



KEY LARGO FIRE RESCUE & EMS DISTRICT

*Seat 1, William A. Andersen, Seat 2, Michael Cavagnaro;
Seat 3, Mark Wheaton; Seat 4, Tom Tharp;
Seat 5, Marilyn Beyer*



KEY LARGO FIRE & EMS DISTRICT MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 - **FINAL**

Attendees: Chairman, Bill Andersen; Commissioners: Marilyn Beyer, Mike Cavagnaro, Tom Tharp and Mark Wheaton. Also present were: Brenda Beckmann, Vicky Fay, Sergio Garcia, Laurie Harrison, Joshua Hauserman, Jay Ogden, Peter Rosasco, Dirk Smits and Robert Stoky. The meeting was held at the Station #24.

1. **AGENDA**

1.A. Call to Order: Chairman, Bill Andersen, called the meeting to order at 9:07 p.m.

1.B Roll Call: Vicky Fay called the roll. The following Commissioners were present: Bill Andersen, Marilyn Beyer, Mike Cavagnaro, Tom Tharp and Mark Wheaton. There was a quorum.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES**

2.A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Tharp recommended Agenda Item 6.A.E “Presentation by Life Net by Air Methods” be the first item on the agenda.

REPORTS

3. **Chairman’s Report**

There were no new items presented by the Chairman.

4. **Secretary’s Report**

Commissioner Beyer did have any new items to report to the Board.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

No items of “Old Business” were conducted.

6. **NEW BUSINESS (ACTION)**

:

6.A. Discussion: Trauma Star

6.3.4. Presentation on Life Net by Air Methods

Bari Conte, Business Director/Flight Nurse conducted a PowerPoint Presentation on the services Life Net Provides and the service area to the Commissioners. Life Net has providing service to the Florida Keys for over 13 years, and has Provider Agreements with all three (3) Keys hospitals. Life Net does not bill the hospitals, they only bill patient’s insurance or the patient if there is no insurance. The Upper Keys Health Care Taxing District is the payer of last resort.

6.A.1. Vernis & Bowling Position on Public Funds

Vernis & Bowling presented their position to the District regarding the use of public funds. It is appropriate to educate citizens in the District’s taxing district.

The KLFR&EMS District Mission is to provide *exceptional* fire protection and emergency medical services *efficiently* and *cost-effectively* without compromising the health or safety of residents or personnel.



KEY LARGO FIRE RESCUE & EMS DISTRICT

Seat 1, William A. Andersen, Seat 2, Michael Cavagnaro;
Seat 3, Mark Wheaton; Seat 4, Tom Tharp;
Seat 5, Marilyn Beyer



KEY LARGO FIRE & EMS DISTRICT MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 - FINAL

6.A.2. Draft Newsletter/Flyer Information

Commissioner Beyer felt it was important to pursue advertising because it greatly enhances medical services within the District. It is important for everyone to understand the issue.

6.A.3. Advertising Costs

Vicky Fay discussed the estimated costs for printing and mailing flyers to the District residents, and she also presented the advertising costs for a 3 column x 8 inch advertisement for all of the local newspapers.

Motion: Commissioner Beyer made a motion to approve spending \$3,500.00 from the appropriate fund balance to prepare and place an advertisement regarding Trauma Star for Key Largo residents as it serves the District's purpose and the advertisement is related that District's purpose. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Cavagnaro and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Chairman Andersen requested Commissioner Tharp be the District contact for the Trauma Star issue.

6.B. Discussion: KLVFD: Step Plan Proposal and Salary Increases

The KLVFD Step Plan Proposal and Salary Increases were discussed.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Peter Rosasco presented the August, 2008 KLFR&EMS District Financial Reports.

8. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Vernis & Bowling discussed their response on behalf of the District to the open questions from the Keefe, McCullough & Co. audit of the District.

9. EMS DEPARTMENT REPORT

Brenda Beckmann reported there is a new ambulance. There is also a leak in the roof of the Ambulance Corporation Building.

10. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief Garcia thanked Commissioner Wheaton for the use of junk vehicles for training. The Department is starting to spec out the new Squad vehicle, and switch out their VHF radios for the MHz radios. There was a sailboat fire.

The KLFR&EMS District Mission is to provide *exceptional* fire protection and emergency medical services *efficiently* and *cost-effectively* without compromising the health or safety of residents or personnel.



KEY LARGO FIRE RESCUE & EMS DISTRICT

*Seat 1, William A. Andersen, Seat 2, Michael Cavagnaro;
Seat 3, Mark Wheaton; Seat 4, Tom Tharp;
Seat 5, Marilyn Beyer*



KEY LARGO FIRE & EMS DISTRICT MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 - FINAL

11. ADJOURN

Commissioner Wheaton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Beyer.

Next Scheduled Meetings:

District Meetings: October 20, 2008, November 10, 2008 and December 8, 2008

DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENTS

09/18/08 Vernis & Bowling (Position on Use of Public Funds)
09/19/08 Trauma Star (Draft Advertising Information)
09/19/08 KLVFD: Step Plan Proposal & Salary Increase
09/17/08 Vernis & Bowling Letter to Keefe, McCullough & Co
08/31/08 Revenues & Expenditures
08/31/08 Expenditure Detail Report
08/31/08 Reconciliation Summary/Detail
08/31/08 Register (08/01/08-08/31/08)

The KLFR&EMS District Mission is to provide *exceptional* fire protection and emergency medical services *efficiently* and *cost-effectively* without compromising the health or safety of residents or personnel.