

Public Safety Memorial Fund Board Minutes August 28, 2009

The Public Safety Memorial Fund Board held a regular meeting on Friday August 28, 2009 at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

Attendees

Board Members:

Todd Anderson, Chair (via phone)
Richard Brown
Steven Piper (via phone)
Mark Prince (via phone)

Board Members absent:
Robert King, Vice Chair

DPSST Staff:

Eriks Gabliks, Deputy Director
Marilyn Lorance, Certification and Records Supervisor
Robin Mimms, Office Specialist 2
Bonnie Narvaez, Rules and Compliance Coordinator
Julie Olsen-Fink, Sr. Fire Certification Coordinator



1. Minutes for January 22, 2009

Approve minutes

Mark Prince moved to approve the minutes for the January 22 meeting. Richard Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

2. Robert Hales-Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District

Bonnie Narvaez provided a case summary. Robert Hales was a volunteer firefighter involved in a single vehicle traffic crash in Scappoose, Oregon on August 17, 2008. The medical examiner's report noted the immediate cause of death was mechanical/positional asphyxia and the manner of death was "accidental." A previous report indicated that Robert Hales death was attributed to a "cardiac event."

Board members reviewed and discussed the packet materials provided to:

1. Determine if volunteer firefighter Hales met the statutory definition of a Public Safety Officer covered under the Public Safety Memorial Fund statute.
2. Determine if the death of volunteer firefighter Hales was a qualifying death as set forth in statute (ORS 243.954).

ATTACHMENTS WERE PROVIDED:

- “A” Form M-1, Application for Benefit
- “B” Form M-3, Notice of Death
- “C” Medical Examiner’s report
- “D” Statement of Circumstances-by Chief John Shull
- “E” Verification of Mortgage Payment and no Mortgage Insurance
- “F” Certificate of Group Health Plan Coverage
- “G” Statement-by Chief John Shull
- “H” Worker’s Compensation Claim determination, dated 11-7-08
- “I” Clatsop Co. S.O. report dated 8/17/08
- “J” Letter to Narvaez from Shull dated 7/27/09
- “K” EMS Report dated 8/17/08
- “L” Supplemental documents-State Fire Marshal Incident Reports
- “M” Letter to SRFPD dated 1-14-09 from Provident Insurance Agency, Inc.
- “N” Memo to the File dated 8/6/09 from Narvaez w/ attachments from Dr. Hales (NIOSH/CDC)

Mark Prince moved the Board approve volunteer firefighter Hales met the statutory definition of a Public Safety Officer covered under the Public Safety Memorial Fund statute. Steve Piper seconded that motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Mark Prince moved the Board does not approve the death of volunteer firefighter Hales as a qualifying death as set forth in statute (ORS 243.954). Steve Piper seconded that motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Chair Todd Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled October 22, 2009 following the BPSST Board meeting.