

King County Fire Protection District No. 27

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on September 11, 2012 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Commissioner Meredith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present:

Commissioner Meredith
Commissioner Hollis
Chief Connor
Secretary Evans

In Attendance:

FF Noble
FF Krache
FF White

Chairperson Williams absent and excused.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters

The Board convened into a meeting of the Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters from 7:02 to 7:04 p.m.

Local 2878 Statement

FF Krache read a statement prepared by Lt. Ledoux expressing his thanks and gratitude to the Commissioners and Chief Connor for another successful bargaining agreement and for the long standing relationship as partners working together, which benefit both groups and ultimately providing for the continued delivery of high quality fire service to the community.

Sno Valley Senior Center Dinner

Chief Connor reported that Sonya Massey and five of her friends were treated to dinner with the on duty crew earlier this month; this was the dinner that was auctioned at the Sno Valley Senior Center last year. The on duty crew, Commissioner Hollis, his wife Leona and Lt. Ledoux all helped in making this event enjoyable and it was well received by the participants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion made by Commissioner Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board approved the minutes of the August 16, 2012 Special meeting.
Motion Carried.

WARRANTS:

The Board reviewed the various vouchers drawn on the expense fund.

On the Motion made by Commissioner Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board approved the following expenses and signed the authorization documents.

Voucher No. 19654 -19679 totaling \$22,212.60
Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$88,397.54
Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Board reviewed the monthly budgets and financial statements.

Chief Connor stated that Jim Nelson, with Martin & Nelson, had contacted us about refinancing the District's G.O. Bonds. There are nine years remaining on the bonds and Jim stated that there is a potential for the District to save between \$160,000 - \$180,000. Chief Connor stated that we would need to move pretty quickly in order to make this happen by the end of the year. The Board was interested in setting up a meeting to discuss further. Chief Connor stated that he would forward the email that he received from Jim and set up a meeting for him to provide a presentation to the Board.

STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

NW Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild, Fly Tying Demonstration, October 28, November 17, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Approved.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Snure Seminar - Oct 24 / WFCA Conference - Oct 25-27

Commissioner Hollis stated that he would like to attend the Snure Seminar and WFCA Conference and

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thought Commissioner Williams was interested as well. Chief Connor stated that he planned on attending.

On the Motion of Commissioner Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board approved Commissioner compensation and attendance to the Snure Seminar and WFCFA Conference.

Motion Carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Alarms

In August, the District responded to 45 BLS Aid calls, 12 ALS Aid calls, 10 Fire calls and 18 Service calls for a total of 85. The fiscal year to date total at the end of the month was 698 alarms, compared to 586 in the 2011 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the month was 539 alarms compared to 433 in 2011. The District requested mutual aid on 13 alarms of which we cancelled 4 times. The District provided mutual aid on 26 alarms of which we were cancelled 17 times.

The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 63 of 73 calls which is 86.3%. The 90% turnout time was 01:39. Alarm Charts for the month were provided for review.

Volunteer Recruit Training

Chief Connor reported that two of the newest recruits are attending the EMT class. The other three are working E shift fills and some weekend day shifts.

Volunteer Firefighters / E Shift Program

Chief Connor reported that one Volunteer Member is currently attending the Washington State Training Recruit Academy at North Bend.

NORCOM

Chief Connor reported that the regular monthly Governing Board meeting was scheduled for this Friday morning. Chief Connor stated that he would not be attending this month. An update on a new Executive Director is expected. The Technology Project is ongoing and steps are being taken to organize, and to prepare for testing and evaluation of new software releases from the vendor. A release was due the last week of August and will be delivered and installed next Monday September 17th. Chief Connor also reported that the governing board voted to formally go to dispute resolution with the software vendor in hopes of getting some firmer commitment timelines from them.

SERRA

Chief Connor stated that no meeting had occurred to discuss changes to the ILA.

On a side note Chief Connor met with the City of Snoqualmie and Duvall to discuss if there were some items that we could share to potentially save some money. During this meeting some ideas about some type of consolidation were discussed, including shared labor. Chief Connor discussed how most recently we helped provide staffing for the PGA golf tournament in Snoqualmie. He further stated that if there was an agreement in place, perhaps the agencies could share in time off relief, instead of, for example, using mandatory overtime to fill some shift vacancies. Chief Connor further stated that these conceptual ideas would need input from labor and the elected officials of each agency; at the very least it opens up some dialogue that could be beneficial. Chief Connor stated that if the Board was interested he would forward the notes from the meeting to the Board.

VHF Radio

Chief Connor stated that he had nothing new to report. The VHF radio equipment is still on backorder and the alphanumeric paging receiver is in test mode and awaiting installation.

Revision to Safety Standards

Chief Connor reported that the Department of Labor & Industries has filed a proposal to enact a revision to the 296-305 Safety Standards for Firefighters. In the next few weeks there are hearings scheduled and an opportunity to provide written comments until October 12. Typically major revisions to the standards result in the need for revision of District policies, additional member training and costs to replace and update equipment. The proposed revision would be adopted on January 22, 2013, with an effective date of 1/1/2014.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Future Options – Revenue and Expenses

Commissioner Meredith stated that other districts have been looking into the excess levy option and this may be an option for our district. He requested the details and timeline of the elections for 2013. Further

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discussion ensued on the 60% approval and 40% validation numbers needed for an excess levy. Chief Connor stated that he would get the election information and forward it to the Commissioners.

Outdoor Burning

Commissioner Meredith stated that there were many comments last month and it sounds like those that wanted to, did get some help from the Firewise program. Chief Connor stated that he had heard from one person who provided comment at the meeting and that individual was hoping to have perhaps a month of burning to get rid of his debris, he didn't feel like he had any other way to economically dispose of it.

Commissioner Meredith stated that the Board should consider some revision that might allow limited outdoor burning for the larger properties or for those participating in the Firewise program who are trying to reduce their fire hazards.

Chief Connor also stated that the RCW's has language allowing for general rule burning to occur during two weekends in April and two weekends in October without a permit in areas that allow burning. The District's adopted resolution supersedes this language in the RCW's; however a revision to the resolution could allow for burning on these weekends.

Commissioner Hollis would like to continue to get some feedback and see if the Firewise program could be utilized further. The Board requested to keep this item on the agenda.

Collective Bargaining Agreement

Chief Connor reported that he and Commissioner Hollis had met with Local Representatives Lt. LeDoux and FF Springer on September 5th and a tentative three year agreement has been reached. Chief Connor provided to the Board a report of the meeting which outlined the revisions to the new contract.

Chief Connor also presented a Letter of Understanding between the District and Local which requires employees who are using sick leave while unable to work due to disability and who are receiving disability benefits from the WSCFF Disability Program to buy back sick leave hours.

Chief Connor stated that the current provisions of the Local's disability policy requires the employee who is on disability to exhaust their sick leave before they can receive any disability benefit, other than \$15 per month. However if the District and Union have an agreement that requires the employee to buy back sick leave hours, then the employee will receive disability benefits once the 30 day waiting period has been met and the disability payment will be used to buy back the sick leave hours used. The District has committed to adding new language for mandatory buy back of sick leave for off duty disability in the new agreement.

Chief Connor was also advised that the WSCFF Insurance Program would allow for the mandatory buy back to be retroactive and language was included in the Letter of Understanding to make this happen.

On the Motion of Commissioner Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hollis the Board approved and signed the Letter of Agreement addressing the Sick Leave Buy Back Provisions with the WSCFF Disability Program.

Motion Carried.

Chief Connor stated that the final collective bargaining agreement should be ready for approval by the next regular meeting in October.

NEW BUSINESS:

2013 Draft Budget

The current tax levy worksheet from the County was provided to the Board. Chief Connor stated that the worksheet currently illustrates a decrease of (8.4) percent to the District's AV which is better than the (13) percent decrease that we saw in the Assessor's area report.

A preliminary 2013 budget was provided and reviewed by the Board. Secretary Evans stated that the current levy amount provided by the County was used; it was anticipated that the revenue numbers would not change very much. The salaries and overtime increased by 2.2% from last years budgeted amount, and overall the expenses were up 1.4%.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board convened into a brief Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to review the performance of a public employee in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The Executive Session was expected to last five minutes.

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The Board convened back into the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

OTHER:

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Meredith at 8:35 p.m.

Attest:

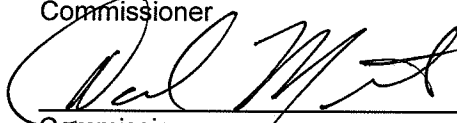
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