



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY  
FIRE DISTRICT 26**

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**Draft Business Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 19:12. Present were Commissioner Chair Bill Tubbs, Vice Commissioner Chair Pat Sample, and Commissioners Molly Olson, Kate Hayes, Michelle Adie, Dean Johnson, Doug Rupp and Dean Johnson. Also present were Chief Eric Andrews, Deputy Chief Jarrod Spence, and Secretary Karen McPeters (Recorder).

**Public Commentary:** There was no public commentary.

**Chief's Report**

**EXECUTIVE**

**Revenues** - Karen working with the county treasurer has combined all the accounts between the former FD 28 and now FD 26. Financial reports show the combined amounts in each fund. Last month I reported to you that our EMS transports seemed low for this time of year. Karen was able to audit the books and found that we had not recorded in our records several transport payments. The financial report has been updated to reflect the payments and current revenues to date. This update shows we are considerably ahead of projections for transport payments as well as other expected revenue categories.

**Water Rescue** - We have had five drownings on the river since the beginning of the year. We continue to use social media and the local news to warn of the dangers and encourage use of life vests and letting people know we have them for loan at our stations.

**CWPP** – A first draft of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been released. It is about 75% complete. The County DEM, DNR, USFS and our District continue to work on the final version that will be released soon. The free brush chipping program will be held this July 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 PM at Station 54 which is just another part of the CWPP.

**Mobilizations** - We have had one fire mobilization for fire apparatus where we sent and Type 1 and a Type 3 engines to Yakima County for two days. Also Scott Coulson has been on IMT assignment for several other days on various locations.

**Events** - Personnel are planning for Gold Bar Dust Days and Index Art Festival participation and crew standby as these events bring in more visitors which often results in more activity.

**Fire Rating** - No word from WA State Ratings Bureau on our re-rate but we expect it any day after their completion of the inspection and review.

I have had two districts one from Skagit county and Snohomish 15 contact me and set up appointments to discuss what we are doing in FD 26 to have such a successful program. The comments I hear from these folks relate that they have asked around and, hear all the time that they should talk to Snohomish 26 as they have a very successful program using part time personnel and volunteers, so they have to be doing something right.

## **OPERATIONS**

**Brush Truck** - The new brush truck is now fully operational and has been stationed at Station 55. The crew did an excellent job putting this apparatus together and equipping it. The District saved thousands of dollars by having our crew plan, organize and assemble several of the components. Ernie and several others are to be thanked for their efforts. The District now operates four quality brush units that not only serve our district but can be deployed around the state to help fund our wildfire program.

**Boots** - Researching boots that can be used on trail rescues as well as brush fire responses. Also securing equipment packs for crews that respond to trail rescue calls to assure they have proper equipment in the event of prolonged stay.

**Mobes** - Crews our out on their second state mobilization for the year, currently in Kittitas County the one previously was in Yakima county. Lt. Coulson has been out several days on IMT assignments.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES / TRAINING**

**Annual Basic Firefighter Training School** - We have secured a drill master with District #7 who is a previous member from District #26 Brian Kendall, the drill master from District #26 will be Andrew Lauer who has been the drill master in the past and will be reprising his role. A meeting is set up with Districts #7 and #26 for later this month to meet and further coordinate the program. Currently we have 9 district #26 members that will be participating in the program.

**Engine Academy** - As mentioned last month Willis Reed has set dates in the second half of September for an Engine Company Academy. He has also now taken on the responsibility for managing the live fire training with District #26, tasked with running quarterly Multi-company training involving District #26 and the surrounding districts to assist in their live fire requirements. Willis will also be managing the live fire within the East Snohomish Training Academy to provide a greater experience level to the recruits,

## **EMS**

**King County EMS Funding** – The King County EMS subcommittee has recommended to continue the contract with Snohomish 26 for ALS Service through 2025 which is their next

budget cycle. They have agreed to increase the cost of the contract annually by CPI +1%. In addition, we are working on a percentage of ALS apparatus and equipment costs. We propose that they pay 50% of what they normally pay in King Co.

**Operative IQ** - Tracking system is moving forward with phase 1 beginning this month. (Operative IQ is a detailed inventory system)

**Run Review** - Monthly run review provided to all BLS providers. Reviewed calls for potential QA concerns. Worked with King County Dist. 50 on a concern about a trail rescue.

## **Secretary's Report**

**Transports:** June transport payments by level of service were viewed.

**Budget-** Expenditures are 3% over for to date. The revenue report with the combined funds from the merger will be available next month.

## **Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:** Molly moved to approve the minutes from the June 13 District 26 meeting, and with a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

**Vouchers:** Bill moved to approve vouchers 281-18 through 309-18 for \$55,413.61 and 310-18 through 325-18 for \$12,857.39. With a second from Michelle, the motion passed unanimously.

**Payroll:** Bill moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$76,215.19 and with a second from Dean, the motion passed unanimously.

## **Action Items**

**BVFF Committee:** Need regular meetings to review injuries and claims. Kate volunteers. Michelle moves that Kate be on the committee, Pat seconds. The committee will only will meet if there's a claim.

BVFF is changing their retirement benefit, increasing amount. People who have already retired can still claim addl benefit.

## **Discussion Items**

**Galena Rd Cell Coverage:** Doug talked to CTS based in MA, with a branch in Seattle. They will come out next week and survey the SERS tower and the Sprint cell tower. He also will see what maintenance costs for dept would be.

**2019 Budget:** Bring ideas to next meeting, ie: property purchase or other special expenditures.

**2019 Levy:** Will need to decide what to do about expiring levy next year. Options are M&O Levy, Lid lift, or reducing expenditures enough to get along without the levy.

**Training Prop:** \$450,000 in capital improvement funds for project. Too much impervious surface in current plan. Need conditional use permit. Current design has 59% impervious surface, so probably need to change plan or change materials.

**Larsen Property:** Appraiser looked at Larsen property. No septic records, City of GB has no records of septic. Appraisal should be available by end of the week.

**Sno-Isle Commissioners Meeting** – Attended by Molly and Michelle. There was discussion about community paramedic programs. Sno-Isle offers a grant to help with for establishing one. District 7 has one.

The commissioners were able to see a drone. Dist 22 has been sending a drone to drowning calls. Because a private pilot's license is required to fly, it's expensive for volunteers to get qualified. Drones are also being used for wildland fires.

The next meeting of Fire District 26 will be on August 8 at 19:00 at the Index Resident House.

Meeting adjourned at 20:24.