MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL OPEN SESSION OF THE O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 24, 2016

A Special Open Session of the O'Fallon Fire Protection District Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at the Administration Building Board Room, 111 Laura K Drive, O'Fallon, MO. Director Laughlin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notice of said meeting had been provided at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by posting the meeting time in the case on the outside wall of the Administrative Offices. The following Directors were present: Director Bill Laughlin, Director Matt Gober, and Director Matt Simmons. The following staff members were present: Chief Tom Vineyard, Assistant Chief Ken Vomund, Assistant Chief Brian Moore, Shop Steward Cpt. Eric Johnston, Assistant Shop Steward Cpt. Chad Vesely, and Board Administrative Assistant Karen Lucido.

The following guests was present: O'Fallon Mayor Hennessy, O'Fallon City Administrator Therrien, and O'Fallon City Council Members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Vineyard.

Director Laughlin welcomed attendees and stated the Board and staff wanted to inform our government officials of the District's November 8, 2016 tax initiative, Proposition SAFETY.

Chief Vineyard reviewed the District's current needs and short- and long-term goals; its current tax compared to surrounding fire districts (the last tax increase for O'Fallon Fire was in 1999), and the cost of the tax initiative to citizens (approximately $95.00 per year for a $200,000 valued home). A main goal is for the District is to hire 12 additional Firefighter-Paramedics and run ALS (advanced life support, but not transport) in tandem with the Ambulance District, as fire trucks are most often first on scene on medical calls, and medical calls are the majority of calls run. Currently the District runs BLS (basic life support) which limits the type of medical care given at a scene until the Ambulance arrives. Discussion held and questions answered.

Director Laughlin thanked all attendees for taking the time out of their busy schedule to attend this informational meeting.

A motion was made by Director Laughlin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by

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Director Simmons. Consensus to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

William Laughlin, Chairman

ATTEST:

Karen Lucido, Recording Secretary
Board Administrative Assistant

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