LaVeta Fire Protection District Summary of Discussion- Workshop Dec. 2, 2024

This was a single- issue workshop to explore the level of response that should or could be required of members of the LVFPD.

Article V, Sect. 6 of the district S.O.P. addresses the lack of response Article VI, Sect. 1B of the district S.O.P. presents the expectation that members are to respond

Job descriptions for members and ethics statements for volunteers illude to the expectation that volunteers, i.e. members, will participate when there are calls for assistance.

A question was raised as to whether E.M.T.'s keeping up their certifications constitutes participation. Similarly, does coming to training for firemen constitute participation.

Much discussion on the cause and effect of requiring minimum level of response by members versus members only responding when and/or if they wish. Some felt minimum levels of response should be required to be a member in good standing. Others worried that placing such requirements for response would have the effect of members leaving the department, thus removing their ability to respond, even occasionally.

This issue is, and has been, the subject of continuing debate.

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Group in attendance agreed it would be good to have a meeting of the EMS responders to get their input on what would help motivate individuals to respond.