

# 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 March 11, 2014 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairman Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Present:**

Chairman Hollis  
Commissioner Hansen  
Chief Connor  
Secretary Evans

### **In Attendance:**

Captain Larson  
FF Noble  
FF Krache

Nancy Moore  
Del Moore

Commissioner Meredith absent and excused

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

#### **Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters Meeting**

The Board convened into a Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters meeting at 7:01 to discuss the annual pension participation certification form. The Board convened back into the regular meeting at 7:05.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a Motion made by Chairman Hollis and a second provided by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the minutes of the February 11, 2014 Regular Meeting.

Motion Carried.

### **WARRANTS:**

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

On a Motion made by Chairman Hollis and a second provided by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses:

Voucher No. 20314-20341 totaling \$26,147.33  
Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$97,051.28  
Motion Carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

The Board reviewed the monthly budgets and financial statements.

### **STATION USER AGREEMENTS:**

Fall City Community Association – Monthly Meeting, March 14, 2014, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.  
Approved

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **Snure Seminar October 22, 2014 and WFCFA Conference October 23-25, 2014**

On the Motion of Chairman Hollis and a second provided by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved attendance and Commissioner compensation to the October Snure seminar and WFCFA Conference.

Motion Carried.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

#### **Alarms**

In February, the District responded to 23 BLS Aid calls, 10 ALS Aid calls, 15 Fire calls and 5 Service calls for a total of 53. The fiscal year to date at the end of month was 314 alarms, compared to 283 in the 2013 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the month was 110 alarms compared to 107 in 2013. The District requested mutual aid on 5 alarms of which we cancelled 3 times. The District provided mutual aid on 15 alarms of which we were cancelled 8 times.

The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 31 of 45 calls which is 68.9%. The 90% turnout time was 01:52. Alarm Charts for the month were provided for review.

Chief Connor reminded the Board that the turnout time objective will need to be re-evaluated after we have collected the new data elements for a while.



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

Chief Connor reported that one member had been hired and left at the end of February, and one new recruit had been terminated. Two new recruits will be taking the EMT pretest. The two new recruits who have completed the EMT class will be assigned to basic fire training. Testing will begin soon and up to four additional recruits will be added to the basic fire training class.

### **NORCOM**

Chief Connor reported that the regular monthly Governing Board meeting is scheduled for this coming Friday morning. Mediation was held in Farmington Hills, MI on March 3<sup>rd</sup> with the vendor and a third party mediator. No settlement was reached, however a mediator's proposal has been sent to both parties for consideration. Next month on April 11, 2014, the annual Principals assembly will be held. We are invited to send a Commissioner if desired.

### **Shared Staffing**

Chief Connor stated that our employees have been filling vacancies at both of the other agencies. Additional orientations will continue to occur.

### **Routers & Tablets**

Chief Connor reported that the routers installed in A271 and E271 are now connecting much better than they had been. Additional testing will continue.

### **Surplus Equipment**

Chief Connor reported the Canon copy machine does not contain a hard drive which stores images. There had been no response to the Craigslist ad. The Board recommended lowering the price and they conveyed that if there is no interest we may need to dispose of it.

### **Dry Sprinkler System**

Chief Connor reported that an evaluation of the sprinkler system piping is planned. We expect to learn if there are any low spots which are not draining properly and what could be done to prevent corrosion of the pipes.

### **Computer Workstation Replacements**

One additional workstation replacement will occur soon and a laptop replacement is planned. Only one system that utilizes the Windows XP operating system will remain.

### **Knox Key Replacement**

Chief Connor reported that the gate installation that experienced an intercom problem was probably not related to re-keying of the locks. Including this last installation all of the replacements have been completed.

### **SCBA Compressor Air Sample**

Chief Connor reported that the SCBA compressor air quality issue had been resolved.

### **Washington Surveying & Rating Bureau**

Chief Connor reported that he had asked the WSRB for additional time to assemble information. A date for the onsite visit will be determined later this month or in early April.

### **King County Sheriff Office Space Lease**

Chief Connor reported that a signed copy of the office space lease had been received from King County. The term was for one year and beginning next January it will revert to a month to month agreement.

### **New Engine Specifications**

Chief Connor reported that there is still some work in completing the review of the specifications. He was optimistic that possibly we could have bids ready to open by the next meeting.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **PEBB Surcharge**

Chief Connor reviewed the letter dated February 27, 2014 from the Washington State Health Care Authority with the Board. Beginning July 1, 2014 insurance premium surcharges will be added for tobacco users (\$25 per month), and for individuals whose spouse or domestic partner is eligible for employer sponsored medical coverage but have waived or declined such coverage (\$50 per month). The intent of the legislature in imposing these surcharges is to change individual behavior. For State employees, these

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surcharges are the responsibility of the employee. Chief Connor reviewed with the Board the District's healthcare coverage with the PEBB group. Chief Connor stated that to his knowledge none of our employees use tobacco products but he doesn't know if their family members do and currently we have seven employees who have coverage for their spouse and he doesn't know if they have other coverage available to them. Chief Connor reviewed the potential costs and asked for direction from the Board on how the surcharge will apply to employees of the District. Chief Connor stated that PEBB is also providing incentives to participate in their wellness program. Commissioner Hansen asked what the wellness program entailed. Chief Connor provided some examples but further details will come from PEBB.

Chief Connor reported that the district employees will need to respond to PEBB between April 1 and May 15, 2014. If they don't respond the premium surcharges will automatically take effect. Chief Connor stated that for our represented employees this may need to be bargained, and there is a process in place that could affect a change prior to July. For the employees not represented it would be dependent on their employment policy or agreement. Commissioner Hansen asked if there was a way to inquire how many employees that the surcharge will affect. Chief Connor replied that we can ask the employees. The Board conveyed that they need additional information on the cost and legislative rules and would discuss this further at the next meeting.

**OTHER:**

Chairman Hollis asked about the Stairclimb fundraising event. FF Krache reported that six of our members participated and completed the climb. The Local which includes Fall City, Duvall, Snoqualmie and EFR raised over \$38,000 which currently puts us in third place for fundraising. FF Schreiber placed 36<sup>th</sup> by climbing it in 14:22 minutes. It was fun and it was a pretty big year for fundraising, at least 12 teams were above \$20,000 and they also had invited some celebrity athletes to participate in the event.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hollis at 7:52 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans  
Board Secretary

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