



**CRETE TOWNSHIP
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MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2025 CTFPD TRUSTEES' MEETING

March 10, 2025

Crete Township Fire Protection District – Station #41

26730 S. Stoney Island

Crete, IL 60417

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7:00 PM – Meeting was called to order by Trustee Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Trustee Miller, Trustee Peterlin, Trustee Zimmerman, Chief Radtke, Assistant Chief Swanson

Absent - Captain Veste, Captain Moeller, Lieutenant Pinnick, Lieutenant Campione, Lieutenant Price, Lieutenant Weyer

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Trustee Miller to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2025 meeting. Second Trustee Peterlin. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was read by Trustee Peterlin. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Fire Call Report: Written report presented - 112 calls were reported for the month of February.

EMS Report: Written report submitted. Drug boxes are up to date and logs have been turned in to Silver Cross. Three members are enrolled in Prairie State's Paramedic Program and two members are enrolled in EMT-B class. All students are reported to be doing well. February drill was on Behavioral Emergencies and Refusals of Service Protocol for Behavioral Emergencies. A PO was presented for approval, in the amount of \$9,340.29, regarding the purchase of an interactive training manikin; 50% of the cost will be covered by the Crete Township Firefighters Association. CTFPD has been advised Franciscan Dyer will become a Behavioral Health Hospital and no longer be an operating emergency room/general hospital in 2027.

Training Officer: Written report submitted. Listed are members who have completed trainings and those working on completing outstanding trainings. 561 training hours were recorded for the month of February. Auto Aid Training was Hazmat Decon. Auto Aid Training in March will be on hose advancement.

Grant Summary: CTFPD has been denied for the Small Tool Equipment Grant. No word has been received on the remaining outstanding grant award notifications.

Fire Prevention: Written report presented. The solar field located at 23152 S. Torrence Avenue has resubmitted plans for review regarding road weight capacities. No update on solar field project at Munz Road and Cottage Grove. The sprinkler system at Balmoral Park has been drained due to freezing temperatures.

Chief's Report: Written report submitted. The six-person Metro contract has been filled, although two contract employees remain off on injury. One part-time member and one paid on call member have been hired. Orientation dates will be scheduled. Discussion was had regarding the Paid on Call program, including a point system vs. hourly rate and frequency of pay. No action was taken at this time.

Chief Radtke reported two part-time members, Firefighter/Paramedic Zachary Bailey and Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Piepenbrink, have submitted letters of resignation. Both resignations were accepted by District Trustees.

Chief Radtke stated all requirements have been met by Probationary member Jacob Haemker and asked Trustees to promote him to Firefighter status. Motion to promote Probationary member Jacob Haemker to Firefighter status by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Peterlin. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Chief Radtke requested the Officer on Call program allow for officers to utilize Utility #40 as a take home vehicle during their assigned shifts. The vehicle will be picked up at 1800 hours and returned at 0600 hours the following morning. Trustees had concerns with the vehicle being returned on time. Although, they agreed it was an added incentive for the program to work and increased the safety of officers when responding from home. An agreement was reached to allow officers to utilize the support vehicle when assigned as the Officer on Call for three months and then review the program to determine if they will allow the continued use of a take home vehicle. All officers are required to sign the Vehicle Use Permission form outlining the permitted use of a District issued vehicle.

Hose and pump testing will be scheduled for 2025. Ladder testing has been completed. Accident and ambulance billing is current. Concrete was poured today at Station #43 for the floor drain replacement project. Unit #E43 had the brake drums replaced. Unit #A42 had the opticom replaced. A cracked heat exchanger was found in one of the units at Station #41; pricing options are being reviewed. A fire reporting software demo will be hosted by CTFPD in April. The workers compensation audit was completed in February. A review of the insurance for buildings and grounds/vehicles is scheduled for April 8th at 11:00 am.

Approval of Bills: Motion to accept bills as submitted by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Peterlin. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Communications: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: **Promotion from Probationary Status to Firefighter Status – Jacob Haemker – See Chief’s Report.**

Letters of Resignation – Firefighter/Paramedic Zachary Bailey & Firefighter/Paramedic Tim Piepenbrink – See Chief’s Report.

Authorize Use of Department Issued Utility Vehicle for Officer on Call Program – See Chief’s Report.

Approve Repair of Concrete Dumpster Pad & Sidewalk at Station #41 – K.R.T. Concrete – An estimate for concrete repairs at Station #41 was presented by Chief Radtke. Upon review, a motion to approve the repair of the concrete dumpster pad and sidewalk at Station #41, in the amount of \$8,650.00, was made by Trustee Peterlin. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried. (3-yes, 0-no)

Misc. Items – Discussion was had regarding the IAFFD Conference held in June.

Closed Session: None.

Citizens Speak: No one from the public was present for comment.

Motion to Adjourn the March 10, 2025 meeting at 7:56 PM by Trustee Miller. Second Trustee Zimmerman. Motion carried.