

## Albany County Fire District #1 Strategic Plan Draft Public Meeting May 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:06 pm. Board members present were Art Sigel, Joe Witt and Jon Essley.

The floor is open to anyone who would like to comment on the Draft Strategic Plan.

Patty Rinehart has the floor –

Patty - She is wondering why we are dropping the mission statement. Board - The mission statement seemed to be words without meaning and they felt they plan would speak for itself. Chairman Sigel doesn't see any reason why we can't have the mission statement in this Strategic Plan; it will be added back in.

Patty - What is the plan period? The last plan was done in 2016 and ran for three years.

Board - Albany County Fire District #1 (ACFD#1) Bylaws say we will do a Strategic Plan no less than every five years. The timeline for the 2016 Strategic Plan was sped up because we had gone through the previous goals and met many of them, therefore, we needed a new plan for the district vision moving forward.

Patty - In the 2016 Strategic Plan there was a theme for ISO rating. She is resident of two different places in the county and would like to see that is kept in the plan.

Board – It is still contained within this Strategic Plan under the theme Community support where there two statements regarding ISO. The Board has received feedback from many people indicating that they do not understand what an ISO rating is, and we want to focus on bringing homeowner insurance costs down. We will have a station south of Laramie; we currently have the station north of Laramie, the new Centennial station, and the upgraded Mountain Home station that were all driven by the possibility of better ISO ratings. The Board feels that with the training and engines that have been added, they may be able to bring lower ratings to other areas. Those areas might not get to an ISO rating 5, but maybe an ISO rating of 8 or 9. ACFD#1 should look at adding a section to our website on how to deal with getting your insurance costs down and provide the documents that will help support homeowners in working with their insurance companies.

Patty – The website had the wrong address everywhere for the Central station.

Michele – Apologized for that and will make sure the correct address is everywhere.

Cathy Davis has the floor -

Cathy – Is it ACFD#1 (the District) or the Departments that get the ISO rating?

Board – It is the individual departments that go through the audit, specifically each individual station, and each individual station within the departments are rated separately. There is a lot that goes into a rating. They rate engines (need a 90 point engine) and how much water you can deliver for a specific amount of time. In 2020 the Buckeye Station will be rated, and homeowners within 4.99 road miles should see a decrease in insurance costs.

Cathy – Can hauled water be defined better in this Strategic Plan?

Board – We can publish the explanation along with the Strategic Plan through an addendum that would also include definitions.

Lauriel Stephens has the floor –

Lauriel – She suggests redoing the goals using SMART goals to help clear them up. The general public cannot understand the goals as they are currently written. We need to present a Strategic Plan that is easily read and understood by the public, so that anyone who doesn't know anything about firefighting can understand it.

Board – That is a valid criticism and we can be more specific with the goals.

Lauriel - Regarding Goal#1 to reduce all firefighter risk. You cannot realistically reduce all firefighter risk. However, you could reduce firefighter risk.

Patty – In the 2016 Strategic Plan did we complete what was taken out?

Board – It is safe to assume that we both did something and completed it, or we tried to do something and it didn't work out. Teri suggested that the Meeting Minutes would indicate what we completed.

Patty – Did we rank the rolling stock?

Board – Yes we did and we have spent at least \$75,000 on tires as a result of this ranking.

Cathy – Suggested having a district wide training officer.

Board – Each department has a training officer. The Chief's group also meets and decides what training is needed. The training budget does not have a cap on it and all departments are invited to trainings held by other departments.

Cathy – The training language in the 2016 Strategic Plan seems to address things more clearly.

The Board appreciates your comments and will continue to work on this draft of the Strategic Plan. Thank you.

Chairman Sigel moved to adjourn the Draft Strategic Plan Public Meeting at 5:55 pm. Motion was seconded by Secretary Essley and approved unanimously.