



UFA Liaisons Meeting Highlights

December 20, 2023

Present:

Chief Burchett
AC Dern – BCC
AC Pilgrim – CWH
BC Fossum – Eagle Mountain
Captain Barker
BC Aldridge – White City/Sandy Hills
BC Bogenschutz - Copperton
Captain Brown – Holladay
Captain Rich – Taylorsville
Cyndee Young
BC Prokopis – Magna/Kennecott
Tara Behunin – SLCo
BC Reynolds – Utah Valley Chief's

BC Watkins – Riverton DC Case –
Emigration
DC Larsen – Midvale City
BC Torgersen – Alta
Brad Jewett
OC Russell – Kearns
DC Ayres – ACCT
CFO Hill

Absent:

Brian Roberts
BC Ascarte – VECC
Casey Bowden

AC Robinson – Millcreek
DOC Easton
DC Widdison – Herriman/Camp Williams

I. Liaison Meeting Schedule – Chief Burchett

- Feedback is that quarterly meetings aren't enough for all that is going on and to ensure that all information is provided
- For the coming budget season, meetings will be moved to monthly
- Chief stated that it is critical that Liaisons have the information they need as they are his representatives within the communities
- Stay aware at the meetings, tune into their issues, pay attention when they discuss their budgets, this helps Chief know where we need to be on our end with the Member Fee
- Chief is encouraging Liaisons to attend this Liaison meeting in-person, if needing a zoom link, notify AC Pilgrim

II. HazMat Fees – Chief Burchett

- Chief wants the Liaisons to be aware that many dental offices are seeing fees and are reaching out to Chief
- Fire Prevention is required to do inspections and assess a Board adopted \$230.00 fee in the past couple years
- Just want the Liaisons to be aware if this issues arises
- DC Larson provided background and explained how FP works with dental offices to mitigate these fees if possible

III. Questions for Next Meeting – Chief Burchett

- With the last couple months, CFO Hill & Chief are seeing Board Members reach out asking questions that should be addressed at the Liaison level
- Chief is worried that the Liaisons don't have the answers for the many questions that have arisen lately
- Chief reminded all that they are speaking on Chief's behalf at the council meetings and are expected to grow and learn about the organization
- Going forward, bring questions to this meeting that you are receiving from your councils, and we can discuss them as a group
- Chief does not want Liaisons to feel they are being put on the spot but to build consistency, awareness, and curiosity within this group
- Chief reviewed a list of questions that have come to him for discussion
 - Building ownership and responsibility for upgrades and capital improvements, repairs, and lease agreements
 - Cost of 4-handed vs 3-handed

IV. Budget Update – Chief Burchett/CFO Hill

- Budget calendar is finalized
- Kick off meeting is December 7
- The calendar was approved by the Board
- Chief's priorities are wages and salaries
- Benefits & Comp will review and reevaluate how wages and comparisons are done with regard to the Top 3
- Chief is working with Labor to keep as is, but as an aspirational target the Committee and Board may decide otherwise

V. Roundtable

Ayres - ACCT

- No update for ACCT
- CPR classes will now be scheduled throughout the valley rather than only held in Taylorsville

Larson - Midvale

- The mayor is asking for response data and using it for possible trends for community risk reduction

Dern – VECC/Ascarte

- Reordering questions to upgrade P2 calls for the potential for P2 calls to move to P1
- Central Dispatch; Northern Utah County Fire Chief's fed up and have a cohort working on improvements
 - Working to land on common response stacks for incident types, predetermined alarms built and sending closest forces
 - They don't have the technology or infrastructure for AVL, but want to move away from stacks

Dern – Brighton

- Parking and traffic are a mess
- Brighton has implemented reserve parking and have hired someone to issue tickets
- UDOT may be parking or housing a snowblower at Station 108, working through this now
- Discussed recreation fee and work with SLCo

Barker - IO

- Just a reminder if needing anything from IO, it's all about lead-time

Rich - Taylorsville

- Questions regarding the Top 3
- CFO Hill stated that all of this information is in the narratives in the budget book
 - It is the same process each year, but the numbers change

Torgersen - Alta

- BC Torgersen is working with Mayor Bourke to hopefully get more involvement from him for the Board Meetings and sub-committee meetings
- Chief stated that we can't guide who they put on the Board, just help educate the city managers on the importance for their representative to attend meetings and be involved and they can do what they want from there

Prokopis - Magna

- Discussed the legislation to become a township
- A lot of questions regarding the station
- There is a lot of development taking place by the training tower, we may want to look at the infrastructure they are putting in to possibly save costs in the future for work at the tower

Hill - SLCo

- CFO Hill mentioned that the UFSA tax increase was approved
- The increase will be on the 2024 November tax notice

Pilgrim - CWH

- Wrapping up the Strategic Plan, update provided
- Working on a live time dashboard rather than Intterra for city managers, Board Members, and Mayors, if your city needs access, please let AC Pilgrim now
- CFO/City Manager Meeting took place, not a lot of feedback in general
 - For Liaison reporting, we want consistency, but can accommodate individual municipality requests for additional information
- CWH Council held their retreat to identify their budget priorities, working on a 4th person for station
- Working regularly on station ownership between CWH and SLCo, but not a lot of interest as of yet

Embret – Eagle Mountain

- They are working on rebranding EM, working with IO on the station signage and shoulder patches
 - Working with them on the costs associated with these changes

Russell - Kearns

- Council Member Butterfield voted against the tax increase, not a reflection of the value of service, but just a challenge since the closing of the station

Watkins - Riverton

- A retiree group calling themselves RAD didn't like UFA service delivery, they were invited to the station for breakfast
 - This was good engagement with a lot of questions surrounding response and service delivery
 - Did a presentation to the group of 15-20 attendees
- Riverton is frustrated with space at the station not being used
 - They want to use the space for their city storage needs
- Mayor Staggs running for senate which is creating issues not affecting UFA
- Continual conversation with Wildland parking issues

Brown - Holladay

- Mayor Dahle stated that the Top 3 isn't feasible without a tax increase

Case - Emigration

- Some HOA's in the canyon have initiated evacuation plans, more discussions pending
- Spoke with Widdison for community wildfire defense grant
- An issue with the bandwidth at the station during council meetings and Zoom
 - Continuing to work on this issue
- Reissuing new card keys for better tracking of council members access into the station

Prokopis - Magna

- Feel a monthly rather than quarterly report would be beneficial
- Feels we are missing the mark on communicating the breadth of the organization
 - Many just don't realize what they are a part of
 - Chief agrees, with the Strategic Planning meetings, they want more of a story and what we do
 - AC Dern has started his Ops report at the meetings to help paint this picture
 - Chief asked that Prokopis get with IO and AC Pilgrim to start figuring out how this looks and how to receive this information
 - Chief wants an easier platform for elected officials to initiate questions to better understand us and the organization, create curiosity, make them want to dig in and understand

- IO, Pilgrim, and the Liaisons need to come up with ideas and create what this looks like
- AC Pilgrim discussed incorporating more regular strategic plan updates and references, working on this currently
- Talking points are OK, but need more relevance to the individual communities, but must be consistent with Division highlights and globally significant calls
- BC Watkins asked to play the NFPA 1710 video at the council meeting to address many response questions, he will work with AC Pilgrim to ensure the video is ready for council consumption