

# King County Fire Protection District No. 27

## Minutes

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on January 20, 2011 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairman Meredith called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

### **Present:**

Chairman Meredith  
Commissioner Hollis  
Chief Connor  
Secretary Evans

### **In Attendance:**

Commissioner Williams absent and excused.

### **Chief's Report:**

#### **Alarms**

In December, the District responded to 23 BLS Aid calls, 12 ALS Aid calls, 7 Fire calls and 5 Service calls for a total of 47. The fiscal year to date total at the end of the month was 153 alarms, compared to 203 in the 2010 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the month and year was 697 alarms compared to 798 in 2009. The District requested mutual aid on 3 alarms of which we cancelled 0 times. The District provided mutual aid on 15 alarms of which we were cancelled 5 times.

The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 36 of 40 calls which is 90.0%. The 90% turnout time was 01:27. Chief Connor provided the annual alarm report which recapped the monthly turnout times, call type, and mutual aid data. The average turnout time for the year was 82.2% for the 01:30 standard.

#### **Volunteer Recruit Training**

The six newest recruits will be enrolled in the next EMT class beginning in January.

#### **Volunteer Firefighters / E Shift Program**

Nothing new to report.

#### **NORCOM**

Chief Connor reported that he attended the Governing Board meeting last Friday. He introduced a motion at the meeting for a work study regarding the methodology that is used to calculate the proportional costs for the fire and police agencies. This came about after Kirkland's annexation, which shifted the County's police responsibility to the City. Recently all of the fire agencies had experienced an increase in cost while the police agencies had a decrease in their costs. Chief Connor stated it would appear that if you were to bring more police on line in the funding model that the fire cost would actually decrease.

#### **Septic System**

The District received an approved as built package from King County. An effort to educate all career employees on use and maintenance of the system has just been completed.

#### **King County Permits and Inspections**

Chief Connor reported that he needed to follow up on the status of the draft inter local agreement provided by King County for agencies to review.

#### **Fee for Fire District Transport**

Chief Connor provided a brief update to the Board regarding recent decisions of other agencies to institute a fee for transport. Eastside Fire & Rescue began charging effective January 1. In the next few months, Mercer Island, Kirkland and Shoreline will all begin to charge fees as well. Bothell has had a fee system in place for some time. Chief Connor discussed the District's out of area transport policy. It is confusing for our customers when an Ambulance company charges, but the District and Medic One don't charge. Chief Connor stated that he understands the need for additional revenue and also how this may be a politically charged issue for some people. Setting up the fee system would take some resources and the billing most likely would be done by a third party. Chief Connor stated that he has not evaluated what the revenue potential would be for our District and asked the Board if they would like him to pursue it further. The Board conveyed that they were not interested in supporting a transport fee at this time.

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**CPR / First Aid Classes**

Chief Connor stated that an internal review of the first aid and CPR classes provided to the public in 2010 is nearing completion. The review includes the current fee structure. It appears that the fees charged currently are not covering the cost of materials. Chief Connor stated that a more detailed discussion at the next regular meeting could occur if desired.

**Labor Management Meeting**

Chief Connor asked if there were any questions regarding the labor management meeting report which had been provided prior at the last meeting. The Board had no comments.

**Executive Session:**

The Board convened into a fifteen minute Executive session at 4:30 p.m. with Chief Connor to discuss the performance of a public employee in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(g). At 4:45 p.m. it was announced that the Executive session would continue until 5:00 p.m.

The Executive session ended, and the special meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans  
District Secretary

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Lorie Williams  
Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner