

**MINUTES OF THE
LA PORTE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT
MERIT COMMISSION
October 5, 2011**

The La Porte City Fire Department Merit Commission met on October 5, 2011, at the Main Fire Station. All members of the Commission were present. Also present were Chief Sabie and Firefighter Eric Jedrysek.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President Ralph Lindgren.

The minutes of the September 7, 2011, meeting of the Commission were read by Secretary Jim Kaminski and approved as read.

President Lindgren indicated that the Commission would be presented in the next few months new guidelines for the performance ratings to be reviewed by the Commission and approved before they are implemented in future performance ratings. It was decided that the guidelines should be reviewed and implemented at the start of 2012 so that they can be used for the performance ratings in the year 2012.

The oral interviews for the officer rankings will be held on October 17th and 18th at the Main Fire Station beginning at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Jim Kaminski has given notice to the newspaper of the special Executive Session meetings.

Chief Sabie reported that the performance ratings have already started. The Chief also informed the Commission that on October 15, 2011, an open house will be held at the Main Fire Station in conjunction with Fire Prevention Month. The open house will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Firefighter Jedrysek reported that, for two weeks during the month of October, firefighters will be wearing pink duty shirts in support of Breast Cancer Month. The shirts will be available for sale to the public to raise funds for breast cancer awareness.

President Lindgren reported to Chief Sabie that the terms of Jim Kaminski and Ed Gondeck are due to expire at the end of 2011, and as the firefighter representative, Jim Kaminski would need to be presented to the Fire Department as a candidate.

Thereafter, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Kaminski, Secretary

Next meeting: November 2, 2011