetroSafe and we are looking at all options available to us to reduce that number. Delays at certain hospitals for patient off-loading is a concern that is being addressed with hospital administrators.

A statistical report on fire operations was provided as well.

Chief Seng presented the following budgeted requests for expenditure authorizations (EAs):

- Avante Health Solutions: #10 Refurbished AED's = \$8,900.00 Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.
- Bob's Furniture: # 3 Recliner Chairs (Station 4) = \$4,946.00
   Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.
- Ferno: Stretcher for New Ambulance = \$38,400.78
   Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.
- Fire Dept. Service & Supply: #7 Sets of Fire Gear = \$19,950.00
   Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.
- Motorola: Mobile, Portable Radios, Installation & Cables = \$20,264.46
   Motion of approval by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

Chairman Tonini asked the board members if they had received information or were aware of the upcoming "mandatory" training provided by Louisville Metro Boards and Commissions. All were aware and had or would be registering. An initial request for CPE credit was denied by the Mayor's Office.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2021.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is regularly scheduled for November 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 PM by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

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#### **Brad Clark**

Bradley "Brad" Clark, Jr., 79, of Louisville, returned to his Heavenly Father in the early morning hours on Monday October 11, 2021 at Baptist Hospital East.

Mr. Clark was born October 22, 1941 in Louisville, to the late William (Bill) and Florence (Billye) Clark Sr.



Mr. Clark graduated from Ahrens Trade School in 1961 and retired from Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) in 1996, also retired with 40 plus years of service with the Lyndon Fire Protection District and was a member of Southeast Christian Church.

Mr. Clark served his country in the Army National Guard in the early 1960's where he established the rank of E5. Mr. Clark was also a member of Swigert-Middletown Masonic Lodge #218 and a member of Kosair Shriners.

Mr. Clark leaves "The Love of His Life" of 58 years Mary "Greenwell" Clark.

Mr. Clark is survived by his brothers, Robert "Bruce" Clark Sr., D. Brian Clark; sister, Beverly Lush (Eddie); four nephews and three nieces.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12:00pm on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road, with interment at Resthaven Cemetery. Family and friends may pay their respects on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at the funeral home from 2:00pm until 8:00pm, with a Masonic service at 7:00pm. Visitation will continue Thursday from 10:00am until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked for donations to be given to Kosair Children's or Crusade for Children

November 18, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on November 18, 2021 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19. The regularly scheduled meeting (second Thursday) was postponed to accommodate for conference travel by several of the department's chief officer staff.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Trustee Marshall Bradley. Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Patrick Montague, Major Tracy Jevning, Captain George Wiggins, Sergeant Bobby Agnew, Sergeant Joe Bewiey, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Attorney Karen Paulin, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. Station 1 was also recorded as being on the call.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:05PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the October 14, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Accountant Robin Roberts went over the financial comments distributed with the board package for the month of October. EMS billing receipts remain in excess of budget, and unscheduled overtime is still an issue of concern. Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz reported that COVID (14), workers comp (2) and long term injuries (4), are the majority of contributing factors. It is hoped that some relief to the experise will be recognized by February when those off on long term injuries should be back to work. Robin also reported on the need to identify all leases and leased equipment in preparation for the FY 21/22 audit. Trustee Kesler inquired of the offset to total wages on the P & L statement. Robin advised that the line item represents the return of worker's compensation payments by employees that have continued to receive their regular pay while off from work so that they are made whole, in accordance with current policy.

The disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley, Motion Carried.

#### Old Business

Discussion of Employee Benefits & Policy Review. A special meeting that had been scheduled for November 8 for the discussion employee benefits and policy review, was cancelled (due to COVID). One of the items to be discussed at that meeting was the requirement to adopt an FMLA policy that is compliant with Department of Labor law for employers having more than 50 employees. Board members received the proposed language for review, with detailed explanation provided by Attorney Karen Paulin. Motion to adopt the language as presented into the employee handbook, by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried. \* This discussion actually took place following approval of the minutes, in order to save time with attendance of Attorney Karen Paulin.

The board continued to discuss the need to complete a review of employee benefits and policies, and how best to complete that task. It was decided that the presentation, which had been prepared for the November 8 meeting, would be shared with the board along with a summary and invitation for board members to provide input via committees that would address separate items and submit recommendations to the board at the December meeting.

New Business - None

#### November 18, 2021, Trustees Meeting

#### Fire Chief's Report / Fire Department Operations

Chief William Seng and Assistant Chief David Howser reported on the ordinance recently adopted by Louisville Metro for use of federal ARP (American Rescue Plan) funds for first responders, including suburban fire. Issues involving CERS and payroll taxes still need to be addressed, possibly through legislation, before distribution.

Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz reported that one of the district's paramedics will be deployed for at least a year, beginning in December. His job will be held, but his benefits will be suspended while serving on deployment. A request was made to hire a temporary full time paramedic, with benefits, to fill the position, as budgeted. Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Secretary Abell requested an Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters. Motion by Secretary Abell. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler to enter into executive session at 5:28. Motion Carried. Motion by Trustee Marshall Bradley to exit the executive session at 5:41. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

Secretary Abell made a motion for the board to authorize an exception to the sick time policy with parameters as discussed during the executive session. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Statistical reports were provided on EMS and fire activity for the month of October.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on January 20, 2022 at Kaden Towers.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is regularly scheduled for December 9, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 PM by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

Secretary

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District took place on December 9, 2021 at station 1; 240 Sears Avenue.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley. Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major David Joels, Major Patrick Montague, Major Mike Richardson, Captain Nick Clark, Captain Dan Doyle, Captain Ryan Fletcher, Captain Larry Heephy, Captain Andy Sasse, Captain Mo Tischendorf, Sergeant Bobby Agnew, Sergeant Kevin Baker, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant David Cole, Sergeant Tommy Hedden, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Sergeant Ron Renner, Sergeant Trevor Straub, Firefighter Derek Andriakos, Firefighter Tim Brandon, Firefighter Dale Carrico, Firefighter Brandon Clark, Firefighter Luke Donovan, Firefighter Stephen Dunlaney, Firefighter Ryan Fletcher, Firefighter Steve Hagen, Firefighter Sam McCune, Firefighter Matthew Peterman, Firefighter Jared Schlosnagle, Firefighter Dan Schmalz, Paramedic Chris Early, Paramedic Alan Robinson, Paramedic Jessie Scharff, Advanced EMT Mike Bland, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Attorney Karen Paulin, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the November 18, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Tressurer Nick Heilmann went over the financial comments distributed with the board package for the month of November. The disbursement detail report was approved by Motion of Trustee Christine Kesler, Second by Tressurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

#### Old Business

Discussion of Employee Benefits & Policy Review. Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz began with an explanation of recent meetings and communications that have taken place over the last few months regarding the following topics: FMLA, Workers Compensation, Healthcare Benefits, Length of Service, Sick Time Policy, & Vacation Buy Back Policy. All of which are outlined in the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Employee Manual. Secretary Mike Abell and Treasurer Nick Heilmann, the firefighter representatives on the board of trustees, have been working with Michael Frantz, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Chief William Seng to look at some of the various issues that may need to be updated:

FMLA – Attorney Karen Paulin reiterated the Importance of adhering to the FMLA language adopted at the November meeting in compliance with the 2019 labor law changes regarding the use of paid leave, concurrently with 12 weeks of FMLA leave; so that the district is not liable for covering 12 weeks of unscheduled overtime plus additional time off for paid leave, should an employee elect to be on unpaid leave for qualifying absences under FMLA. This evening's discussion on the district's FMLA policy was for clarification purposes only.

Workers Compensation – It has long been the practice of the St. Matthews Fire Protection to continue paying employees that are off on worker's compensation, with the understanding that any and all checks that they receive from the worker's compensation carrier and a supplemental policy, are to be endorsed back to the district to help offset the costs of their regular pay, unscheduled overtime to fill their position, while also allowing them to continue receiving full credit for their earnings in CERS. There are currently no limits imposed by the district as to how long a person may be off on a worker's comp injury, no light duty accommodations, and no real incentives to return to work.

#### December 9, 2021, Trustees Meeting

Board discussion of the policy brought a recommendation to adopt the following changes, effective December 9, 2021:

Employees that are injured on duty will receive their worker's compensation payments amounting to 68
2/3 of their pay, with the district paying the balance to make them whole for a period of 120 days. After
that period of time, the employee will receive just the worker's compensation payment for up to 365
days. Motion by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried with four
members affirming and two opposed (Secretary Mike Abell and Treasurer Nick Heilmann).

For up to the 120 days of an on-the-job injury/liness leave, the employee's compensation will consist of the following:

- Employees that are injured on duty will receive their worker's compensation payments amounting to 68 2/3 of their pay.
- For up to 120 days the District will pay the employee 33 1/3 of their salary.
- After that period of time, the employee will only receive the worker's compensation payment.
- The limit a person can be off on Workers Compensation and retain their employment is 365 days.

For any employees that are currently on worker's compensation will continue to receive 100% of their regular pay for the remainder of 120 period or 60 additional days from today, December 9, 2021. Motion by Trustee Chris Mooser, Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

The fire district currently provides a short term disability policy and are considering the addition of a long term disability plan as well. A worker's compensation advocate will be working with employees and the district to assist with case management and timely progression for return to work.

HRA Comp — The district adopted a policy many years ago to provide an opt out of the department provided health insurance plan for those that are covered by either the state refirement's plan or other coverage. Currently, the annual HRA comp value paid by the district is \$4,500 annually for approximately 12 participants. This discussion was held primarily for information purposes. No changes to the current policy were recommended at this time.

Length of Service - The district's policy for calculating length of service increases is as follows: After four years of service, an employee will receive a 4% increase; then a 1% increase bi-annually. Length of service pay is not calculated on base pay. Explanation provided for information only. No changes to the current policy were recommended at this time.

Vacation Buy Back - Discussion tabled for future meeting.

Physical Fitness - Chief William Seng provided a Wellness-Fitness Initiative to the board, with committee to be chaired by Secretary Mike Abell. The committee will review the material and make recommendations for the chief to consider bringing back to the board for adoption.

#### **New Business**

Annual adoption of Corporate Resolutions for the Flexible Spending and Health Reimbursement Agreements. Copies of the agreements for calendar year 2022 were provided in the board packages, including the corporate resolutions prepared by Benefit Marketing Solutions. Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### December 9, 2021, Trustees Meeting

#### Fire Chief's Report / Fire Department Operations

The following reports were offered:

Legislative Update - Assistant Chief Howser went over the email that Chief Seng asked to be shared with the employees regarding ARPA funding from Louisville Metro, in response to the ordinance that was passed last month. While Louisville Metro employees have received their first installment, it is still unclear at this point how funds will be distributed to the suburban fire service. It will take some time to work out the details – likely several months, before any agreements are completed to determine the most efficient manner of distribution, as well possible legislation to address the CERS impact.

Buildings & Apparatus Update - No Report

EMS Update - No Report (Statistical data provided with board package.)

Radio Grant - Chief Seng mentioned an email that he sent to the board, advising of a 12% price increase for the additional radio equipment needed for the new units and replacement of our 20 year-old radios - to be budgeted for FY 23. Motorola has offered a price hold though the end of December that will honor the original contract of \$121,000. Prices will increase again in June or July. Zero percent financing is available with flexible terms. Board discussion approved the purchase now, to take advantage of the lower pricing and finance options, with the understanding that the expenditure saved in FY 23 would be placed in reserve.

An executive session was requested by Chief William Seng for the discussion of personnel matters. Motion by Secretary Abell for the board to go into executive session at 6:16 PM. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Motion to exit the executive session by Secretary Mike Abell at 6:26 PM and resume the meeting of the board, with no action taken during the executive session. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on January 20, 2022 at Kaden Towers.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is regularly scheduled for January 13, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM by Motion of Trustee Marshall Bradley, Second Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

Secretary

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## Veteran officer hit by vehicle on I-64 dies

#### Matthew Glowicki and Kala Kachmar

Louisville Courier Journal USA TODAY NETWORK

The Louisville Metro Police Department is reeling after the death of veter-

an Officer Zachary Cottongim, who was hit by a driver on Interstate 64 Saturday morning.

By Sunday afternoon, police had asked the public to line the procession route as Cottongim they transported Cot-



tongim's body from the county coroner's office on LaGrange Road to

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#### Officer

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Highlands Funeral Home on Taylorsville Road.

The procession, which included about 30 police vehicles and a silver hearse made its year down Westport Road, where St. Matthews Fire and Rescue had cleared the road.

Cottongim, 29, who was with the department for seven years, was on foot tending to an abandoned vehicle around 10 a.m. when he was hit by a westbound driver who had lost control of their vehicle, LMPD spokeswoman Officer Elizabeth Ruoff said.

He underwent surgery at the University of Louisville Hospital but died from his injuries shortly after 9 p.m. Cottongim was in and out of surgeries for 10 hours but couldn't be saved, Chief Erika Shields said late Saturday outside the hospital.

Rooff noted the incident, which happened near Mellwood Avenue, was not a hit-and-run and said the department's traffic unit is investigating "all variables." Police said a total of three vehicles were involved in the accident but didn't yet have details.

Shields, who called Cottongim a bright, talented young man, said the department is struggling.

There's an enormous amount of pain for many people in a multitude of assignments," Shields said Saturday. He trained officers, he worked different details. It's heartbreaking. There's not much you can offer folks especially when there's a death that's so senseless



The hearse carrying the body of LMPD offficer Zachary Cottongim travels in a procession on Westport Boad on its way to the Highland Funeral Home in Louisville on Sunday. Cottongim died Saturday on I-64 West when a driver lost control of their vehicle and hit him. SAM UPSHAW JR JCOURGE JOURNAL

and avoidable."

LMPD hired Cottongim in September 2014. At the time of his death, he was assigned to the First Division, which includes the Portland, Russell and Butchertown neighborhoods.

Cottongim's father, Dale, is also a Louisville police officer and his wife, Jamie, works for the department as a civilian information process technician. Shields also said Saturday that the department is looking for ways to take care of his wife and their two young children.

The department will navigate cosuring his colleagues, especially the officers who rendered aid to him at the scene, are supported.

"Obviously it's a very traumatic incident," Shields said.

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer offered his support to Cottongim's family and praised his "generous loving spirit."

The Louisville Metro Council issued a statement late Saturday offering condolences to Cottongim's family and the police department.

"Thank you to the heroic efforts of the medical team at University of Louisville Hospital that did everything possible to try and save his life," the statement reads, in part. "This officer's dedication to his community, despite all

risks, is to be commended and never forgotten.

In 2018, the department lost another seven-year veteran of the force, Officer Deidre Mengedoht, when she was hit on Christmas Eve by an impaired driver as she conducted a traffic stop on 1-64 east underneath the Belvedere

The driver, Roger Burdette, was found guilty at trial and sentenced to 27 years in prison.

"It's very difficult to find light in a time like this right now," Shields said.

Reporter Matthew Glowicki can be reached at mglowickis@courterjournal.com, 502-582-4000.

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on January 13, 2022 via video teleconference, due to precautionary measures utilized in response to COVID-19.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abeli, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Rick Baker, Major Frank Flynn, Major Patrick Montague, Captain Nick Clark, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Attorney Mark Leach, Accountant Robin Roberts, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers. Stations 1 and 4 were also recorded as being on the call.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the December 9, 2021 meeting were approved. Motion by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann went over the financial comments distributed with the board package for the month of December. One correction was noted on the Deposit Detail Involving a "received from" name. The budget account and total did not change. Accountant Robin Roberts reported that unscheduled overtime remains over budget (December totals include reimbursable overtime related to disaster response in Mayfield, KY). The Disbursement Detail report was approved by Motion of Trustee Chris Mooser, Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

#### Fire Chief's Report / Fire Department Operations

Chief Seng provided the following update:

- Hero Pay Louisville Metro employees have received their "Hero Pay" from federal ARPA COVID relief funds. While Louisville Metro does still have funding available for suburban fire first responders, it is unclear exactly how and when a distribution will occur. Chairman Tonini reported that he has been in contact with members of the Louisville Metro Council regarding the distribution and advised that the suburban cities (including the City of St. Matthews), who were also recipients of federal ARPA funds should contribute as well. Assistant Chief Howser reported that legislation will be considered during the 2022 Kentucky General assembly to exempt the payment of ARPA funds from CERS calculations of almost 50% on the employer.
- An increase of COVID positive employees brought about the recommendation to hold the January board meeting virtually. We should be back in person for the February meeting. Human Resource Manager, Michael Frantz will report the COVID statistics in his report to the board, as well as other personnel related matters. The annual holiday dinner was again cancelled, due to COVID, with the crews being allotted \$200 for each station to be spent on preparing their own holiday meal.
- The new ambulance that was ordered is not expected to be delivered until July. The new fire apparatus from E-ONE is not expected until November. Both are delayed due to supply chain issues.

#### January 13, 2022, Trustees Minutes Larry Heaphy and Sam McCune are retireing

- Expenditure Authorizations Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried. Both are budgeted items that we are ordering early, due to anticipated delays of at least six months for delivery:
  - FDSAS # 7 PPE = \$37,500
  - 2. General Rubber 5" Supply Hose = \$8,000

Legislative - Assistant Chief Howser began his report on pending legislative matters, by announcing that he is the Republican candidate for Kentucky State Representative of District 36, to replace Representative Jerry Miller who is retiring this year at the end of his term. As such, Chief Howser is no longer serving as the legislative representative for the Kentucky Fire Chiefs or the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service. Chief Adam Jones will be taking his place in that position.

There are currently 9 House Bills and 2 Senate Bills related to the fire service which are being monitored. HB 56, would provide a death benefit for first responders that succumb to COVID related illness and is expected to pass. HB 54, which would provide a worker's compensation benefit for COVID related illness, is not expected to pass this session. There is a push by the hospitals to change the Certificate of Need (CON) process that will be watched as well.

Building & Grounds - Assistant Chief Monohan reported on the current status of ongoing repairs to our ambulances and fire apparatus.

Human Resources - Human Resource Manager, Michael Frantz reported the following:

- Twenty-four employees have tested COVID positive; seven within the last few weeks (63% of the 24 were vaccinated); resulting in the use of 84 sick days off from work. A question was posed regarding the tracking of COVID exposures and our policy for COVID related illness. Assistant Chief Riordan responded that we have the capability to administer COVID testing and are following the CDC guidelines for health care providers. He will work with Michael Frantz to prepare a statistical summary for the board to compare our positivity rate and overall vaccination status.
- Four employees have returned from long-term injuries. Two are still off, with one due back at the end
  of the month.
- Eighteen of our employees responded for a period of eight days to assist with the disaster response following the tomado in Mayfield, Kentucky; resulting in approximately \$36,000 in unscheduled overtime. Assistant Chief Howser and Major Rick Baker will work with the state for recovery of our expenses through FEMA.
- Captain Larry Heaphy and Firefighter Sam McCune are retiring at the end of January. Firefighter Jared Schlossnagle, who has been working on a temporary full-time basis to fill the vacancy created with one of the long-term injuries, will be hired as a full-time employee to fill Firefighter McCune's spot. Sgt. Mike Abell will move up to Captain and Firefighter Aaron Nilsson will move up to Sergeant. Chief Seng will make a decision soon on who will fill the remaining firefighter vacancy.
- Interviews for a vacancy within our EMS division will take place the week of January 17.
- The board still needs to consider adopting policies for military leave, short term disability, and non
  FMLA maternity leave. Each of those policy proposals will be sent to the board for review before the
  February meeting. Trustee Chris Mooser reminded that review is also needed for policies relating to
  the use of paid leave (sick/vacation) and physical fitness. A meeting to discuss those items will be
  scheduled.

#### January 13, 2022, Trustees Minutes

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EMS Update — Assistant Chief Riordan reported on the statistical detail provided with the board package. Of note for December, is the fact that 39% percent of our responses were within the urban service district; 13% of which were west of Interstate I-65. Louisville Metro continues to decrease the number of available ambulances, causing the suburban units to pick up the runs that they (Louisville Metro) should be covering and creating a need for back-filling within the suburban area. It is unsustainable and will be addressed by the suburban chiefs.

Assistant Chief Riordan also shared a need to consider increasing our EMS billing rate, which has not changed since we began providing emergency medical transport services in 2016. A document that outlines the current rates for our area will be provided for the board's consideration at the February meeting.

Legal – Attorney Mark Leach provided follow up to a question that was posed to the Holding Company, regarding the collection of revenue for equipment co-located on the cell tower at station 2. The contract appears to provide an allowance for the collection of 50% of that revenue. Chief Seng requested that Attorney Leach contact legal representation for Crown Castle, as designated on the letters received by the department.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on January 20, 2022 at Kaden Towers.

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is regularly scheduled for February 10, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM by Motion of Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

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## Helping Our Neighbors

#### St. Matthews Steps Up to Help Tornado Victims

On the night of December 10, 2021, a violent and long-tracked tornado created catastrophic damage across western Kentucky, traveling over 200 miles. Towns that were hit included Mayfield, Benton, Dawson Springs, Bremen and Bowling Green. The tornado that hit western Kentucky was the longest and deadliest tornado of that group of tornados, resulting in at least 77 fatalities, making it the worst tornado event in both Kentucky and U.S. history. Multiple tornadoes that night also hit Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri and Illinois.

The area was declared a national disaster zone and President Biden directed FEMA to cover 100% of total eligible costs for debris removal and emergency protective measures in the state for 30 days.

Even with that aid, the people in the areas hit were in desperate need of food, supplies, water and money for shelter and other emergencies. The entire St. Matthews community stepped up to help. Residents, businesses and city agencies responded with caring and compassion for their western Kentucky neighbors.

The St. Matthews Police Department. was designated by Governor Beshear to be one of only two toy collection locations in Jefferson County. The other location was Broadbent Arena. Mayor Rick Tonini said, "The response was amazing—the amount of toys received was unbelievable. Within days, we had filled four tractor trailers and we also collected \$50-60,000 in gift cards. No child in the area will have to go without toys at Christmas."

St. Matthews Fire & Rescue, which is a separate entity from the city, sent. EMTS, paramedics, a fire truck and an ambulance to Mayfield.

The city also sent police officers in response to the Kentucky League of Cities' recommendations to its member cities.

Independence Bank, located at the corner of Westport and Shelbyville Road has a personal connection to Mayfield as the bank has a branch there. Louis Straub II, bank president, says the bank's branch building in Mayfield is one of the few buildings left

standing downtown. Churches, business, organizations and individuals have donated items and money. He reported that the bank sent three trucks and one mid-sized airplane to western Kentucky with donations, and that they have raised \$100,000 in donations as to date.

Louis says, "We have had such wonderful support from the community, and it shows you how generous people can be."

St. Matthews has once again proven itself to be a caring community to those in need.



City Council chambers, first day of collection



Line of cars with donations outside City Hall

One of the trailers loaded with toys

## **Helping Our Neighbors**



St. Matthews Fire & Rescue in Mayfield, Kentucky



Donations of toys received in the first three hours at City Hall!



Tay donations on trucks

Independence Bank is no longer accepting donations of items, however, they will accept monetary donations for the accounts below:

#### Mayfield Consumer Products Employee Fund

These funds are going straight to employees of the candle company.

Mayfield Graves County Tornado Relief Fund (organized by the Graves County Sheriff and officials) These checks can also be mailed to PO Box 9 Fancy Farm KY 42039. These funds are going to the citizens of Graves County.

#### Warren County Public Schools Synergy Relief Fund

Funds will be utilized to help the tornado relief in Warren County.

For the Benefit of Hopkins County Tornado Relief Fund Account This account is for donations for the Hopkins County tornado relief.

Also, if just desiring to make a donation, funds can be donated into the Independence Bank Foundation Western Kentucky Relief Fund.

For more information, visit www.1776bank.com About Us News and Events: Western KY Tornado Relief

Or: Visit the bank in-person 3901 Shelbyville Road

### February 2, 2022, Facebook



Our friends over at Louisville Division of Fire have some great tips about generator use and safety in the possible upcoming storm. Remember to check your carbon monoxide detectors if you have them!



#### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees February 10, 2022

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on February 10, 2022 at the district's headquarters: 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville KY 40207.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major David Joels, Major Mike Richardson, Major Patrick Montague, Captain Ryan Helton, Sergeant Bobby Agnew, Sergeant Joe Bewley, Sergeant Gabor Greffer, Firefighter Brandon Clark, Firefighter Phillip Neuner, Firefighter Jared Schlossnagle, Firefighter Paramedic Chris Early, Attorney Mark Leach, Accountant Robin Roberts, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the January 13, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Treasurer Nick Hellmann. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts went over the financial comments distributed with the board package for the month of January. Accountant Robin Roberts mentioned that now would be the time to consider a review of the district's investments, given that we are at our peak of tax revenue for this fiscal year. Discussion held regarding interest rates and the negligible benefits of short term investments at this time. Accountant Roberts also reported that the final lease payment was made on the phone system purchased three years ago, and the EMS startup loan will be paid off in May. Trustee Marshall Bradley asked for a general analysis of our 6 month projected cash flow.

The Disbursement Detail report was approved by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler, Motion Carried.

#### Old Business - None

#### New Business - None

#### Fire Chief's Report / Fire Department Operations

Chief Seng provided the following update:

- Hero Pay Nothing new to report on the distribution of ARPA funds to the suburban fire service.
- ETAs on the new ambulance and fire apparatus are unknown, due to continued backlogs in the supply chain.
- Expenditure Authorizations Chief Seng presented each of the following expenditure authorizations, noting their budgeted status (all) and whether they were to fall under operations or capital. Discussion held with questions answered for each of the proposed purchases. A suggestion was made to begin moving more of our hard copy documents to image based. A component of that task will be taken into consideration for digital onboarding/off-boarding of personnel in the next fiscal year budget, along with additional IT infrastructure.

#### February 10, 2022, Trustees Meeting

- Americas Bravest Equip. Co Thermal Imaging Camera = \$3,798
- Anchor Remodeling / H20 Plumbing ST 1 Shower Remodel for Decon = \$8,000
- Eagle Paper New Chairs for Downstairs Classroom ST 1 = \$6,000
- Fire Department Service & Supply 85 Battery Operated 9" Cut Off Sews = \$6,500
- Willis Klein #2 Fire King Fire Proof File Cabinets for ST 1 EMS Records = \$4,900

Motion of approval by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Legislative - Assistant Chief Riordan reported on a bill that has been withdrawn but may be rewritten this session as an add-on or through future legislation, to eliminate the Certificate of Need process for ambulance services. He, Chief Howser and Chief Adam Jones have met with the Representative Ken Flemming and the Kentucky Hospital Association to dialogue on the pros and cons of their push to eliminate the Kentucky Board of EMS and place ambulance providers under the auspices of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

<u>Building & Grounds</u> - Assistant Chief Monohan reported that all apparatus, with the exception of 2636 which has been down for months waiting for parts, are currently on line. All of the grant funded radios have arrived and are in the process of being programmed. We have received two state grants; one for fire gear (three sets to be purchased) and one for a thermal Imaging carners (see above EA for TIC to be purchased from Americas Bravest Equipment Company).

Human Resources - Human Resource Manager, Michael Frantz reported the following:

- Newly transferred from EMS to Fire, Firefighter Paramedic Christopher Early, and Firefighter Jared Schlossnagle, who became a full-time employee with the January 31 retirement of Firefighter Sam McCune, were both officially sworn-in. Secretary Mike Abell administered the Oath of Office.
- Major Mike Richardson recently announced his retirement that will take place before the end of the
  current fiscal year, Major Richardson, who has led the training division for twenty years was recognized
  for his outstanding leadership and service. Current members of the department have been given the
  opportunity to apply for this position.
- Firefighter Luke Donovan has accepted a Firefighter position in Pittsburgh where his family is located, and will be leaving St. Matthews on March 14. A replacement for his spot is currently being sought.
- Two new EMS employees were recently hired: Paramedic Amelia Herndon and (soon to be) paramedic Philip Roach will begin on February 19.
- Board members were provided with hard copy policy proposals for Non-FMLA Maternity/Paternity and Military Leave, for review and consideration of approval at the March meeting.
- Policy review of current PTO (sick/vecation), and development of a fitness testing program were discussed. Trustee Mooser will meet with Secretary Abell and HR Manager Frantz prior to the March meeting to discuss in further detail. Secretary Abell and HR Manger Frantz are registered to attend a conference on public safety fitness in April.

EMS Update — Assistant Chief Riordan reported on the EMS response statistics provided with the board package. Of note for January, are the continuing issues of responding west of I-85 (12% of volume) and hospital holdover, which is especially troublesome at two of the hospitals. Data collection is underway that will be used to support an approach for hopeful resolution with Louisville Metro on their lack of providing adequate coverage throughout the urban area, and hospitals that are responsible to assume patient control once transport is complete.

A proposal to increase our (2016) EMS billing rate is still being reviewed and may be ready for board approval at the March meeting.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on July 13, 2022 at Fern Creek FPD # 1.

The next St. Metthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is regularly scheduled for March 10, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

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#### February 18, 2022, The Courier-Journal

#### Thomas L. "Tom" Marshall

#### PLEASUREVILLE

Tom Marshall went to be with the Lord on February 14th at age 72. He had many friends, some special, but all cared about. No matter where he was - a porch rocking chair in the mountains of North Carolina, a fishing camp in Canada, or on the Snake River,



he would always run into old friends and those he knew from the past. Stranger was not in his vocabulary.

He was a firefighter by profession serving 31 years with the St Matthews Fire Protection District. He loved to fish for largemouth, work on his '58 MGA and '72 TR6, read, work jigsaw puzzles, mow and volunteer. Over the years (since 1993) Tom rocked babies in the NICU at Norton Children's Hospital, volunteered in the ER and participated in the Apheresis program donating blood platelets for children with leukemia. He taught Sunday school to four-year-olds, gave time to the Henry County Help Center food pantry, and worked on building projects for homeless veterans. He carved beautiful fishing lures from scratch and caught many an unsuspecting fish with them. His latest was a 5 pounder at a neighbor's pond.

He and Joy were beekeepers for 23 years and sold honey at several local farmer's markets. He was proud of the quality of his honey, enjoyed giving

it away and talking "bees" with anyone who would listen. He loved all his pets through the years, but especially his "boy cat" Pete, who will miss his scratches greatly. He fed the birds every day and loved porch time watching them and all the critters on the property. He had a big heart.

He leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Joy Bey Marshall, who will miss him every single day until they are together again.

A gathering to celebrate his life will be held at a date to be announced. Gifts

in his memory can be made to Norton Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. 234 East Gray St. Louisville KY 40202.

Arrangements entrusted to Prewitt New Castle Funeral Home.



#### March 1, 2022, Facebook



# Record rainfall leads to flood warnings



Waiter Sellers takes photos of the Beargrass Creek overflowing its banks in Brown Park in Louisville on Sunday. Excessive rain led to flooding and has caused some road closures around the city. Protos or SAN UPSIAN JR. COURTE SOUTHER.

# Cancer support charity reports \$100K in damage to facility

Ayana Archie and Mary Ramsey

Louisville Courier Journal USA TODAY NETWORK

Louisville received a record amount of rainfall Sunday, causing flooding in some areas.

The city recorded about 2.5 inches of min overnight, making it the rainiest Feb. 28 on record, according to the National Weather Service. It was the most min for that date since 1.7 inches fell in 1987, according to the agency.

More rain was expected overnight Sunday, according to meteorologist Ron Steve.

Much of the region was under a flood warning — which means flooding is "imminent or occurring" — Sunday. A flood watch, meaning there is a potential for flooding, was issued through Monday morning.

Most of the heavy rain was set to move through the area Sunday night, Stree said.

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A St. Matthews Police patrol car blocks traffic along Kresge Way at the intersection with Sherburn Lane after the Beargrass Creek overflowed its banks in Louisville on Sunday.

#### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees March 10, 2022

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on March 10, 2022 at the district's headquarters: 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville KY 40207.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Director Marshall Bradley, Director Christine Kesler, Director Chris Mooser, and Director Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Song, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Frank Flynn, Major Jeremy Leffler, Major Patrick Montague, Attorney Mark Leach, Accountant Robin Roberts, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

#### Minutes

The minutes for the February 10, 2022 meeting were approved. Motion by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer Report

Treasurer Nick Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts referred to the financial comments distributed with the board package for the month of February. Wages and unscheduled overtime were UNDER budget! Accountant Robin Roberts mentioned the budgeted capital purchase of a stretcher for the new ambulance, and responded to a request from the February meeting regarding our average monthly net expenditures, which amounts to approximately \$900,000 for the months of March through November, not including capital expenditures. The Disbursement Detail report was approved by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

#### Old Business - None

#### New Business -- Board of Trustee Election and Appointment

Chairman Rick Tonini, property owner trustee - Term expires June 30, 2022 Trustee Kathy Wrigley, mayoral appointed trustee -- Term expires June 30, 2022

Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, and Trustee Kathy Wrigiey offered to serve on the election committee, for the property owner election that will take place on Saturday, June 25 from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Trustee Kathy Wrigley expressed an interest in serving another term, if reappointed. A letter of recommendation will be sent on her behalf to the director of Louisville Metro boards and commissions.

#### Fire Chief's Report / Fire Department Operations

Chief Song deferred to the following for updates:

Human Resources -- Human Resource Manager, Michael Frantz reported the following:

- The polices provided to the board at the February for review and consideration of adoption at the March meeting were discussed:
- Non FMLA Maternity & Paternity Motion by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.
- Short Term Disability Motion by Trustee Mooser. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.
- Military Leave Motion by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

- The board was also made aware of a recent revision to the sick time policy, that will require a doctor's note after 4 occurrences.
- Interviews are currently underway to fill an upcoming firefighter vacancy, as well as the training officer position.
- Major Don Ryan and Firefighter Moss Clore have recently announced their intentions to retire in August.
- Discussion held regarding the Humans GC365 requirement for employees to reach silver status by April 1, so that the fire district can receive the optimum premium discount. Some of our employees with adult dependents are having difficulty reaching the goal. Contact will be made with our insurance broker, to see if it is possible to remove dependents from the point process without losing the discount.

EMS Update - Assistant Chief Mike Riordan reported on the EMS response statistics provided with the board package. Forty-six percent of wait times for patient transfer at University of Louisville Hospital average between twenty minutes to one hour. Our concerns regarding the delays have been shared with them. We are still tracking responses west of I-265 to support future recommendations from the suburban fire service with Louisvilla Metro.

Legislative - Assistant Chief David Howser shared that the last few weeks have been very busy with legislative issues involving proposed changes that would affect fire based EMS. The bill that was mentioned last month to eliminate the CON process was withdrawn, but rewritten. House Bill 777 passed the House and is now with the Senate. Another bill, sponsored by Senator Mike Nemes of the Mount Washington area, would have allowed tax payers to opt out of a fire district tax to support EMS operations if services are provided by a county or municipality. That bill is no longer viable but will be discussed during the interim. Special thanks to Asst. Chief Mike Riordan for his assistance in meeting with the legislators.

State Incentive Pay will be increased from \$4,000 to \$4,300 annually, for at least the next two fiscal years in the Governor's budget.

Nothing new to report on the distribution of federal AARPA / Hero Pay to suburban fire. Meetings are scheduled to take place between Mayor Rick Tonini, Chief Kevin Groody, Assistant Chief David Howser, and Louisville Metro Council members, President David James, Councilman Bill Hollander, as well as Councilman Kevin Kramer.

Building & Grounds - Assistant Chief Monohan reported that all apparatus are currently online and in good working order.

#### Expenditure Authorizations

- Bob's Furniture Company # 3 TV Chairs (ST 3) \$8,000
- Utility Associates AVI. GPS Renewal \$7,960
- 3. Various Vendors Equipment for New Ambulance \$56,000
- Vogelpohl Fire Equipment Rescue Jacks \$7,000

The following approvals were recorded:

Items # 1 = Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried, Items # 2 & 3 = Motion of approval by Trustee Marshall Bradley, Second by Secretary Abell. Motion Carried. Item # 4 = Motion of approval by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

#### **Executive Session**

Chief Seng requested that the board go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. The board entered executive session at 4:52 PM. The board resumed their regular meeting at 5:51 PM with no actions or decisions having been made during the executive portion.

#### Adjournment

The next Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on July 13, 2022 at Fern Creek FPD # 5 (which will be the former Buechel FD at that point).

The next St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees meeting is regularly scheduled for April 14, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM by Motion of Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

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Secretary

# Child taken to hospital after fire breaks out at St. Matthews apartment



SAINT MATTHEWS, Ky. - St. Matthews paramedics transported a girl to a hospital

after a fire broke out at an apartment complex Friday.

The fire was reported around 7 p.m. on Markham Lane.

According to officials with the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, firefighters were called out after reports of smoke began coming from the apartments.

When fire crews arrived, they learned that four people in the apartment where the fire originated had escaped. The four people were two adults and two children.

Officials said one of the children — a young girl — was taken to a hospital. Her condition is unknown, but investigators said she suffered some burns.

The fire department believes the blaze originated in the kitchen, but an investigation will determine what happened.

No other apartments or structures were damaged.

# Jewish synagogue, worship center destroyed in fire near St. Matthews



By Julia Huffman

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - An organization known for their outreach needs help of their own after a fire severely damaged the building early Saturday.

Around 4 a.m., firefighters were called to respond to the headquarters for Chabad of Kentucky in Almara Circle after a grease fire broke out, spokesperson for the Saint Matthews Fire Department Rick Tonini said.

The fire ignited inside a building adjoining the Chabad House, Tonini said.

St. Matthews firefighters among others districts extinguished the fire around 7 a.m. and cleared the building by 9 a.m.

Later that day around 12 p.m., the Chabad House caught fire, Tonini said. By the time firefighters arrived, the fire had quickly burned through the building, causing the roof to collapse.

Artifacts like Torah scrolls were rescued from the building after the initial fire and are still in tact.

"We saved the [Torah] scrolls," Regional director of Chabad of Kentucky Rabbi Avrohom Litvin said. "Which is God's word, the Old Testament in its original, in the Hebrew. No kids were here. No families were here so there was no loss of life. We thank God for all of those things and we say, 'we're here to do God's will in whatever way that he shows us and we're here to help the community."

Litvin said several people have reached out to help, including Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer.

# St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Special Meeting May 6, 2022

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on May 6, 2022 for the discussion of personnel matters. The meeting was conducted via video teleconference. Special meeting announcement posted in accordance with KRS 61.823 (4)(a)-(c).

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Don Ryan, Captain Lee Look, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Attorney Mark Leach, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 09:05 AM and thanked everyone for their work in preparing an official job description for the position of Fire Chief.

Chief William Seng requested that the board go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. Those remaining on the video teleconference were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, Trustee Kathy Wrigley, Chief William Seng, Asst. Chief Mike Riordan, and Attorney Mark Leach.

Motion of approval by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley for the executive session that began at 09:07 AM.

The special meeting resumed at 09:57 AM by Motion of Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried with above mentioned members present.

Motion by Secretary Mike Abell to accept the retirement resignation of Chief William Seng. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Motion by Secretary Mike Abell to approve the job description as prepared for posting of the position of Fire Chief. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Chris Mooser for expenditure approval of \$2,000 retainer to Attorney Mark Leach for negotiation of pre-litigation settlement on behalf of two employees. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Kathy Wrigley for expenditure approval of funds to advertise for the position of Fire Chief for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District, at the local, state, and international level. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

# St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Special Meeting June 5, 2022



A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on June 5, 2022, for the discussion of personnel matters. The meeting was held at the district's headquarters: 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville KY 40207. Special meeting announcement posted in accordance with KRS 61.823 (4)(a)-(c).

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present was Chief William Seng.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

#### Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler to enter into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried with the board entering into executive session at 4:31 PM. Chief Seng was excused from the meeting.

The executive session ended at 6:14 PM with no votes being taken.

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

Chairman

Secretary



# St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees June 9, 2022

A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on June 9, 2022. The meeting was held at the district's headquarters: 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville KY 40207.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigiey. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Rick Baker, Major Frank Flynn, Sergeant Matt Board, Sergeant Tommy Hedden, Firefighter Cameron Marshall, Firefighter Jared Schlosnagle, Accountant Robin Roberts, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 3:59 PM.

The minutes for the May 19, 2022 special meeting, were approved by motion of Trustee Marshal Bradley. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried. Minutes for the special meeting that took place on June 3, 2022 will be presented for approval at the July meeting.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts went over the month end financials, referring to the comments provided in the board package. Authorization of the May expenditures were approved by motion of Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Secretary Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### **Old Business**

Fire Trustee Appointment and Property Owner Trustee Election — The reappointment of Trustee Kathy Wrigley was approved on the consent calendar for the Louisville Metro Council meeting that took place this evening, June 9. Formal letter of reappointment will be forthcoming for her July 1, 2022 — June 30, 2025 term. The election committee will be prepared for the property owner trustee election that will take place on Saturday, June 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at station one.

Fire Chief Search Committee - Trustee Kathy Wrigley reported that all of the applications received for the fire chief position were reviewed by the board and seven applicants have been selected to be scheduled for in-person interviews (dates to be determined). Letters of acknowledgement will be going out soon, to all that applied.

# New Business & Fire Chiefs Report

Preliminary FY 23 Budget — Accountant Robin Roberts went through the line item proposal, explaining the calculations and answering questions as they were presented. The proposal included a 2.5% COLA increase. When compared to the approximate 8% Midwest CPI, the importance of retaining and attracting quality employees, and overall financial condition of the fire protection district, the board, after some debate, moved in favor of increasing the COLA by 2.5% - for a total of 5%. Motion of approval by Trustee Marshal Bradley. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

Discussion also held with regard to the credit hour cap for education assistance. Degrees through accredited colleges such as Eastern Kentucky and the University of Louisville, are substantially higher than the current policy of \$210,00 per hour undergrad or \$275.00 post grad. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell for the district's educational assistance policy to match the current credit hour rate for Eastern Kentucky University. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried. With that in mind, the board agreed to increase the proposed budget line item for education assistance from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Motion of approval by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Trustee Marshal Bradley. Motion Carried. Attorney Mark Leach will be working with HR to revise the educational assistance SOP.

There being no further revisions, the FY 23 budget proposal was approved. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Marshal Bradley. Motion Carried. Accountant Robin Roberts will update the document for distribution to the board and filling with the Kentucky Department for Local Government before the July 15 due date.

#### Expenditure Authorizations -

- ESO: Annual Fire Incident Reporting = \$7,370 (FY 22/23 Budget)
- First Due: Annual Records Management System = \$22,100 (FY 22/23 Budget)

The above expenses are software only; no hardware costs. Discussion held regarding the importance of cyber security and the need to contract for IT services (included in FY 23 budget). Motion of approval by Trustee Marshall Bradley for the EAs as presented. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

Chief Seng reported briefly on recent fire responses, including one fatality. The new ambulance is expected to be delivered in August or September. The new apparatus, which has been paid for, is not expected to be delivered until next April – due to ongoing supply chain issues.

#### Personnel - HR Manager, Michael Frantz

- Respectful Workplace Training conducted this week, in conjunction with the Anchorage Middletown Fire Protection District.
- Updates to the Education Assistance policy were drafted for approval, but will need to be revised to reflect the increase related to the credit hour cost.

Two firefighters have recently resigned their positions; one due to injury, the
other due to accepting a position with the Louisville Division of Fire. One
position has been filled with a firefighter that will be coming to us from the
Georgetown Fire Department. Hiring notices have been posted to fill current
and pending vacancies due to upcoming retirements.

The assistance provided by Attorney Karen Paulin with our HR policies has been invaluable – and under budget! Her continued assistance is included in our consulting fees for FY 23.

Equipment & Facilities - No Report

EMS - Response statistics for May were shared with the board package.

#### **Executive Session**

Motion by Secretary Mike Abell to enter into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried with the board entering into executive session at 5:41 PM. The executive session ended at 6:15 PM with no votes being taken.

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM. Motion by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Thursday, July 14, 2022.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service is scheduled for July 13, 2022 at what will be the former Buechel Fire Department (merging with Fern Creek FPD July 1.)

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Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.



# St. Matthews Fire Department Alumni Association Inc.

8125 W. Highway 42 Goshen KY 40026 501-C3 # 201373508

The honorable board of directors and President XXXXXXXX

Letter of recommendation.

I am the president of the St. Matthews Fire District Alumni Committee and president of the St. Matthews Fire District Alumni Association Benevolence Fund (a 501(c) 3 corporation).

I have been asked to write this letter representing all the members of the above two entities with our strong recommendation for Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan to be considered for the Chief's position of the Saint Matthews Fire and Rescue.

I was a firefighter on the department for many years, then became an Engineer, Sergeant, Captain, and training officer. I knew and worked with Stuart Monohan on multiple occasions and his work ethic and attitude were exemplary. I think he is well suited to carry on the high standards that have been achieved by the St. Matthews Fire and Rescue.

I worked under Stuart's grandfather, Chief John Monohan who, in my opinion, made that department what it is today. He was assertive and fair; he had an intrinsic ability to motivate people to do their absolute best. He kept our department on the cutting edge of technology and training. Because of his management style, we earned the reputation of being the best trained and most respected fire department in Jefferson County.

I also worked under Stuart's father John (Jack) Monohan III who was Asst. Chief. for several years. Jack was and still is highly respected for carrying on the Monohan tradition of excellence in training and securing the finest firefighting and rescue equipment. Firefighters look up to Jack for guidance and advice as a highly respected mentor with a vast knowledge of, and experience in the fire service. It is these qualities that the lives and properties in the St. Matthews area are so fortunate to have the highest degree of fire protection available anywhere.

The firefighters named below and I would be extremely honored if you would allow Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan to advance to Chief on August 1st 2022. Stuart has experience, integrity, intelligence, training, respect from the firefighters and the EMT's as well as all the reasons mentioned above from his lifelong association with the St. Matthews Fire and Rescue. It is in his DNA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 502 553-4444.

Respectfully,

E Gar Davis

Alumni members at large;

Captain Rick Albers
Captain Bill Andriot
Captain Gar Davis
Engineer Clarke Fenimore
Captain, & board Chairman Jim Graven
Asst. Chief Jack Monohan
Firefighter 3, Mike Noon
Major & Board Chairman Al Ring

#### 2022

#### June 30, 2022, Special Trustees Meeting Captain George Wiggins to retire

#### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Special Meeting June 30, 2022



A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on June 30, 2022, for the discussion of personnel matters. The meeting was conducted in person at St. Matthews City Hall, 3940 Grandview Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, 40207. Special meeting announcement posted in accordance with KRS 61.823 (4)(a)-(c).

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present was Assistant Chief Mike Riordan.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and thanked everyone for their work in preparing for our first day of interviews for the position of Fire Chief.

Prior to this meeting, Chairman Tonini received an email from Chief Seng waiving his right to attend today's meeting. Additionally, he is waiving the right for any of the assistant fire chiefs to attend today's meeting.

Chairman Tonini requested that the board go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. Those remaining in the room were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, Trustee Kathy Wrigley and Assistant Chief Mike Riordan.

Motion of approval by Secretary Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser for the executive session that began at 3:01 PM.

The special meeting resumed at 3:03 PM by Motion of Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Treasurer Nick, Heilmann. Motion Carried with above mentioned members present.

Motion by Trustee Marshall Bradley to accept the retirement resignation of Captain George Wiggins. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

Chairman Tonini requested that the board, again, go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. Those remaining on the room were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser and Trustee Kathy Wrigley.

The special meeting resumed at 7:16 PM by Motion of Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Trustee Marshalt Bradiey. Motion Carried with above mentioned members present. Board reported that no decisions were made while in executive session.

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM by unanimous decision.

Chairman

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# St. Matthews Fire Protection District **Board of Trustees** Special Meeting July 1, 2022

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on July 1, 2022, for the discussion of personnel matters. The meeting was conducted in person at St. Matthews City Hall, 3940 Grandview Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, 40207. Special meeting announcement posted in accordance with KRS 61.823 (4)(a)-(c).

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present was Assistant Chief Mike Riordan.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

Prior to this meeting, Chairman Tonini received an email from Chief Seng waiving his right to attend today's meeting. Additionally, he is waiving the right for any of the assistant fire chiefs to attend today's meeting.

Chairman Tonini requested that the board go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. Those remaining in the room were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser and Trustee Kathy Wrigley.

Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley for the executive session that began at 12:01 PM.

The special meeting resumed at 2:33 PM by Motion of Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried with above mentioned members present. Board reported that no decisions were made while in executive session.

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM by unanimous decision.

Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.



## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Special Meeting July 8, 2022

A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on July 8, 2022, for the discussion of personnel matters. The meeting was conducted virtually at 10:00 AM. Special meeting announcement posted in accordance with KRS 61.823 (4)(a)-(c).

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Chris Mooser and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present was Assistant Chief Mike Riordan and Mike Frantz.

Chalrman Tonini called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Prior to this meeting, Chairman Tonini received an email from Chief Seng waiving his right to attend today's meeting. Additionally, he is waiving the right for any of the assistant fire chiefs to attend today's meeting.

Chairman Tonini requested that the Board go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. Those remaining in the room were Chairman Rick Tonini, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Chris Mooser and Trustee Kathy Wrigley.

Motion of approval by Treasurer Nick Hellmann. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser for the executive session that began at 10:01 AM.

The special meeting resumed at 11:09 AM by Motion of Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion carried with above mentioned members present. Board reported that no decisions were made white in executive session.

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM by unanimous decision.

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Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

# St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees July 14, 2022



A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on July 14, 2022. The meeting was held at the district's headquarters: 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville KY 40207.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Socretary Mike Abell, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Trustee Chris Mooser, and Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Also present were Chief William Seng, Assistant Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Rick Baker, Major Frank Flynn, Major Tony Cipolla, Major Jeremy Leffler, Captain Conan Stamenkovic, Sergeant Brendan Montgomery, Sergeant Rickie Tapp, Firefighter Derrick Clarkson, Firefighter/Paramedic Dale Carrico, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, Greg Crabb, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

The minutes for the June 9, 2022 regular, and following special meeting minutes: June 5, 2022; June 30, 2022, July 1, 2022 and July 8, 2022, were approved by motion of Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts went over the month end financials, referring to the comments provided in the board package. Work will begin soon on the year end accruals in preparation for the FY 21/22 audit. The auditors have requested that the September meeting be moved to the third Thursday, September 15 - rather than the second, to allow adequate time for audit completion and presentation.

Authorization of the June expenditures were approved by motion of Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

#### Old Business

Fire Trustee Appointment and Property Owner Trustee Election -

- Trustee Kathy Wrigley was reappointed by Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and the Louisville Metro Council. (Term: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025)
- Treasurer Nick Heilmann provided a report on behalf of the election committee, regarding the property owner trustee election that took place on Saturday, June 25. Ballots were cast and counted. Property Owner Rick Tonini won the election. His term will run July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026). Treasurer Nick Heilmann made a Motion to certify the election. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

Secretary Mike Abell administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Kathy Wrigley and Chairman Rick Tonini.

Fire Chief Search Committee - Trustee Kathy Wrigley reported that all of the selected candidates for the fire chief positon were interviewed. Notices will be going to out before 0800 on July 15 to notify those that have been selected for a second interview.

#### New Business & Fire Chlefs Report

Annual Election of Officers - The following nominations were recorded:

Chairman – Nomination of Trustee Rick Tonini, by Trustee Christine Kessler. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser.

Secretary - Nomination of Trustee Kathy Wrigley, by Trustee Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley.

Treasurer - Nomination of Trustee Nick Heilmann, by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser.

Motion by Trustee Mike Abell to accept the nominations as presented. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

Chief Seng reported the new fire apparatus is not expected be delivered until April of 2023. The new ambulance should arrive on September 8, 2022.

Assistant Chief Monohan reported that the seven sets of fire gear ordered last year, were just delivered. We will be working with another vendor for the remaining seven sets, since they are not expected to be delivered until May of 2023. A different vendor with similar pricing can deliver in 30 – 60 days.

Personnel - HR Manager, Michael Frantz

Our retiring fire marshal and a retired battalion chief vacancy will not be filled until
a new fire chief is chosen. Three new captains and three new sergeants will be
promoted August 1 to fill vacancies due to retirements. We are having difficulty
finding suitable firefighter candidates to fill four firefighter vacancies. A
recommendation was made to participate in a local recruit school, through
Anchorage/Middletown, Jeffersontown, or the Louisville Division of Fire.
Preliminary discussions are currently taking place.

#### Executive Session

Chief Seng requested that the board enter into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters.

Before the executive session was opened, Chairman Tonini presented Chief William J. Seng with a bronzed helmet award in appreciation for his 30 years of service as the Fire Chief for the St. Matthews Fire Protection District. Chief Seng received a standing ovation, and expressed his thankfulness to the board, his staff, our accountant, and all of the hard-working members of the department.

The executive session began at 4:33 PM and ended at 5:36 PM with no votes being taken. Secretary Kathy Wrigley reported that the board would be meeting with final four fire chief candidates by July 27, and will work to complete their choice for the position by August 1.

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM. Motion by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 11, 2022.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service is tentatively scheduled in January of 2023. Location to be determined.

Chairman

Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

#### **July 15, 2022, WDRB TV**

# St. Matthews fire chief to retire after over 40 years

Jul 14, 2022 Updated 19 hrs ago. 🗬



LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WDRB) -- A St. Matthews fire chief is calling it a career after 44 years of service.

William Seng began as a volunteer back in 1978 before making it his full-time career in 1986.

After becoming chief in 1993, Seng helped grow the department from a staff of 17 to over 90 full-time firefighters.

St. Matthews Mayor Richard Tonini spoke about the chief on Thursday.

"Most of the people who live in this community know him because he made himself very available and he has got a great personality for meeting people," Tonini said. "But his main task is doing his job and doing what is necessary to protect the people of the fire districts around us."

Seng is scheduled to officially retire on Aug, 1 and according to Mayor Tonini, he's looking forward to spending more time with his grandchildren.

### July 16, 2022, Facebook



### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees Special Meeting July 26, 2022



A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on July 26, 2022, for the discussion of personnel matters. The meeting was conducted in person at St. Matthews City Hall, 3940 Grandview Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, 40207. Special meeting announcement posted in accordance with KRS 61.823 (4)(a)-(c).

Prosent were Chairman Rick Tonini, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Secretary Kathy Wrigley, Trustee Mike Abell, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler and Trustee Chris Mooser. Also present was Chief Bill Seng, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Mike Frantz and Greg Crabb.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Chairman Tonini requested that the Board go into executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. Those remaining in the room were Chairman Rick Tonini, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Secretary Kathy Wrigley, Trustee Mike Abell, Trustee Marshall Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, Chris Mooser, Chief Bill Seng and Mike Frantz.

Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Marshal Bradley for the executive session that began at 10:01 AM.

At 10:25 AM, Chief Seng and Mike Frantz left the executive session of the Special Meeting and the Board of Trustees continued their discussion of additional personnel matters.

The special meeting resumed at 5:21PM by Motion of Trustee Marshall Bradley. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion carried with above mentioned members present. Once returning to open meeting, the Board made a verbal offer and was accepted by Nicholas J. Clark for the Chief's position for the Fire Chief of St. Matthews Fire Protection District. The Board then made a unanimous decision to appoint Nicholas J. Clark as Fire Chief of St. Matthews Fire Protection District. The Board will work with Attorney Karen Paulin to finalize all documents and have them signed as soon as possible. Decision was also made that Secretary Kathy Wrigley would draft an official announcement that will be sent tomorrow from Chairman Rick Tonini.

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM by unanimous decision.

Chairman

Secretary

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# St. Matthews Living

August 2022

# Fire Chief William Seng to Retire in August



Chief William Seng

After serving in the St. Matthews Fire Department for 44 years, beginning in 1978 as a volunteer firefighter at age 18, and thirty years as Chief, William Seng will be retiring this August. Chief Seng, a lifelong resident of St. Matthews, who holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Eastern Kentucky University as well as a bachelor's degree in fire science, has been instrumental in bringing about many improvements in services to the community.

Prior to being appointed as Fire Chief, Seng served in a variety of Fire Department positions, including Captain and Fire Marshal responsible for all fire prevention activities. Chief Seng is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the South East Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Jefferson County Fire Chiefs Association. Chief Seng is also an active member in the community including the Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, and Knights of Columbus.

Chief Serg recalls making medical runs in 1989 on fire engines in St. Matthews, the first fire department in the area to do so. As time went on, the demand for these kind of services increased, and residents of St. Matthews had to rely on Louisville Metro for ambulance services. The wart time in the suburbs such as St. Matthews could be lengthy, and the need exceeded Louisville Metro's capacity to provide efficient service.

In 2016, Chief Seng obtained a Certificate of Need and an Ambulance license from the Kentucky Board of EMS to provide emergency ambulance service to the district. On December 2017, two ambulances rolled out of the St. Matthews stations, one borrowed from Louisville Metro and one from Lexington's fire department. Today there are four ambulances serving the community.

Another significant change under Chief Seng's tenure was the merger of the fire district of Lyndon with St. Matthews in 2018. There are now a total of four stations. Lyndon did not operate EMS services, and it made sense to merge with St. Matthews to gain access to those services, Chief Seng stated. Every station now has full EMT and fire services. Chief Seng says that he views the merger as one of his bigger accomplishments, and that "he's going out with a bang!"



St. Matthews Fire Station 2, one of four fire stations in St. Matthews since the 2018 merger with Lyndon Fire District, under Chief William Seng's leadership.

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# Fire Chief William Seng Continued from page 1

## Seng reaches top of ladder as St. Matthews fire chief





The Couner-Journal, January 27, 1993

Thanks in part to a tax rate increase of \$.05 in 2017, Chief Seng says the department has been able to remain highly responsive to residents' calls and emergencies, and keep up with maintenance, increased fuel costs and other expenses. There are now over 100 employees, which include 50 firefighters and 50 EMTs. They provide fire, EMS, hazardous materials, and rescue response to a community of approximately 125,000 residents in an area of close to 19 square miles.

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Between EMS and fire, they average 50 calls a day for services, ranging from calls about an odor in the house, to a medical call, or a run to the hospital. They average 7,000 transports a year to the hospital. They make even more medical runs than that, Chief Seng said, but many do not result in transports to the hospital.

Some of his most gratifying moments are the times when they have made an ambulance run when someone's heart has been in full cardiac arrest, and by doing CPR, they brought that person back to life. Chief Seng says that doesn't happen often, but when it does, he is very thankful for that.

Chief Seng is also very proud that he has never had any serious injuries to his firefighters, which he credits to extensive training. He says, "We hire the best of the best to be on staff."

When asked what his plans are for retirement, Chief Seng says that he plans to travel to Florida quite frequently to see his son and grandchildren, Bodie, who is 8, and granddaughter Briar, 4 months. He laughs and says that he wanted Bodie to call him "Chief," but it has turned into "Boof!"

Chief Seng says, "We pride ourselves on being helpful to the community. They call us at the worse times of their lives, and we want to be there to help them." St. Matthews has been very fortunate to have such a caring leader in Fire Chief William Seng.



# Retirement Party!

With over 380 years combined service in fire suppression for both Lyndon Fire & St. Matthews Fire, please join us as we celebrate the retirement of the following:

Firefighter Moss Clore
Captain Greg Crabb\*
Major Dave Dugan
Sergeant Jeff Landers\*
Captain Larry Heaphy
Firefighter Sam McCune\*
Sergeant Ron Renner

Major Mike Richardson
Major Don Ryan
Captain Andy Sasse
Fire Chief William Seng
Major John Stich\*
Captain Mike Willinger\*
Captain Skip Zink

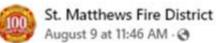
\*denotes retirement was effective during COVID lockdown

ST. MATTHEWS COMMUNITY CENTER 310 TEN PIN LANE LOUISVILLE, KY 40207

> SATURDAY 08. 13. 22 5PM - 8PM

# CHIEF NICK CLARK





After much preparation, time and discussion, The St. Matthews Fire District Board of Trustees are proud to announce that Nick Clark was appointed the position of Fire Chief for St. Matthews Fire Protection District. We are confident that he will serve the community and the organization of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District and its employees well.

Nick has been a dedicated employee of the District since January 1999 and we look forward to his leadership as he continues to reinforce the long-time traditions of St. Matthews Fire, one of the preeminent districts in the Commonwealth. Nick assumed the role of Chief on Monday, August 1, 2022.

Please join us in congratulating Nick in his new role! See less





**Nick Clark** 

The City of St. Matthews is proud to honor Nick Clark.

Nick was born in Louisville and raised in Hikes Point. He graduated from St. Xavier High School in 1991. He received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1996.

Nick started with the St. Matthews Fire Protection District in 1999. He currently holds the rank of sergeant and has held that rank since August 2005.

He is a member of Holy Trinity. Nick currently lives in St. Matthews with his wife Gina and 3-year-old son Jackson.



Sergeant Nick Clark began his service career with the Buechel Fire District in 1988. He came to St. Matthews in 1999 and was hired as a full-time employee in 2002. He was promoted to Sergeant in 2005. He is a graduate of St. X (class of '91) and has a B.S. in Fire Science from EKU (class of 1996). He and his wife Gina have two children Jackson 6 and Charlie 2. When asked why he enjoys serving the STMFPD he says, "St. Matthews is very much like a second family for me. You can depend on people here when you're in need, no matter what the situation. I feel very fortunate to work for an organization that offers the best in resources and equipment along with some of the most diverse and qualified people in the fire service."

# St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees August 11, 2022

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A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on August 11, 2022. The meeting was held at the district's headquarters: 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville KY 40207.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Kathy Wrigley, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Mike Abell, Trustee Marshall Bradley, and Trustee Chris Mooser. Also present were Chief Nicholas Clark, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Rick Baker, Major Frank Flynn, Major Tony Cipolla, Captain Joe Bewley, Captain Brendan Montgomery, Sergeant Derek Andriakos, Sergeant Chris Becker, Sergeant Matthew Peterman, Firefighter Jared Schlosnagle, Firefighter Cameron Marshall, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

The minutes for the July 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes were approved by motion of Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Second by Trustee Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

The minutes for the July 26, 2022 special meeting minutes were approved by motion of Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Trustee Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

# Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Heilmann and Accountant Robin Roberts went over the month end financials, referring to the comments provided in the board package. Accountant Robin Roberts explained the fiscal year-end accruals. The auditors have begun working on the FYE 22 audit and should have their draft report ready for the board at the September 15 meeting.

Approval of the July expenditures were motioned by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Trustee Chris Mooser. Motion Carried.

Approval of the financials as presented were motioned by Trustee Nick Heilmann. Second by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

### Old Business - None

#### New Business

Corporate Resolution to Update Authorized Bank Signatures -- Motion by Treasurer Nick Heilmann to approve the following authorized signatures with Stock Yards Bank: Chairman Richard Tonini, Treasurer Nicholas Heilmann, and Fire Chief Nicholas Clark. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried.

FY 22/23 Tax Rate Resolutions for Real and Personal Property – Motion by Trustee Marshall Bradley to retain the current tax rate of .0015 per hundred dollars for real and personal property valuation. Second by Trustee Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

Asst. Chief Howser noted that the St. Matthews Fire Protection has the lowest tax rate of all the suburban fire protection districts that are operating an ambulance service.

### Fire Chiefs Report

Chief Nicholas Clark offered the following report:

- Fire Marshal Position Firefighter Stephen Dunlarry was offered and has accepted the position of fire marshal. Stephen is exceptionally qualified to serve as the district's fire marshal and agreed to continue on shift work until a replacement can be hired to fill his position in suppression. He will be moved to station 3 where the fire marshal's office is located.
- Firefighter Vacancy Hiring Pfan A proposal to participate in an upcoming recruit class with Anchorage Middletown Fire and EMS (AMFEMS) was discussed and will be pursued in order to fill current and future vacancies. AMFEMS has opened their class to STMFPD free of charge, with training support to be provided by Major Cipolla. A civil service type exam and physical agility test will be implemented with the purpose of identifying at least eight (8) people to go through the class that will begin in October: They will be probationary, paid positions with insurance benefits. Recruitment flyers are ready for distribution.

Trustee Mike Abell suggested that the monthly cost sharing arrangement between AMFEMS for STMFPD Station 2 be reduced to a minimal annual amount (\$1.00 year) or eliminated all-together, in appreciation of their willingness to open their recruit class, free of charge. Motion of approval by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Trustee Marshall Bradley. Motion Carried. Attorney Mark Leach will draft the amendment.

- Removal of Length of Service Pay Increases for Administrative Employees –
  Chief Nicholas Clark, Fire Marshal Stephen Dunlany, HR Manager Michael
  Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers have all agreed to be removed
  from bi-annual length of service calculation. Motion of approval by Trustee Mike
  Abell. Second by Trustee Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.
- Promotional Ceremony Major Baker is working on a program and scheduling of a promotional ceremony to recognize our many new hires and newly promoted employees. Going forward, these types of recognitions will be conducted at the board meetings.

Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan offered the following report:

- Front Ramp Replacement at Station 3 The cost for this project has more than doubled for the work that is needed. Expense details to be gathered so that the board may decide if it can wait until next year's budget.
- The new ambulance will be picked up in the second week of September.
- Delivery of the new apparatus is still scheduled for next spring.
- Fire gear has been re-ordered from another vendor and is expected to arrive next month. The bi-annual allocation of gear will be prepared soon.
- Station 3 received a new fire gear washer/extractor from the KY Fire Commission.
- The City of Lyndon has donated new treadmills for stations 3 and 4.
- The additional radios that were ordered last winter, are still on back order.

Assistant Chief Mike Riordan referenced the statistical maps that were included in the board package distribution. Louisville Metro has moved their LMEMS headquarters out of the city and into the old Camp Taylor area, which takes more of their units offline at shift change. St. Malthews Fire and Rescue ambulances continue to make 40% - 50% of our responses outside of the district. Chief Riordan will be meeting with Chief Clark to consider possible solutions.

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM. Motion by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Second by Trustee Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Thursday, September 15, 2022. (This is a one-week delay from the regular meeting schedule, at the request of the auditors.)

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service is tentatively scheduled in January of 2023. Location to be determined.

Chairman

Secretary

Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.

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Last evening I had the pleasure of attending the ceremony honoring 11 retiring heroes who served St Matthews and Lyndon Fire with distinction! Among these 11 were a number of long serving firefighters with whom I had the honor of serving, particularly in the early years of their careers.

One of the most rewarding things an old firefighting fossil dick can experience, is watching the once young guys that I helped train and mentor, achieve great things in their careers and earn promotion to high ranks. It's also rewarding to see them survive a dangerous career and reach their hard earned and well deserved retirement. Every damn one of these folks have made me very proud of them!

It was an emotional experience when several of these awesome folks thanked me and the other old farts present last night for helping them succeed and make it to retirement. I can't thank them enough for that.

Chief Bill Seng, I am especially proud of you and the job you have done for the last 45 years including 30 years as St M Fire Chief! As I said last night, you can ask yourself "did I leave the department in better condition than it was when I started?" You can definitely answer "YES!" You have done a damn good job!

To you old newly retired St Matthews guys whom I worked directly with, I am equally proud! Major Dave Dugan, Major Sam McCune (he was a Major before his first retirement and just couldn't stay away), Major Don Ryan (remember what I taught you as a new boy! (a) (a), Captain Larry Heaphy, Captain Mike Willinger and FF Moss Clore, all of you have made a tremendous difference in the community and our profession!!!

Several of the retirees came on STMFD after I left but I was blessed to know them and quickly realize the strengths they brought to my old department. I met Major Mike Richardson while I was still Chief of Florence Fire/EMS. He was hired as the Training Chief of STMFD which was a position I held many years prior. I knew as soon as I met him that he was going to do great things and raise the bar for not only St Matthews but for the whole region. That's precisely what he did! Captain Gregg Crabb and Sgt Ron Renner also came along after I was a St Matthews has-been. Both served with distinction and honor.

#### from Rick Albers Facebook

Next is all the retirees who served the Lyndon Fire District and then St Matthews following the merger. Captain Andy Sasse, Captain Skip Zink & Sergeant Jeff Landers all proved to be excellent leaders and helped make the Lyndon FD and St Matthews, the respected and professional organizations they are.

Saving the best for last, Major Johnny Stich! We both have been in the fire service for roughly 50 years. We've known each other the entire time. We've made fires together, trained together, competed in the old Firefighters Olympics more than once, and always had a great time. He could have a face mask on but you could pick him out instantly because he had the longest handlebar mustache on the planet! 
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There remains a few more old fossil dicks, yet to retire, who were there back in my day. You old work horses (Chiefs Stuart Monohan and David Howser, Major Frank Flynn, Captain Dan Doyle) still make a difference. And let's not forget who's probably the oldest old fart of the whole bunch, who I met as a young man when he was a paramedic for the former Jefferson County EMS and the training officer for Fern Creek Fire. The man, the myth, the ancient legend, Chief Mike Riordan, who is the Asst Chief over EMS for St M. He is older than me!!! He's done a magnificent job helping get EMS started in the StM department. He's also been a defining force and a leader for EMS across the entire Commonwealth!

Congratulations all you retirees!!



There's one thing I failed to mention in my previous lengthy babble! My heartfelt congratulations to the newly appointed St Matthews Fire Chief Nick Clark. It was an honor to watch Chief Clark have his badge and collar brass pinned on him by his wife and his dad. I wish Nick all the best as he takes the helm of one of the greatest departments ever!



Want to be a Firefighter for St. Matthews Fire District but don't have any training? No worries! Already a Firefighter and want to lateral to work with the best?

Testing registration is now open. This process requires no previous training. Registration will be open until August 26, 2022. Use this link to register- https://tinyurl.com/2p9h2nxt



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   SATISFACTORY BACKGROUND CHECK

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#### August 22, 2022, Facebook



#### **August 28, 2022, Wave3tv**

# Fire set in Juvenile Detention Center in Lyndon



A female juvenile set a fire in one of the pods inside the center. (WAVE) By Elisa Schwartzmiller

Published: Aug. 28, 2022 at 5:25 AM MST | Updated: 2 hours ago

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - A fire was set at the Jefferson Regional Juvenile Detention Center on Saturday.

According to the Lyndon Police Chief, a female juvenile set a fire in one of the pods inside the center.

During that time, three other juveniles got out of the area they were supposed to be in. One of those teens, a juvenile male, escaped. He was found a mile away from the detention center and was brought back.

The juvenile female, accused of setting the fire, will be charged with arson.

No one was seriously hurt and the center did not have to be evacuated.

# Apartments damaged, residents displaced in morning fire



Residents of eight units of La Fontenay Apartments on September 2, 2022 after smoke was discovered coming from a second floor unit. No injuries were reported. (Source: Michael Flynn, WAVE News)

#### By Charles Gazaway

Published: Sep. 2, 2022 at 8:06 AM MST | Updated: 3 hours ago

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - A fire at a building of an apartment complex in eastern Louisville Metro has displaced a number of tenants from their units.

Just before 8:30 a.m., firefighters from Anchorage-Middletown and St. Matthews were called to Laurie Vallee Road in La Fontenay Apartments.

Deputy Chief Kent Kruer said the first units to arrive found light smoke coming from an apartment and discovered a fire in the kitchen of that unit which had extended into the attic.

After being alerted to the fire, approximately 10 people in the eight apartments were able to get out safely. Only one apartment sustained significant fire damage. The fire was quickly extinguished and the building checked.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

Property managers are working with the affected residents to arrange for housing.



Great piece of history between two great departments. Thank you Jeffersontown Fire Department History & Jeffersontown Fire Department for sharing this.

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# ST. MATTHEWS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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August 30, 1982

Colonel Robert Gaddie Fire Chief Jeffersontoum Pire Protection District

Dear Hob :

Just a note to say thanks for the nutual-sid during our hazardous material emergency. As of this writing, the situation is still with us. However, we would not have been as effective without your help.

Please call us if we can be of assistance to you.

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Fire Chief

#### September 8, 2022, WHAS11

## First responder expresses concern about trains stopping on railroads, blocking routes

While trying to answer a call to a nursing home, instead of having to normally drive less than a mile, firefighters were forced to drive about five miles.



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LYNDON, Ky. - In times of emergencies, time is always a factor.

The faster first responders can respond to a scene, the better.

However, in the city of Lyndon, there are four railroad crossings – UPS Drive, Whipps Mill Road, Lyndon Lane and Washburn Avenue – which can and have significantly delayed response times. "If it's blocked, then we either have to go around or we can call one of our other stations if they're available," Asst. Chief David Howser of St. Matthews Fire & Rescue said.

The Lyndon Fire Department and St. Matthews Fire & Rescue merged in July 2018.

One particular fire station facing challenges with long freight trains is Station 3.

Even when it's moving, it could take a freight train a few minutes to clear a crossing, but when it's completely stopped, that's so much more than an inconvenience for firefighters and EMS.

"It takes time to turn around and go to a different crossing, come to find out that one's blocked," Howser said.

That's exactly what happened the night of Dec. 27.

The fire truck from Station 3 was dispatched to Lyndon Woods Care and Rehab, a nursing home on Lyndon Lane less than a mile from the fire station.

"Perplexed and baffled by what I'm seeing," Chris Bayer of Lyndon recollected.

So Bayer had pulled out his cell phone and video recorded the fire truck driving all the way up to the tracks and then turning around to head back to New La Grange Road.

The next option for the fire truck was to try to crossover on Washburn Avenue, but that was blocked as well.

Turning around again, firefighters then got onto the Watterson Expressway and got off on Westport Road, to eventually take a right onto Lyndon Lane, and finally arrive at the nursing home.

Instead of having to normally drive less than a mile, the fire truck was forced to drive about five miles.

On a normal day, that response time should have been only two to three minutes.

It was aimost 10 minutes.

"It seems like a logistical fall to me," Bayer said. "If you can't prevent a train from stopping, which is one major question, at least inform who really need to know."

First responders argue they should be first to know, but Howser said the railroads do not communicate with them.

"It's sad that we don't receive notifications that these trains are blocked," he said.



"Interestingly, a minute later, an ambulance followed," Bayer said.



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## St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees September 15, 2022



A special meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on September 15, 2022. The meeting was held at the district's headquarters: 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville KY 40207. This meeting was considered a special meeting due to a one-week delay in the normal meeting schedule, to allow for the auditors to complete their work on the FYE June 30, 2022 audit.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Kathy Wrigley, Trustee Mike Aboll, Trustee Christine Kesler, and Trustee Chris Mooser. Also present were Chief Nicholas Clark, Assistant Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Jeremy Leffler, Auditors Jim Tencza and Nick Reynolds, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:09 PM.

The minutes for the August 11, 2022 meeting minutes were approved by motion of Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Second by Trustee Mike Abell. Motion Carried with abstention noted by Trustee Christine Kesler, since she was unable to attend the August meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

Auditors Jim Tencza and Nick Reynolds of Dean Dorton, presented the DRAFT FYE June 30, 2022 audit documents in detail to the board. The audit was reported to be "clean" and without any material weaknesses. The board accepted the draft audit report under the condition that any questions which may arise within a week's time (before noon on Thursday, September 22) be sent to Robin Roberts, and addressed before the final reports are generated. Motion of approval by Trustee Christine Kesler. Second by Trustee Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

Approval of the August expenditures were motioned by Trustee Mike Abell. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

Old Business -- None

New Business - None

#### Fire Chiefs Report

Chief Nicholas Clark offered the following report:

#### New Logo

- A change in the way that overtime is recorded for fire personnel is needed, so
  that it matches the 15 minute intervals utilized for EMS. Motion of approval by
  Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried
  with abstention noted by Trustee Mike Abell. The employee manual will be
  updated to reflect the change.
- A change in the employee manual was made to implement the establishment of vacation time for new hires, as has been the practice with our recent new hires.
   Motion of approval by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Secretary Kathy Wrigley.

Trustee Mooser again encouraged a full review of the employee manual and requested that any updates be shared with the board members along with references to the changes that have been made.

- Captain Lee Look has secured a grant to replace the aged exhaust systems at all four stations. Our portion of the grant will amount to approximately \$20,000 to be paid when installation is complete in January or February of 2023.
- Credit cards with a \$2,000 limit were ordered for the battalion chiefs. The
  addition of those five cards required a \$5,000 increase in the department's total
  credit card limit to \$45,000. All receipts are reconciled with the monthly credit
  card statement.
- A new logo was presented to the board that more accurately reflects the services provided by our agency. It will be phased in to our uniforms and apparatus as new items and decals are purchased.



We had forty-four people to test for the upcoming recruit class. Thirty-two made
it through to the physical fitness course and panel interview. Eight candidates,
along with two alternates were chosen to continue on with the next steps. A
probationary employment agreement was drafted by Attorney Mark Leach. As of
this meeting, three offers of employment have been accepted. Orientation is
scheduled for September 29. The recruit class with Anchorage Middletown will
begin October 3.

#### Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan offered the following report:

- The new ambulance has arrived and will be ready for state inspection soon. It should be placed into service before the end of September.
- All of the apparatus have either had new AVL/GPS equipment installed or will soon have completed their installation.
- The leased radios that were received are now in service.
- The new treadmills donated by the City of Lyndon were delivered last week.

Assistant Chief Mike Riordan referenced the EMS statistical response data and maps that were included in the board package distribution. Please contact him with any questions.

Chairman Rick Tonini reported that the City of St. Matthews approved the payment of \$240,000 to the St. Matthews Fire Protection District for ARPA premium pay. The money will be held in an account until all of the local small cities have been given the opportunity to contribute and funds from Louisville Metro, set aside for suburban fire, are released in accordance with the ordinance that was passed which mandates the shared contribution for KRS Chapter 75 Fire Protection Districts. Major Flynn and Assistant Chief Howser will be meeting with our local small city officials to request support from the ARPA funds that their municipalities received.

#### Executive Session

Chief Clark requested an executive session at 5:23 PM for the discussion of personnel matters. The session ended at 5:34 PM by Motion of Trustee Mike Abell, with no decisions being made by the board. Second by Chris Mooser. Motion Carried,

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM. Motion by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 13, 2022

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service is tentatively scheduled in January of 2023. Location to be determined.

Chairman

Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.



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### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees October 13, 2022



A regular meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on October 13, 2022 at the district's headquarters: 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville KY 40207.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Kathy Wrigley, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Mike Abeil, Trustee Marshali Bradley, Trustee Christine Kesler, and Trustee Chris Mooser. Also present were Chief Nicholas Clark, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Major Rick Baker, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, Accountant Robin Roberts, Attorney Mark Leach, and Administrative Assistant Terri Livers.

Also present were Captain Mo Tischendorf, Sergeant Paramedic Chris Becker, Firefighter Cameron Marshall, and Fire Marshal Stephen Dunlany.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

The minutes for the September 15, 2022 meeting were approved by motion of Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Second by Trustee Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer's Report

Accountant Robin Roberts referenced the Comments to Financials distributed with the board package. Hard copies of the FYE June 30, 2022 audit were provided as well.

Approval of the September expenditures were motioned by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

#### Fire Chiefs Report

Chief Nicholas Clark offered the following report:

- We have six recruits remaining in the joint recruit class with AMFEMS.
   Department mentors have been assigned to each of the recruits. All reports indicate that they are doing well. The first portion of their training will focus on studies to become and EMT, with EMS ride time to begin in November.
- We currently have five vacancies overall, plus two that are off on long term injury, and our temporary full-time member will be leaving us in January. Length of service for EMS will be offered for lateral hires in hopes of attracting quality EMT or Paramedic candidates, and a survey will soon be generated to get feedback

from our employees regarding possible implementation of additional temporary full-time personnel, as a way to bring some relief to unscheduled overtime (mandatory and otherwise).

 Chief Clark and Assistant Chief Monohan will soon be meeting with an architect to look at changes that are needed to the bunk room at station one, and the general layout of station four.

Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan mentioned the following items:

- Bi-annual service on the apparatus will be performed this month.
- · Work on the exhaust systems (grant) will begin in January.

Assistant Chief Mike Riordan reported that the district is rich in paramedics; more-so than most departments, with two more to be added soon from our rank of current EMTs, and two more that will begin their paramedic ride time in January!

The new ambulance is scheduled for state inspection next week before being placed into service, which will then allow us to have two spare units.

Assistant Chief David Howser - ARPA & Crusade for Children

- Contact has been made with all twenty of the municipalities that received federal ARPA funds and commitments have been gathered for funding to support the ordinance passed by Louisville Metro last year, which included a cost sharing stipulation before the suburban fire service could receive any such funding. It is hoped that by Christmas, there could be a distribution for suburban fire members that worked through COVID and are still employed. The exact amount is unknown at this time.
- The St. Matthews Fire Protection District is one of four departments that will receive the 2022 Walton Award from the WHAS Crusade for Childrent A breakfast and live remote with Great Day Live will be held at station three on October 25.

#### **Executive Session**

Chief Clark requested an executive session at 4:31 PM for the discussion of personnel matters. Motion of approval by Trustee Chris Mooser. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried. The session ended at 4:54 with no decisions being made by the board.

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM. Motion by Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Thursday, November 10, 2022

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service is tentatively scheduled in January of 2023. Location to be determined.

Chairman

Secretary



We would like to thank the WHAS Crusade for Children and Terry Meiners for coming out to our station #3 and broadcasting the 2022 Jim Walton and Phyllis Knight Award presentations on WHAS Great Day Live!

Your St. Matthews Fire Department was honored to be the recipient of the 2022 WHAS Crusade for Children Jim Walton Award for fire departments that bring in more than \$100K. This award is given annually to a fire department in the category who has the largest percentage increase over the previous years collection. We humbly accept this award on behalf of our community who is so generous in their support of the Crusade year in and year out! St. Matthews Fire is merely the conduit for your contributions to the great cause.

Our organization would also like to make a shout out to Shepherd Insurance for their continued support and sponsorship of our mailer campaigns that make up a large portion of our annual contribution totals!

Congratulations residents of the St. Matthews Fire District!



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## Welcome New Fire Chief Nick Clark



Emaf Nick Clark

Chief Nick Clark has been at the helm of the St. Matthews Fire Department. as chief for only a couple of months now, but he has decades of experience, going back to 1988 when he started with the Buechel Fire Department as a volunteer. He made the decision to become a full-time firefighter following 9/11. He said seeing the bravery of the first responders that day and the days that followed had a profound effect on him. Chief Clark says that "I needed a push, and this was it. It was now or never to commit to full-time firefighting." In the spring of 2002, he was accepted into a full-time position.

In 2002, Chief Clark and his wife, Gina, had just had their first child, Jackson when he made that decision. He said it was a big commitment and that Gina, who is a first-grade teacher, made a lot of sacrifices and has supported him so

much with his career Jackson is now 20 and they have another son, Charlie, 16. Chief Clark was promoted to Sergeant in August of 2005 and served in that role until September of 2018. He was then promoted to Captain and served in that position until he was hired as Chief on August 1, 2022.

Chief Clark grew up in the Buechel area, attended St. Xavier High School and has a B.S. in Fire Science from Eastern Kentucky University. He has numerous fire service certifications including Incident Safety Officer, Fire Officer II, State Certified Fire Inspector, etc. Firefighting is in his blood as his father; Jack, was a longtime volunteer with the Buechel Fire Department, and one of his brothers, Dan is a retired firefighter.

Even as a child, Chief Clark had an affinity for hanging around fire stations. When he was five years old, the Crusade for Children was in full swing for the weekend. Nick was at the Buechel station after riding around with the firefighters, collecting money on Sunday morning. Some of his dad's friends invited him to ride with them to the WHASTV station, where the Crusade was airing on TV: The Buechel fire department appeared live on-air with their collection, and little Nick was on the screen. His parents did not know that he went down to the station until they saw him on TV! Needless to say, they were not amused by their son's TV appearance. Things came full

circle for Chief Clark when he had the experience of having his sons ride around with him while they collected donations for the Crusade.

Of his predecessor, Chief Bill Seng, Chief Clark says, "He did such an amazing job leading this organization from mainly a volunteer base and two stations, to where we are today with almost 100 full time employees, four stations, and an EMS service. While it will be difficult to replace a person like this, who has been so important to this organization and the St. Matthews Community, I am fortunate to have an amazing group of co-workers working with me to help."

Some of the changes that have occured include the hiring of the first female firefighter for the department, Cody Burton, Chief Clark says that "Cody has been a valuable asset to the organization," and that he is fortunate to have some of the best individuals working for the department, who are very dedicated to what they do. He also said that, "For the first time in the history of the department, we are hiring individuals without any firefighting experience. It is a completely new process, but what I love about it is that it will allow us to hire a more diverse group of individuals who will come in with fresh perspectives and a wide array of skill sets. I am very excited about this process."

Chief Clark adds, "The fire department's Mission Statement and Continued on page 10

# Fire Chief Nick Clark Continued from page 1

Core Values outline what St. Matthews Fire and EMS is all about. There are many items in our Mission Statement and Core Values that I believe are extremely important but I'll leave you with two that I feel stand out above the rest... 'Provide fast, effective, and compassionate emergency services to the citizens of the St. Matthews Fire District' and 'We shall restore hope when we can and provide comfort when we cannot.' If we accomplish these two goals, I believe wholeheartedly our neighborhoods

will remain as some of the best places to live and St. Matthews Fire & EMS will continue to thrive and serve the residents of this amazing community."

St. Matthews is fortunate to have Chief Clark, in this leadership position.



### St. Matthews Fire District is at Trinity High School.

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Huge thanks to Trinity High School for having us out at their Career and Technical Education Fair tonight. We'll be here until 7:30pm tonight. We're hiring single-role EMT and Paramedics. If you can't make it here before we're gone please come by our Station 1 or visit our website to fill out an application.

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# Police investigating Thanksgiving Day shooting at apartment complex



Police and paramedicx respond to a shooting Thanksgiving Day. (WAVE)

By Mark Stevens

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - Thanksgiving morning LMPD officers were out trying to track down a shooter at the Oxmoor apartments near St. Matthews.

The victim was taken to the hospital with several gunshot wounds.

The calm of a holiday morning was broken around nine Thursday morning outside of the Oxmoor apartment complex on Steeplecrest Circle.

A neighbor told WAVE they were drinking coffee when they heard what sounded like fireworks outside.

Police said they found a woman with several gunshot wounds in the parking lot.

Paramedics took her to the hospital. Police said she was awake and talking on the way to get emergency care.

The neighbor said when they were allowed to leave their apartment they walked by clothes left behind on the sidewalk along with blood.

They're thinking about moving when their lease comes up for renewal.

While detectives investigate the Thanksgiving Day shooting at the apartment complex, they also have another open case from six months ago, a double homicide that occurred at the same apartment complex.

At the end of June two men were found dead in a ground floor apartment

Family members identified the victims as Stephen Lamont Curtis and Gary Allen Brown.

Bullet holes left scars in the wall outside the front door.

Neighbors at the time heard shots and then screams.

"We saw this woman come out of the apartment just screaming, like blood curdling screaming so we watched a little bit and then we took our dog on a walk just to see what was going on," said Rebekah Duvall.

A similar sight occured on Thursday morning. Police cars. Detectives, Forensic units.

Police haven't made any arrests in either case. They said nothing so far links the two shootings together.

### St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees December 8, 2022



A meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees took place on December 8, 2022, at the district's headquarters: 240 Sears Avenue, Louisville KY 40207.

Present were Chairman Rick Tonini, Secretary Kathy Wrigley, Treasurer Nick Heilmann, Trustee Mike Abell and Trustee Christine Kesler. Also present were Chief Nicholas Clark, Assistant Chief David Howser, Assistant Chief Mike Riordan, Human Resource Manager Michael Frantz, Attorney Mark Leach and Accountant Robin Roberts.

Also present were Assistant Chief Stuart Monohan, Captain Brendan Montgomery, Firefighter Tim Brandon, Firefighter Steve Hagan, Firefighter Paramedic Brandon Irvin, Sergeant Aaron Nilsson, Sergeant TJ Southard, Sergeant Charlie Strobel, and Major Jeremy Leffler.

Chairman Tonini called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

The minutes for the November 22, 2022, meeting were approved by motion of Secretary Kathy Wrigley. Second by Trustee Mike Abell. Motion Carried.

#### Treasurer's Report

Accountant Robin Roberts referenced the Comments to Financials distributed with the board package. Approval of the November expenditures were motioned by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Second by Trustee Christine Kesler. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

#### Fire Chiefs Report

- ARPA Fund Update Louisville Metro Council agreed to close the gap for paying the Suburban Fire Districts. It was noted that Jeffersontown City Council modified their commitment. Chief Clark is confident that ARPA funds will be distributed to St Matthews staff will receive their funds before Christmas.
- Recruit Firefighter Update Chief Clark informed the Board that the recruits have EMT testing next week. There has been a flu outbreak that has impacted the students as well as the instructors. They will begin ride time on ambulances. Fire Training begins in January. The Mentor program is going well.

- Mid-Year Budget Review Review of mid-year budget vs. actual expenditures, including forecasting of expected income and expected expenses. There is a request for the board to begin seeing credit card statements. The new Training truck is expected soon. New Quint is expected in about 6 weeks. Exhaust System grant project to begin. Several bay heaters are needing to be repaired/replaced. Chief Clark and Assistant Chief Monohan are working on a replacement plan.
- Updates/Statistics Fire & EMS Assistant Chief Riordan reviewed November 2022 EMS statistics. With the data that has been collected over the past 2 years, discussions about options of how best to keep personnel & equipment in the District as much as possible.

#### Adjournment

There being no further discussion to be brought forth, the meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM. Motion by Trustee Mike Abell. Second by Treasurer Nick Heilmann. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 12, 2023.

The next meeting of the Jefferson County Suburban Fire Service is scheduled for January 19, 2023, at the Regional Training Academy on Fairmont Road in Fern Creek. All Jefferson County Fire Protection District Trustees will be invited to attend.

> Supporting documents as referenced may be obtained by contacting the St. Matthews Fire Protection District.



If interested in coming to work for St. Matthews Fire & EMS check out this linkhttps://tinyurl.com/2p9v4xh9

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December 23, 2022, 6006 Hackney Coach Drive house fire, basement, with rescue. This is our old neighborhood.



#### 12/23/2022, WLKYTV

# Sub-zero temperatures impact St. Matthews firefighters getting blaze inside home under control



**SAINT MATTHEWS, Ky.** — Firefighters battled a blaze inside a home for hours on Friday after the extreme weather conditions made it hard to get under control.

St. Matthews firefighters got a call for a residential fire on Hackney Court Drive in the Indian Hills neighborhood around 10 a.m. on Friday.

Rick Tonini, a spokesperson for the St. Matthews Fire

Protection District, said crews believe the fire started from a
space heater, then went up the walls into the attic, where it
eventually caused the roof to collapse.

Fire crews spent over six hours fighting the blaze, and Tonini said that wouldn't have been the case if the weather had been different.

"The biggest challenge is the wind," Tonini said. "The wind is blowing 40-50 miles per hour, and that helps fan the fire and helps the fire from being defeated. So these guys have been out here for the better part of the evening and the afternoon trying to get it under control, and it's just one of those tough fires the conditions don't help either. The cold, snow — all of those things contribute to making it very hard to fight this fire."

With temperatures sub-zero and in the single digits all day, battling the fire for so long proved difficult.

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"When you have a fire like this, overhaul takes a very long time, and I have no idea how long they'll be out here," Tonini said.

"We've actually called in off-duty firefighters to come in and

take the place of some of the people who we've been out here all day."

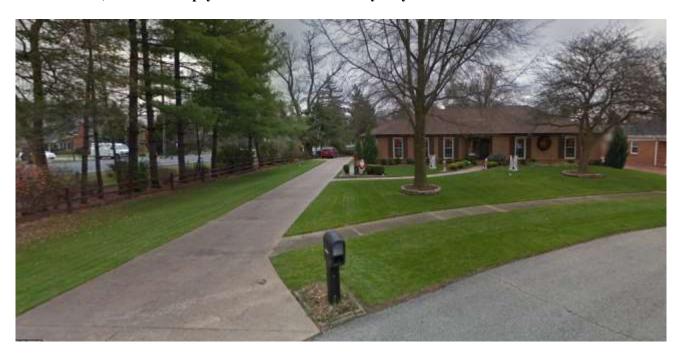
No injuries were reported.

Tonini said the homeowners are an older couple who are now staying with a neighbor.

### 12/23/2022, WLKYTV



12/23/2022, Google 2015 and Al Ring I visited the site in June 2023, to see if they had replaced the house. The lot is completely filled in, no foundation, etc. It is empty. It backs of to Zakary Taylor.





# Christmas recap.

AMFEMS responded to a record number of calls for service yesterday on Christmas Day. Thank you, St. Matthews Fire District, for your assistance yesterday!

Thank you to each of our members who worked tirelessly to serve the citizens of our district.



# Cat rescued in early morning St. Matthews house fire



Fire crews sarily Friday morning worked to extinguish a house fire and save a furry friend who was trapped inside. (WAVE News)

By Dustin Vogt

Published: Dec. 30, 2022 at 11:26 AM MST

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (WAVE) - Fire crews early Friday morning worked to extinguish a house fire and save a furry friend who was trapped inside.

The St. Matthews Fire Protection District was called to a fire in the 600 block of Breckinridge Lane around 8:15 a.m., according to officials.

Rick Tonini, St. Matthews Fire spokesman, said the woman who owned the home was asleep on the second floor when she heard her smoke detector go off.

The woman had left her bedroom through the window and got onto the roof, where firefighters were able to help her off.



The St. Matthews Fire Protection District was called to a fire in the 600 block of Breckmridge Lane around 8:15 a.m. on Friday. (WAVE News)

Crews said a cat was found within the home and was rescued. Tonini confirmed the cat and the woman are in good condition.

The fire was located within the kitchen of the home and was extinguished in around 25 minutes.