

Jefferson Rural Fire Protection District
Safety Committee Meeting
August, 2025
Minutes

Called the meeting to order at 1718 hours at Station 630.

Roll call: Member: Firefighter EMT - Swift (Chairperson)
~~Member: Firefighter/EMT - Huber (Vice-Chairperson)~~
Staff: Division, Holland, Williams, Kastle (Secretary)
~~Member: Engineer/EMT - Chavez (Volunteers)~~
~~Member: McClung, Larsen, or McCallum (Medic crew)~~
Member: Firefighter Aithwaite (Station 640)
Member: Firefighter/EMT Davis (Station 630)
Member: Lt/Paramedic Torres (Station 600)

Absent:

Chavez- interviews at 600
Huber- vacation
Fulltime- no one on shift today
Torres- late at 1730

Minutes: Approval of 1720 2025 minutes

First: Stanislaw Second: Aithwaite

Guest Speaker:

N/A

Correspondence:

Incidents:

- 640 backing E64 into closed bay door
 - Why was an available backer not backing?
 - Calling residents who were known to be at the station to come out and back?
- Injury by falling through floor during fire
 - Why was report not written when person first began to experience pain?
 - Multiple verbal reports by this pt regarding this incident, known by many within the department

Close Calls:

Safety Topic and Safety Suggestions:

January: Hazards (people on calls, SDS, Mental health, Storages)

February: Slip, Trip, Falls

March: Ergonomics

April: Fire Extinguisher Use

May: Heat Illness Prevention

June: Emergency Preparedness

July: Material Storage

August: Safe Lifting

- Do not lift materials that are heavier than your safe lifting capacity
- Bringing in binder/mega mover for calls as precaution

September: Safe Driving
October: Electrical Safety
November: Disease Prevention
December: Office Safety

Old Business:

If you have not watch one of the SDAO Video on Target watch one as a group.

New Business:

- Extending backing stripes onto apron for better visibility
- Proper PPE for trainings and calls, lack of demonstration by those in senior roles to lead by example

Safety concerns:

- Someone strained back by lifting materials that were too heavy for their person, not reported as workplace incident.
- Being told by upper management that incidents with physical harm, or high probability for physical harm, do not need to be formally reported as a workplace incident. 801 forms vs. incident report, including documentation of no physical harm at the time of report.
- All leadership roles need to be demonstrated proper backing habits. Many people have different expectations of when a backer is needed vs. not needed. Some leadership more complacent with expectations and giving verbal warnings.

Inspecting PPE: Go around and look at people's PPE for damage and contamination, contact gear user for corrections.

Good of the Order:

Swift: N/A

Huber:

Holland/Williams/Kastle: N/A

Chavez:

Larsen/McCallum/McClung:

Aithwaite: N/A

Davis: N/A

Torres: N/A

Next Safety Committee meeting held on September 4th, 2025 starting at 17:30 at Station 640.

Meeting adjourned, time: 1749

Walk through:

- Update on mold and worm situation