

Public Safety Memorial Fund Board

Minutes

April 28, 2016

The Public Safety Memorial Fund Board held a meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Training Academy in Salem, Oregon. Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Attendees

Board Members:

Richard Evans, Chair

Patricia Patrick-Joling

Nadine Purrington

Joeseph Seibert

Mike Wells

DPSST Staff:

Eriks Gabliks, Director

Linsay Hale, Professional Standards Director

Kristen Turley, Professional Standards Compliance Specialist

Theresa Janda, Executive Assistant to the Director

Guests:

Brian Burger

1. *Minutes for February 9, 2016

Approve meeting minutes from February 9, 2016.

Patricia Patrick-Joling moved to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2016 Public Safety Memorial Fund Board meeting. Joseph Seibert seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2. *BURNS, Mark – Medford Fire - Rescue

Linsay Hale gave a review of the events that caused the injury and subsequent death of Mark Burns and ensuing application for Public Safety Memorial Fund benefits before the Board.

The board would like a determination that Mark Burns was a public safety officer as defined, determine whether the death of Mark Burns was a qualifying death and determine if Darci Burns, his spouse is an eligible beneficiary to receive benefits.

Action Item 1: Determine if retired Battalion Chief Mark Burns meets the statutory definition of a public safety officer covered under the Public Safety Memorial Fund statute.

Mike Wells moved that retired Battalion Chief Mark Burns does meet the statutory requirement as a public safety officer. Patricia Patrick-Joling seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Action Item 2: Determine if the death of Battalion Chief Mark Burns was a qualifying death as set forth in statute.

Patricia Patrick-Joling moved that the death of Mark Burns was a qualifying death. Nadine Purrington seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Action Item 3: Determine if Darci Burns, Spouse of Chief Mark Burns is an eligible beneficiary for Public Safety Memorial Fund benefits.

Patricia Patrick-Joling moved that Darci Burns, spouse of Battalion Chief Mark Burns was an eligible beneficiary to receive Public Safety Memorial Fund benefits. Mike Wells seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Linsay Hale requested permission from the Chair to work with Chief Tom McGowan, liaison to the family of Mark Burns, on delivery of the benefit check to the family. The Chair approved the request. Linsay reported that everything appeared in order and the check should be ready for delivery by the following day.

Eriks Gabliks addressed the Chair, stating that this case underlines the importance of documentation by the Agency after an injury and how it can benefit the families in tragic cases such as this after-the-fact.

3. Next meeting – July 28, 2016

With no further business to discuss, Chair Evans adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.