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Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Members

Fred Adrian, Vice President (Mayor Appointment; 1/2/2024-1/1/2028)
Greg Deutscher, Commissioner (Fire Dept. Appointment; 1/15/2025-12/31/2028)
William Espar, Commissioner (Council Appointment; 5/21/2024-12/31/2026)
Marlin Garner, Commissioner (Fire Dept. Appointment; 8/19/2025-10/31/2028)

Michigan City Fire Merit Commission Meeting Minutes: December 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. All in attendance were asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Those in attendance were Commissioners Adrian, Garner, Deutscher and Espar. Also, present were Attorney Cory Schoffner and Fire Chief Barrett Taylor.

Approval of the Minutes-A motion to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2025 REGULAR meeting and November 8, 2025 SPECIAL meeting and November 15, 2025 SPECIAL meeting was made by Commissioner Garner and seconded by Commissioner Deutscher. **All in favor: 4, Nays: 0 Motion Carried 4-0.**

Communications and Claims- Commissioner Deutscher read the Claims for the month of November. They were payroll \$450.00, Claims \$1,427.47. Commissioner Adrian then moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Report from City Council Representative- No Report

Report from Commission Attorney- No Report

Report from Fire Chief-

The monthly data for November 2025: (adding that some of the calls were not completed at the time this data was compiled)

371 Calls
12 Fire Calls
0 Overheated (no fire)
250 Emergency Medical Calls
17 Hazardous Conditions(non-fire)
7 Service Calls
28 Good Intent calls

43 False Alarms
0 Severe Weather
1 Special Incident
34 have not made it through the system yet.

4 Narcan

The department's year-to-date totals are 4,623 which is 18 calls over the same time last year.

December Work Anniversaries:

Driver/Operator Steven T. Kreighbaum	9 Years
Driver/Operator/PIO Tia Eckwood	7 Years
Driver/Operator Austin Swistek	7 Years
Driver/Operator Jory Palmer	7 Years
Driver/Operator Brian Gonzalez	7 Years
Driver/Operator Randall Hallett	7 Years

Chief Taylor announced that some of the firefighters want to help the Michigan City Swim and dive team, so they will be having a pancake breakfast at station 4 on Saturday, December 20th from 8-10 am.

Chief Taylor asked about the hiring list to which Commission stated the list is official. At that time, Chief Taylor asked for the next name on the hiring list which would put the department at a full roster. Chief Taylor asked if the commission could contact the next name and have them get with the office to set up a time for him to contact the office to set up an appointment to come in to sign the letter of intent.

Report from Union Local 475- No Report

Old Business- No Report

New Business- Firefighter Josh Allen addressed the commission stating he was employed with the department from September 1, 2016- September 28, 2022. During that time, he was promoted to a driver/operator in November 2020. He returned to the department in February 2024 and is asking for permission in 2026 to test for Lieutenant. Firefighter Allen stated according to chapter 54-172, that in order to test for any position, you have to have two years on the job, which he stated he will have. Also, in order to test for Lieutenant, the section states an individual needs one year as a driver/operator, which he would have had before he left.

Discussion ensued among the commissioners to which Commissioner Adrian stating that after the meeting to Firefighter Allen, to please provide him with the dates he was hired and left and he will look into this. No decision was made at this time.

Public Comments- No Report

Commission Comments- Commissioner Adrian asked how many letters went out for testing? Then asked how many showed up for the Agility test? Training Officer Sonntag answered 45 letters were mailed out to take the test, 23 took the written test, 14 passed the written test and only 5 passed the agility test.

With no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Deutscher at 5:14 PM and seconded by Commissioner Espar. All in favor: 4, Nays 0 Motion Carried 4-0.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 5, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

APPROVED BY: Fred Adrian / fpa
DATE: March 12, 2020

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