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The next meeting will be held at FS 25. The meeting will start at 1930 hours on February 13, 2020.	<p>SOCIETY OFFICERS</p> <p>PRESIDENT BYRON HARDINGE: HARDINGCO@CABLESPEED.COM V.PRESIDENT JOHN ODEGARD: JOCO93@MSN.COM SECRETARY MARC LORRAIN: M_LORRAIN@YAHOO.COM TREASURER STEPHEN FICKENSCHER: SKfick1@AOL.COM COMMUNICATIONS MIKE CLARK: mclk@centurylink.net</p>

Rehab Response Log For January 2020

SDF RED		SHORELINE BLUE		N.SHORE GREEN		M.A. BROWN	
Date	Time Out	Dept	Address	Type	Responders		
01-03-20	07:37	SFD	1301 5 th AVE.	VAULT	Buff-Com,SPRT9		
01-03-20	22:58	SFD	7330 11 th AVE. N.E.	FIB	Buff-Com,SPRT4,9		
01-07-20	12:31	SFD	308 4 th AVE. S.	FIBHI	Buff-Com,SPRT8,9		
01-13-20	15:14	SFD	10002 BEACON AVE. S.	FIB	Buff-Com,SPRT6		
01-14-20	00:34	SFD	6301 RAINIER AVE. S.	FIB	Buff-Com,SPRT9		
01-16-20	11:13	SFD	903 UNION ST.	FIB	SPRT8		
01-19-20	21:08	SFD	9412 18 th AVE. S.W.	FIB	Buff-Com,SPRT6,7		
01-21-20	14:03	SFD	6021 BEACH DR. S.W.	RESWA	SPRT7		
01-22-20	01:41	SFD	4722 15 th AVE. N.E.	FIB	Buff-Com,SPRT4,8,9		
01-29-20	08:43	SFD	44 th AVE. S.W.&S.W. BRANDON ST	MVI	SPRT8		

Minutes Of January 2020 Meeting

Meeting was held at station 14th on the 9th of JAN 2020

Meeting called to order at: 1930hrs

No minutes from last months meeting

President's Report: Nothing to report.

Vice-President's Report: Nothing to report

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report: Statement was sent to the President and Secretary. All bills paid and money accounted for per statement received

Buff's Report: Lee gave report on the small amount of fires that we have had the last month. Nothing real big has happened.

Communication's Report: Nothing to report.

New Business: It was brought up that since the society has so much money in

the account, that the dues should be cancelled. It was voted on and passed. Dues will no longer be collected.

Old Business: It was talked about replacing the van buff rig, as it is getting old and parts are hard to come by to replace anything that might go wrong with it. The group decided that \$8000.00 will use to purchase a newer vehicle to be used as a rehab rig. It was voted on and passed.

Meeting adjourned 2000hrs.

From the lens of Bob Lukas



Health 1



FIB with Battalion 5 and Ladder 12 1200 block of Othello 02-02-2020 Bob Lukas Photo

The Fire Boat Alki is being scrapped in Fisherman's Terminal



A LOOK BACK

4 AVE SOUTH APARTMENT FIRE

I saw on January 7th that Seattle firefighters had a nasty fire at the apartments on 4 Ave South and South Main Street that involved a fire in the garbage chute. It reminded me of a fire I had there in the late 80's or early 90's when I was assigned to Engine 2.

If I remember right the bells went down just before lunch and we were assigned third due on a full response to 4 Ave South & South Main Street. As we pulled out on the ramp we decided to go against traffic on 4th then a quick right on Blanchard and on to 3rd Ave. When we turned on 4th we could see a big puff of black smoke above the buildings to the south. I thought to myself "Me thinks we got a job".

After getting the lights on third we made pretty good time weaving in and out between lanes of traffic while responding to the fire. As we got closer the smoke seemed to dissipate and I thought that they could not have the fire knocked down that quick. As we pulled up a half a block away, and parked, we could see little smoke but a fire blasting out the windows on what appeared to be on the 3rd floor and located at the center of the building. Being 3rd due we waited for instructions. While waiting the radio was full of chatter that E10 was having trouble charging the standpipe for some reason. We waited for some minutes without instructions when I decided to ask B1 if he wanted E2 to try stretching pre-connect to the fire. He said no but go to the fire floor, with your crew, and see if you can help in some way.

When we got to the floor below the fire there was at least one dry line stretched up to the 3rd floor fire door with a crew waiting for water. Another crew was getting ready to back them up-still no water.

While looking around we noticed a house line hose rack which is a rack of hose meant to be used by civilians in case of fire. Firemen were discouraged in using them because they, in most cases, were old and could not be trusted. I decided to give it a try. As we pulled the hose out you could see it was not long enough to reach the floor above. We decided we were going to find the rack of hose on the fire floor. We paced a few steps this way and a few that way from the fire door on the floor that way. This way we could find the rack in the smoke on the fire floor. We went up to the 3rd floor fire door and went past the crew waiting for water and into the smoke on the 3rd floor. Sure enough the smoke was too thick to see your hand in front of your face, the fire was venting out the

windows but the smoke was thick in the fire floor hallway. We paced a few steps this way and a few that way and sure enough there was the hose rack. We could not see it but we could feel it. We stretched the hose line down to the fire room and low and behold there was L1's crew, on their stomachs, waiting for an engine crew to put the fire out. The room was fully involved with fire from ceiling to floor with everything burned to nothing. I decided to hand the pipe over to L1 and I went back to turn on the water while my crew knocked out kinks and backed up L1. L1 knocked down the bulk the fire and the fire was mopped up by the standpipe line. I thought it turned out ok and L1 had the thrill of manning a hose line.

EPILOGUE

As it turned out a Metro bus driver had seen a man waving for help in the smoke and then falling backward and disappearing before firemen had arrived. This man was killed in the fire. May he continue to rest in peace.

Mike Heaton, E25 retired.

Through the Lens with John Odegard



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