



## MICHIGAN CITY FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

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### Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Vice President Adrian, Secretary Biege, Commissioner Deutscher, and Commissioner Espar. President Neulieb was absent. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Barrett Taylor, City Council Representative Daisy Lee, Union President Chris Zibutis, and Commission Attorney Cory Shoffner.

**Approval of Minutes-** A motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting was made by Secretary Biege and was seconded by Commissioner Espar. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Communications and Claims-** No report.

**Report from City Council Representative-** No report.

**Report from Commission Attorney-** No report.

**Report from Fire Chief Barrett Taylor-**

#### June Department Anniversaries:

- Assistant Chief James Young – 35 years
- Assistant Chief Mike Orzech – 30 years
- Fire Marshal Jeff Bruder – 29 years
- Captain Joe Zerbes – 18 years
- Driver/Operator Leo Martorano – 13 years
- Firefighter Jacob Ott – 2 years
- Firefighter Tristan Frazier – 2 years

The call reports for May are as follows:

- 446 calls
- 17 fires
- 316 rescues/medical calls
- 18 hazardous condition calls
- 14 service calls
- 48 good intent calls
- 30 false alarms
- 2 special incidents
- 1 overpressure call
- Narcan was used 8 times throughout May.
- At the time of this report, the total year to date was 2,442 calls- in 2024 it was 1,965 calls, so 77 more than this time last year.

Following this, Chief Taylor requested the next three names on the hiring list due to two upcoming retirements and one upcoming resignation. A motion to approve the next three names on the hiring list was made by Commissioner Deutscher and was seconded by Secretary Biege. **Motion carried 4-0.**

**Report from Union Local 475-** No report.

**Old Business-** No report.

**New Business-** No report.

**Public Comment-** Ms. Lee gave her thanks to Station 4 C-Shift for giving tours to students from Barker Middle School.

**Commission Comment-** No comment.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Deutscher at 5:09pm. The motion was seconded by Secretary Biege. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:00pm.

APPROVED BY: *Firemerit Commission* *Passed 4-0*  
ON: *7/7/25*