



# Searchlight Town Advisory Board

November 12, 2020

## MINUTES

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- I. Call to Order by Chair Kyle Myers at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Donna Moore.
- II. Public Comment: None
- III. Approval of October 14, 2020, Minutes.  
  
Moved by: Janis Kostecky  
Action: Approved  
Vote: 3-0
- IV. Approval of November 12, 2020 agenda, and hold, combine or delete any items. (For possible action)  
  
Moved by: Janis Kostecky  
Action: Approved  
Vote: 3-0
- V. Informational Items
  1. Receive a report from Metro Police regarding activity and statistics during the past month and other area crime concerns. (For discussion only)  
  
Officer Chris Jeter provided the October report.  
  
October 2020 Statistics:  
  
Calls for Service: 21  
Traffic Citations: 126  
DUI: 1

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Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0

Bookings: 13

Juvenile Citations: 2

2. Receive a report from Nevada Highway Patrol regarding activity and statistics during the last month and other public safety concerns. (For discussion only)

No report

3. Receive a report from Searchlight Volunteer Fire District and Assistant Fire Chief Larry Haydu with a follow-up regarding calls for service during the past month and other fire prevention issues. (For discussion only)

Chief Rick Marshall, Searchlight Fire Department provided the current report.

Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department statistics for October 2020:

Calls for Service: 12

Medical: 8

Auto: 2

Fire Calls: 2

Larry Haydu, Assistant Fire Chief and Chief of the CCFD Rural Division.

The rural division has ten volunteer fire stations in the rural outlying communities, which include Trout Canyon, Bunkerville, Sandy Valley, Goodsprings, Mt. Springs, Blue Diamond, Cold Creek, Indian Springs, Searchlight, and Cal-Nev-Ari.

Searchlight History:

Population (2010): 536

Current population: 356

Highest population (1907): 5,000

Demographics:

315 Households

Median age is 55 years

23.5% of households has someone 65 years or older in the home. That leaves 241 homes, in theory, with residents fit to volunteer, yet only 2 percent do.

A program Chief Haydu developed about 5 years ago allowed people interested in volunteering to do so without having to live in a rural community. Previously, only residents could be volunteer firefighters in a rural community. Now, anyone 18 years or older with an Emergency Medical Technician certification can apply. They must, however, commit to volunteer a minimum of 24 hours each month at their assigned fire station. Some of the Non-Resident volunteers assigned to Searchlight routinely volunteer in excess of 80 hours per month.

## **Searchlight Fire Department**

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Busiest Rural Fire Station in the County for the past three years.

272 Calls last year

Rescue 75 ran 229 calls, most of any rural rescue

44 "Alpha" calls (Not run in town- Community medicine)

67 "Bravo" calls

44 "Charlie" calls

74 "Delta" calls

25 Fires

18 Other/Miscellaneous calls

27 Members

20 are Non-Resident Volunteers (65% of your local fire department does not live in the area)

As Non-Resident members they are required to staff their assigned fire station 24 hours/month.

Sue Lanseadel recently retired after 18 years. Sue ran many of the calls, no replacement.

Marshall family - 3 out of 4 are volunteers. Rick Marshall serves as the Fire Chief and is one of the best Volunteer Chiefs in the County. Buie family has both brothers and a wife who volunteer.

Steve Fetter, a volunteer for 22 years from fire station 84 in Cal-Nev-Ari passed away. He was the only resident member of that fire station.

There is a lack of new local members. We will train willing new members including medical training. Contact the station if interested.

### **Medial Response**

When no one is available from Fire Station 75, dispatch will respond Engine 76, 85 and/or Rescue 76 and/or AMR from Laughlin, 38.2 Miles and 36 minutes away, or Community Ambulance from Henderson (43 miles or 42 minutes on all "Charlie, Delta and Echo" calls. In addition, an Air Ambulance from Mercy Air is either put on stand-by or if the call seems severe enough launched to the airport. Only AMR and Community Ambulance are sent on "Alpha" and "Bravo" calls. Calls are prioritized by our dispatch using national EMS dispatch standards.

CCFD responds Laughlin units as well as units from Las Vegas on all structure fires to support Stations 75 and 84.

### **Full Time Coverage**

The annual staffing cost of a CCFD Rescue to the taxpayers is approximately \$1.5 million and the annual costs for an Engine about \$3 million. These costs do not include the cost of the fire station and the apparatus.

Searchlight's total Revenue for 2018 was \$436,840.

### **New Equipment**

Due to the call volume at station 75, CCFD is in the process of moving a newer Squad (2017) from a slower station to Searchlight, this is a 14 year newer vehicle, and a newer medium duty Rescue (2008) (ambulance) to Cal-Nev-Ari to replace the 1999 ambulance (9 year upgrade).

### **Medical Needs**

As with the other 9 Rural Communities, Emergency Medical Services must rely solely on a corps of dedicated volunteers as there is simply not enough tax base to support paid personnel. Our motto for the Rural Division is in fact "Neighbors helping Neighbors". Our

volunteers, while committed to serve, must also work full-time jobs to support their families. If you have serious medical conditions, the only way to ensure a 3-4-minute response 90 percent of the time is to live in an urban community where those resources are available. Your Fire Department is made up of your neighbors who volunteer and have made a commitment to help in a time of need.

4. Receive a report from Gabby Villafuerte with Las Vegas Valley Water District regarding the status of the water system. (For discussion only)

Searchlight's usage for October 2020 was 6.21 million gallons.  
Searchlight's usage for October 2019 was 6.17 million gallons.  
Searchlight used 40,000 gallons more in October of 2020 than in October of 2019.

5. Receive a report from Greg Turner with Clark County Water Reclamation District regarding the status of the wastewater system and water usage. (For discussion only)

In Greg Turner's absence, Janis Kostecky read the report.

October 2020 Statistics:

October 2020: Treated an average of 29,000 gallons per day  
October 2019: Treated an average of 31,000 gallons per day  
Flow decreased by 2,000 gallons per day from last year at this time.

Sewer service complaints: 0  
Call Before You Dig Tickets: 0

6. Receive a report from Parks & Recreation regarding the status of programs and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

Chair Myers read the October's report in Shelly Gulotta's absence.

Statistics: October 2020 – 0 program visits due to COVID-19

Upcoming Events: None

Updates:

- Monthly Metro Meeting to be held November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Programming started November 9<sup>th</sup> and the teen programming will start November 18<sup>th</sup>
- The Christmas Parade may be hosted by Searchlight Development Committee.

Contact information:

Shelly Gulotta, Supervisor

A'Lonn Bilbray, Recreation Specialist

Michele Brown, Recreation Assistant

Searchlight Office: (702) 297-1682

Laughlin Office: (702) 298-3413

7. Receive a report from Kelli Carlson with Searchlight Library regarding current and upcoming programs. (For discussion only)

Kelli Carlson provided the October's report.

- The library is currently open for all library services, and will continue to have curbside services for patrons who request it. Masks or other appropriate face coverings is required for entry into the library and social distancing is practiced.
- Wi-Fi is available 24 hours a day in the parking lot.
- At this time the Library is open. Check with [lvccld.org](http://lvccld.org) for updates and potential restrictions regarding COVID-19 imposed by the state.

Children's activities:

- Three Square snacks are being distributed after school at the gate and not in the library.
- Take and Make, which is a Craft along with the snack, will be given out for additional at-home enrichment.
- At this time until the library can gain access to the community room for more space no other programs are being offered.

Adult activities:

- The Book Club continues with a mix of in-person and call-in attendance. The Book Club will be held once a month, on the second Wednesday of each month, at 11:30 am. Next date is December 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Painting with Ali will be held Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. This month they're painting a Christmas themed scene. The library will provide all supplies needed. Attendance is limited to twelve people, and reservations are required. In December, the class will be held on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Christmas Holiday. Call or visit to make your reservation.
- Chair Yoga is still being considered.
- The Library is closed November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving, and December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas. The Library will close at 5:00 pm on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day.
- Additional information can be found on Facebook "Searchlight Library News" or call the Library for information.

8. Receive a report from Janis Kostecky with Searchlight Senior Center regarding current and upcoming activities. (For discussion only)

Three Square is still available every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon for food pick-up.

9. Receive a report from Kyle Myers regarding current road conditions and Public Works concerns. (For discussion only)

Last month, three downed street signs, five street light outages, and two pot holes were reported.

10. Announcements of upcoming neighborhood meetings and County or community meetings and events. (For discussion only)

Judy Bundorf provided updates for Walking Box Ranch. The Backyard Astronomy event scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> has been moved to December 18<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Volunteers are being recruited to assist with maintaining the site. This includes indoor and outdoor help. If you have any special memories of the ranch go to [friendsofwbr.org/mystory](http://friendsofwbr.org/mystory) and share your story.

11. Announcement of applicants sought for the Town Advisory Board. (For discussion only)

Chair Myers read the announcement.

VI. Planning & Zoning:

Previous:

1. **WS-20-0417-JETT SEARCHLIGHT, LLC:**  
**WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS** to allow an alternative trash enclosure.  
**DESIGN REVIEW** for a proposed trash enclosure in conjunction with an existing casino, restaurant, and tavern on 1.5 acres in a C-2 (General Commercial) Zone. Generally located on the east side of US Highway 95, and the north side of Cottonwood Cove Road within Searchlight.

No final action at the time of this posting.

VII. General Business:

1. Review, discuss, and approve the 2021 Searchlight Town Advisory Board meeting dates, and take any action deemed appropriate. (For possible action)

After a brief discussion Donna Moore motioned to approve the dates as presented. Motion passed upon a voice vote. 3-0.

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Next Meeting Date: December 9, 2020

X. Adjournment: 6:40 pm

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the February 10, 2021 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the March 10, 2021.*

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