



(not including cash brought forward) is 46%. There were no questions. (2)

### **Chief's Report:**

By Chief Noble-

- Weekly reports and monthly run sheet is attached
- Currently the Lee County Board of County Commissioners is considering suspending the collection of Impact Fees. This would not directly hurt us, but we have used them, and are not for this. Our 2000 Codification states that they can not suspend those fees. The Legislature and State Statutes allows us to enact our own fees, with a Resolution. Being able to collect the fees would be the challenge for us.
- Also being considered by the Lee County Board of Commissioners is the privatizing of the Lee County EMS. The air service contract has already been outsourced to a private company. In March, they will be discussing the issue of the ground units. They have not replaced Mr. Wilson, who was the director of Emergency Management, as of yet. The Lee County Fire Chiefs do not agree with going private, because we have a great working relationship with EMS; and also feel this would hurt the citizens of Lee County. The quality of service would definitely be affected.

Commissioner Nottingham asked who was in charge of EMS now? Chief Noble responded that we have been told, it is Tuttle.

- We are working with the Fire Academy to bring in more Fire Officer 1 classes
- We have resumed our monthly CERT Leaders meetings

By Chief Meredith-

- We ran 9,046 calls last year
- During our annual hose testing, we only had 7 pieces of hose fail
- During our annual ladder testing, all ladders passed

Commissioner Nottingham asked about the camera and the pictures that were taken of the Commissioners prior to today's meeting? Chief Meredith responded that we are in the process of making our Employee ID's, with our new machine. He also asked who's signature was going to be on the ID's? Chief Meredith replied that hopefully we would be able to put both the employees and Chief Noble's signatures on there.

**Training:**

December training report was attached. There were no questions.

**Fire Prevention:** Report is attached. Commissioner Ballard noted there was an error addition in one of his columns. There were no questions.

**Public Education:** Report is attached. There were no questions.

**Union:** Union Representative Hagie was not in attendance; however, Chief Noble noted there was going to be a union meeting the second week of February, to discuss the idea of forming a committee, to research and discuss some topics, i.e. retiree insurance resolutions. He is hopeful that the committee would meet once a month. There were no questions.

**Old Business:**

Updates on projects:

Barrett Road Station-

We are waiting on utilities permits. The change in ownership of water treatment plants has caused some confusion. The underground work

has to be the first phase of the project. This delay in getting us started, has cost us time, but we saved a lot of money, by using the Engineer that we did. Many of the contractors are ready to go, and are just waiting. The steel building should be delivered around February 13<sup>th</sup>. We will just place it at the back of the property until we are ready to place it.

### **New Business:**

Election of 2013 Officers of the Board-

Chairman- Commissioner Ballard nominated Commissioner Nottingham. There were no other nominations.

Vice Chairman - Commissioner Hoke nominated Commissioner Ballard. There were no other nominations.

Secretary/Treasurer - Commission Ballard nominated Commissioner Hoke. There were no other nominations.

### **Commissioner Items:**

Ballard – Are there some unresolved issues with the Plymovent system at the Barrett Road Station? Chiefs responded that they were not aware of any, but would look into it, and if there are, they will have them resolved.

\*Commissioner Mere arrived at 5:33 p.m.

Gatewood – Newmann oil has a loaner tanker (a mobile unit) if the need were to arise for fuel, during a disaster. Chief Noble stated that in our hurricane plan with the County, we are a priority and can fill up with fuel, and that a fuel tanker comes directly to us. We also have the ability to go to Bayshore Fire and use theirs. He also noted that it might be possible for us to use Impact Fees to purchase an above ground, double walled fuel tank. Commissioner Ballard asked how big are our generator tanks? Chief Noble responded that they are powered by propane, and we are on Suburban Propane's priority list also.

**Public Input:**

Lee Kimball, is our current Liability Insurance agent, and he just wanted to introduce himself. Commissioner Nottingham thanked him for coming.

**Community Goodwill & Thank You:**

Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida  
Littleton Elementary

**Commissioner Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gatewood. All were in favor and it was approved by the Board, unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

**Supportive Documents:**

1. December minutes
2. Treasurers Report