



MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: May 5th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. All in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were President Neulieb, Vice President Adrian, Secretary Biege, Commissioner Deutscher, and Commissioner Espar. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Barrett Taylor, Union President Chris Zibutis, and Commission Attorney Cory Shoffner.

Approval of Minutes- A motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting was made by Commissioner Espar and was seconded by Vice President Adrian. **Motion carried 5-0.**

Communications and Claims- No report.

Report from City Council Representative- No report.

Report from Commission Attorney- No report.

Report from Fire Chief Barrett Taylor-

The call reports for April are as follows:

- 410 calls
- 14 fires
- 294 rescues/medical calls
- 19 hazardous condition calls
- 11 service calls
- 43 good intent calls
- 25 false alarms
- Narcan was used 10 times throughout April.
- At the time of this report, the total year to date was 1,596- 75 more than this time in 2024.

May Department Anniversaries:

- Captain Brandon Lee – 16 years

Chief Taylor stated that during the month of April, MCFD had one resignation in Probationary Firefighter Jose Bugarin, who decided to become a paramedic. Due to this, Chief Taylor asked the commission for the next name on the hiring list. President Neulieb stated that the next individual on the list is Mr. Jacob Malik, and that the next steps in the hiring process will begin.

Following this, Chief Taylor made note that 3 probationary firefighters graduated from the academy Friday, May 2nd, 2025. All three individuals will now be on shift.

Discussion ensues regarding possible future updates to the promotional testing.

Report from Union Local 475- A brief discussion began regarding a new hire list.

Old Business- No comment.

New Business- No comment.

Public Comment- A citizen expressed mild concern of a nearby department experiencing fraud during the repair of one of their engines and wanted to make sure MCFD was using a trustworthy mechanic. This then evolved into a discussion over the quality of the engines.

Commission Comment- Brief conversation ensued.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Deutscher at 5:21pm. The motion was seconded by Vice President Adrian.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 2nd, 2025, at 5:00pm.

APPROVED BY:

ON:

Fred K. Adrian
6/2/25