

# St. Tammany Fire Protection District No. 1

## Board of Commissioners

### Regular Meeting Minutes November 15, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance and prayer were given.

Roll Call: Chairman Kline and Commissioners Rich, Davis, and Risley were present.  
Commissioner Kingston was absent.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

*Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Risley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### OLD BUSINESS-

- A) **2012 Proposed Budget-** Chief Hess stated that there was no public comment by the public, which was held at the Training Academy.

Mr. Fred McDonald stated that the advertised budget stated that the hearing was to be held on December 20, and no vote should be done without the public comment being held.

*Commissioner Risley made a motion to table the 2012 proposed budget until the December meeting, and to schedule the public hearing for December 20, at 4:00, at the Training Academy. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### NEW BUSINESS -

##### A) Chief's Report-

- a.) **Taffy Morrison (Slidell Memorial Hospital)- Fit As A Firefighter-** Ms. Morrison gave a Power Point presentation on the Southern Obesity Summit as well as an overview of Fit As A Firefighter, stating that at the 5th Annual Southern Obesity Summit, Slidell Memorial Hospital and St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 were given a distinguished honor for addressing the public health problem of childhood obesity in our community. The Fit as a Firefighter Program was chosen to represent the Summit's idea of a community collaborative leading to future policy and cultural changes in addressing childhood obesity. The Fit as a Firefighter program was initially chosen to only be presented as a break-out session for participants to gain knowledge on how to collaborate with their community to fight childhood obesity.

Upon arrival at the Summit, Taffy Morrison, SMH/ Fit as a Firefighter Program Director, was approached by the Summit Director to inform her that the program had been chosen to be recognized as one of the "*Summit's Most Innovative and Successful Community Initiative*". The honor included Taffy presenting a program synopsis to the Summit's audience of nearly 500 participants from the 16 regional southern states (Missouri to Texas to Florida to West Virginia along with all states in between) on how, through a partnership with our local firefighters, our community is addressing this public health issue of childhood obesity. Through utilizing community partners, we are impacting our community's children and their families' health and future as well as providing a resource for local physicians empowering patients to improve their health and quality of life.

Fit as a Firefighter was chosen from 31 successful, innovative programs submitted by all the 16 regional states to be featured and highlighted as a successful initiative which unites a community healthcare provider with community partners such as the fire dept., National Guard, state troopers, etc. to help combat the childhood obesity epidemic.

The Summit congregate included: City Mayors; State Representatives; City Health Commissioners; University Representatives; Epidemiologists; State Health Officers; National Association of County and City Health Officials; Prestigious Funding Organization's representatives such as: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, United Healthcare, Blue Cross, Kaiser Permanente, National League of Cities, Partnership for a Healthy America, United Way Worldwide, Roche, Leadership of Healthy Communities, Alliance for Healthier Generation, Public Health Institute, and many others.

St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 and Slidell Memorial Hospital are now known throughout the Southern Region for innovative means of serving it's community's needs.

For St. Tammany Fire Protection District #1 and Slidell Memorial to be honored together at such a prestigious National Conference truly distinguishes our community and service district as one who serves and cares for their families and children of the community it serves.

Deputy Chief McInnis stated that one of his campers, Caleb Paige, gave him a sketch, of the fire engine and kids, on the last day of the camp this year. He presented a copy to Caleb.

Taffy also presented a recognition plaque to Chief Hess on behalf of St. Tammany Fire Dist. #1's contribution to Fit As A Firefighter.

Chief Hess thanked the Board for their support.

**b.) Years of Service Recognitions-** (none)

*Commissioner Rich made a motion to accept the Chief's report. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**B) PMI Report-**

- 1. Employee Benefits**
- 2. Human Resource**

- a.) **2011-008: BOC Resolution (Referred to Civil Service (OSE))**
- b.) **2011-009: BOC Resolution (Referred to Civil Service (OSE))**
- c.) **2011-031: BOC Resolution (35 Millage Approval)-** record keeping Resolution
- d.) **2011-032: BOC Resolution (2012 Budget Approval)**
- e.) **2011-033: BOC Resolution (Official Media Publication)**

*Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-033, Relating to the Recognition of the Official Journal for District No.1. Commissioner Rich seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

- f.) **2011-034: BOC Resolution (Staffing of Fire Prevention)**

*Commissioner Risley made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-034, Relating to the Staffing of Fire Prevention for District No.1. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**3. Payroll**

**4. FRS (Firefighters Retirement System)**

- a.) **FRS Back Pay Audit- Pay off balance (Outstanding)**
- b.) **FRS 2006- Outstanding Audit Acknowledgement (Filed as not in agreement with FRS determination)**

**5. VFIS Special Risk Insurance & LWCC**

- a.) **State Fire Marshal- Volunteer Benefits**
  - 1. **No. 1 Canine Search and Rescue**
  - 2. **No.1 Volunteers Statement**

*Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept the PMI report. Commissioner Risley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**C) DiGiovanni & Associates, CPA's, L.L.C-**

Mr. DiGiovanni discussed the financial report.

*Commissioner Risley made a motion to accept the financial report. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Commissioner Risley inquired about the Volunteer Benefits under the PMI report. Mr. Waniewski explained that the Search and Rescue benefits are free to the recognized volunteers. The roster will be turned into the State Fire Marshall. If volunteers are injured in the line of duty, they are entitled to medical worker's compensation benefits, as well as a supplemental accident policy. This also applies to active personnel who volunteer at other fire departments.

**D) Attorney's Report- (nothing to report)**

*Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Risley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.*