

MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION



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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: **September 4, 2012 5:00 p.m.**

President Harris called the meeting to order. A quorum was noted with all commissioners in attendance. Others present Chief Ronnie Martin.

Commissioner Harris asked for an approval of the agenda, Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Skierkowski; 2nd by Commissioner Pollock **Ayes 5 Nays 0; motion carries**

Approval of minutes from August 6, 2012 by Commissioner Stimley, 2nd by Commissioner Mock; **Ayes 5 Nays 0; motion carries**

There were no communications/claims

No reports from City Council Liaison

No reports from Fire Merit Commission Attorney

New Business

A. Disciplinary Action dated August 9, 2012;

Motioned by Commissioner Skierkowski to accept written recommendation; 2nd by Commissioner Mock. **Ayes 5 Nays 0 motion carries.**

Old Business

A. Update on Applicant Testing

Commissioner Harris stated there were 241 applicants; 72 attended the Tutorial Training; 103 attended the written exam; 82 passed; with 55 completed the ladder climb on August 25, 2012.

1. **Additional Ladder Climb** 27 applicants will complete the ladder climb on September 15th beginning at 7:30 a.m. behind the Fire Administration building. Chief Martin recommended that the training be done at the Fire Training Tower due to the space; Commissioner Harris stated letters were sent out already.
2. **Physical Agility Testing Schedule** for the 82 applicants; 3 sessions have been scheduled for October 13th, 14th, and 20th; beginning at 8:30, with the interviews following the agility test.

B. Ordinance Workshop itemize list will be handed out at the next month meeting, which will entails another workshop.

C. Additional Date for Promotional Testing has been scheduled for September 29, 2012

Report from Chief Martin

Chief Martin presented the evaluations to the commission in written and cd form. Chief Martin stated that the commission will be pleased at the outcome of the evaluations after adding the averages to the scoring process.

Last month, Mrs. Perry the widow of the late Dave Perry the past Athletic Director and teacher in Michigan City, who later became an NFL Referee and the Big Ten of Commissioner of Referees a made a significant donation to the burns camp.

Another donation was also made by Dr. & Mrs. Sorenson from their Animal Clinic, donating animal resuscitation kits. Chief Martin stated that fires also affect family including the family pet.

Chief Martin, mention that last month was a busy month for the Fire Department 153 calls with eight structural fires; which is typically not their busiest season.

Chief Martin made a presentation, addressing the good of the Department and the individual who make a great impact in the community. Chief Martin stated that in the Fire Service profession and the Fire Merit would like to recognize two organizations/businesses which provide a assistance to the department. Tim Lernihan, a long time Michigan City resident and Lineman for NIPSCO (represented by Angie Nelson of NIPSCO). Mr. Lernihan gave Chief Martin his personal contact information, just to provide a quick response to emergency calls. Chief Martin stated that he is a person who has tremendously help the department over the years and was thankful for all his work. The next organization Chief Martin recognized was the Red Cross, present was Bobbi Petru Executive Director of the La Porte County Chapter, Board Members Kim Sauers, Barndelle Rodgers, Judge Richard Stalbrink, Jr. and Angie Nelson. Chief Martin mentioned a call on Buffalo Street that was very challenging, in reviewing the call the Chief Martin stated that the Red Cross support during that call. Chief Martin thanked the organization for their service and that when their job is completed the Red Cross is still their assisting the families.

Chief Martin read a statement to Tim, Bobbi, and Barndelle stating;

For all the countless hours you and your company have given to the Michigan City Fire Department, to the citizens of Michigan City and surrounding areas. Your dedications to community are without boundaries.

Angie Nelson made a stated on behalf of Tim Lernihan, stating that his job is what he loves to do, and that he loves taking care of the people of Michigan City. Mr. Lernihan, acknowledge the appreciation of the Fire Department and Fire Merit Commission.

Bobbi Petru Executive Director Red Cross La Porte Chapter, thanked everyone for the honor, and stated that the mission of the Red Cross is to help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. Ms. Petru stated that when they arrive on the scene they are there to give that assistance and immediate help. She also mention if it wasn't for the other organizations assistance (United Way, Community Foundation, and the Enrichment Corporation) they would not be able to do their service.

Judge Richard Stalbrink, Jr. a Red Cross Board Member also commended Ms. Petru and Ms. Rodgers for their service.

Commissioner Harris reiterated the commission thanks for the Red Cross and Mr. Lernihan for a service well done.

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Pollock thank Mr. Sauers for sponsoring the Car Show for the Red Cross, and firefighters that attended the last Car Show raising money for Muscular Dystrophy.

Commissioner Harris stated Annual Retirement Dinner at Ryan's Irish Pub would follow after the meeting.

No Public comments

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Pollock and 2nd by Commissioner Stimley Commission.

Next meeting October 1, 2012