



## **Business Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2022**

**BVFF Committee:** Molly, Chief Eric Andrews and Karen McPeters (recorder) were present. Carsen Smith was not in attendance. There were no charges.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm, with a link posted for public Zoom access. Present were Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, Commissioners Molly Olson, Doug Rupp and Leigh Christianson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Assistant Chief Ernie Walters, Deputy Chief Joe Simmons, MSA Pete Parrish, Deputy Chief Jarrod Spence, Captain Scott Coulson, and Secretary Karen McPeters (recorder).

**Public Commentary:** No public

### EXECUTIVE

**Sky Valley Awards** - This Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> we will recognize Peter Drott as our 2021 fire department member of the year. Peter was selected by a majority of the department officers for his outstanding participation and efforts to improve our agency's capabilities. The award ceremony will be held at the Startup Event Center, and there will be the ability to view the event online.

**Utility vehicle replacement** – We are working on replacing the Focus as planned in this year's apparatus replacement plan.

**Sky Valley Fire & Rescue** - King County District #50 commissioners are meeting in person again and their chief will be consulting with them on a date and time to meet jointly.

**District 5 Commissioners** – Chief Andrews met with the new District 5 chief as well as Commissioner Geiger. I filled them in on some background on our repeated requests to have a joint commissioners' meeting with them. They agreed that this was needed and asked that we give them a few months to settle in with the new chief and Commissioner Chase. They are very willing to meet and discuss our concerns.

**Timber Tax** - The state advised us that they initiated a new computer software to compute and distribute timber taxes in 2019. The new program costs were supposed to be deducted from the taxes distributed. Evidently this did not occur, and they will be charging us just over \$13,000 for our share of the costs. This will be due in January 2023 to allow agencies to budget for the cost.

**Legislature Report** - There are several bills making their way through the short session. Two important ones for us are the reform and clarification for police response to calls that may involve harm to firefighters. Many police agencies felt last year's law prevents them from

responding. This places us in difficult situations. Last week we had an elderly female that needed to be seen by a physician because she was a danger to herself, and our doctor said we could not leave her at home. Police would not respond and it took well over an hour of convincing her to go in. The other law of great importance is a law that prohibits the interference with any first responder in the performance of their duties. The only law that exists today in WA is the obstruction of a police officer. Interfering with a firefighter or EMS worker is not currently illegal.

## EXECUTIVE

**Station 53:** Work on the kitchen project has recommenced and Chief Walters will be meeting with vendors to complete the ordering of appliances and cabinets this next week.

**Station 54:** The medics and the training office have been moved into their new rooms at station 54. Walters will be setting up a meeting with the remodel committee to discuss the plans for the kitchen/dayroom work in the next few weeks.

**Volunteers/Residents:** We are interviewing candidates this week and next for residents and volunteers. We currently have 14 interviews scheduled.

**DNR Grant:** Walters submitted a grant through the Department of Natural Resources for \$15,949.99 for the purchase of a commercial wood chipper. The district would be responsible for 10% of the grant amount.

**New Radios:** The mobile radio installations are going well; we currently have eight more vehicles to install radios in, with four spare radios for future vehicles.

**Drone Program:** We received the demo drone in the middle of last month and three out of four of the pilots were able to fly it. We are currently creating an RFP (request for proposal) to send out to solicit quotes for the platform that we tested. Our hope is to purchase the new drone and have it in service for this summer.

## EMS

### **Continuous Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance (CQI/QA):**

All ESO electronic health reports (EHR's) have been assigned to the QA team.

EMS division is working with Snohomish County to update the County EMS CQI/QA procedure. This project is still ongoing.

Code Stat is caught up and all Cardiac Arrest and Advanced Airways have been annotated.

**EMT Training** - 8 AEMT students successfully completed their NREMT for Advanced EMT certification and applied through SCEMS to get WA DOH certification.

**Continuing EMS Education** – No updates

**Personnel-** New medics Dave Hanson, Dakota Fenter, Ryan Hardwick

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January ALS coverage 89% (80 hours not covered). February is looking significantly better.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

**Burn Facility Development** – The hearing went well in mid-January and it looked like an approval wasn't going to be an issue. Unfortunately, the county forgot to include a file and had to resubmit it to the hearing examiner for their final response. It does look like it's going to be approved still just further delayed.

**EVCC** – Capt. Coulson recently completed another Wildland FF course partnering with EVCC. 19 students attended the class and around 6 expressed interest in applying for our department.

**IT** – Capt. Thurston and Coulson met with Woodland Networks, which is the IT company we were with last year, to coordinate a schedule for projects that need to get completed that had been delayed.

**Recruitment** – Captain Thurston is still recruiting members, with 12 new potential members setting up interviews. New members will be in the academy starting at the end of March.

**ESTA** – The schedule is out and we are actively recruiting instructors and support for the academy.

**Grants** – Captain Coulson and Thurston are working on the SAFER grant to fund a training officer and recruitment personnel.

**Burn Facility** – Our burn schedule is finishing up on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June just after kids get out from school. We will keep an eye out for a repeat of the heatwave we had in June last year.

## Secretary's Report

The Systems Design report and run totals are available for review.

## Budget

Currently at 14%.

**Minutes:** Leigh moved to approve the January minutes. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

**Vouchers:** Pat moved to approve vouchers 54 through 95 for \$55,127.29, and 96 through 102 for \$11,820.36. With a second from Molly, the motion passed unanimously.

**Payroll:** Leigh moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$97,935.86. With a second from Doug, the motion passed unanimously.

## Discussion Items

Leigh reported that the Sno-Isle commissioners website has a portal to see upcoming legislation

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and register an opinion. Upcoming conference will be in Suquamish, and Leigh plans to attend.

Next regular meeting March 9, in person with public access on Zoom available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51.

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