



MURRAY CITY PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2025

06:00 PM

10 E. 4800 S. Cottonwood Conference Rm. 2nd Floor

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

John Prestwich conducting

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PSAB meeting: February 12, 2025

CITIZEN COMMENT(S)

Comments will be limited to three minutes, step to the microphone, state your name and city of residence, and fill out the required form.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Vote for Board Chair and Vice Chair

Nominated: Deb Crane – Chair

Bob Van Bibber – Vice Chair

The board vote was unanimous in the affirmative

2. Murray Fire Department Presentation

Wildfire Report: Bader Alharbi, Paramedic firefighter and Chief Matt Boulden

The presentation outlined the training, changes in weather patterns, and deployment of 4 Fire Fighters from Murray City Fire Department.

Bader Alharbi identified the experience, qualifications, certification and capability of Murray's Fire Department Fire Fighters related to Wildfire operations. The training standards are set by a federal agency established to set the qualifications for state and local fire departments across the United States (EMAC).

In addition to the qualification and training the department has received a brief overview was included of the weather changes in precipitation in recent years which has made wildfires a greater danger. Although other states have a higher threat at this time, Utah has an rise in wildfires as dry weather patterns have increased over recent years. A demographic of the state's recent wildfires and the acreage damaged as well as whether the fire was manmade or by natural causes. There was a significant number of fires started by man within the identified fire demographics. One issue discussed within Murray City is fireworks fires. There are always a number of brush fires related to fireworks each year.

Paramedic Firefighter, Bader was one of the four Murray City Fire Department personnel that volunteered to go to the Los Angeles area to assist with the fires there. The Murray Fire Fighters were part of a team that included Salt Lake City Fire Department, Salt Lake County Fire Department, and West Valley Fire Department. He discussed his experiences of the 16 days deployed in California. He shared the different

tasks of fighting structure fires, assisting homeowners with fire debris, and general fire cleanup efforts. Bader indicated that it was a devastation sight to see the fire damage.

Questions:

Does the same support offered in wildfires apply to other natural disasters? *Chief Boulden indicated that support is also given in natural disasters as well.*

Is the funding that is available to gain this support from neighboring departments federal or state funding? *Depending on the extent of the disaster needs determines the funding.*

Were any fire department personnel from their unit injured?
No, although not all departments were as fortunate.

1. Chief Obrey discussed briefly the plans for the upcoming police academy presented by Murray City Police Department. They plan for the upcoming May, with one evening weekly for several weeks. Chief Obrey requested feedback from board members on previous academy experiences.

2. Upcoming meeting schedule for 2025:

June 11th

August 13th

November 12th

And up to 2026 – February 11th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled meeting will be held on TBA

Special Accommodations for the hearing or visually impaired will be made upon a request to the office of Murray City Recorder (801-264-2662). We would appreciate notification two working days prior to the meeting. TTY is Relay Utah at #711.

Committee members may participate in the meeting via telephonic communication. If a Committee member does participate via telephonic communication, the Committee member will be on speakerphone. The speakerphone will be amplified so that the other Committee members and all other persons present will be able to hear all discussions.

At least 24 hours prior to the meeting, a copy of the foregoing notice was sent to the City Recorder to post in conspicuous view in the front foyer of the Murray City Center, Murray, Utah. A copy of this notice was also posted on Murray City's internet website www.murray.utah.gov and the state noticing website at <http://pmn.utah.gov>.