

# 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 September 19, 2014 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairman Hollis called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

<u>Present:</u>	<u>In Attendance</u>
Chairman Hollis	Captain Larson
Commissioner Hansen	FF Noble
Commissioner Meredith	
Chief Connor	
Secretary Evans	

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **Temporary Employee – Letter of Agreement**

Chief Connor provided the Letter of Agreement (LOA) to the Board. He stated that the LOA was similar to the one we did in 2009. Chairman Hollis asked if there were any Volunteers interested. Chief Connor replied that several were.

Commissioner Meredith made a Motion to approve the Temporary Employee Letter of Agreement as written. The Motion was seconded by Chairman Hollis.  
Motion Carried.

##### **Physical Fitness Equipment Request**

Chief Connor stated at the last meeting the Board had approved the request to purchase fitness equipment, though there had been some questions to what that equipment was. He provided a detailed list to the Board and discussed his plan to budget half this year and the balance in next year's budget. The Board concurred with Chief Connor's request and Commissioner Meredith stated that he would be in favor of allocating the total cost to the 2014 budget.

Chairman Hollis made a Motion to approve the remaining amount of approximately \$2,500 to be paid out of the 2014 budget. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Meredith.  
Motion Carried.

##### **Future Cost of Dispatch Services**

Chief Connor provided a brief history of the District's dispatch service. He discussed the formation of NORCOM in 2007 and the transition of services from the City of Bellevue. A chart of the District's annual dispatch costs for the past 15 years was provided to the Board. Chief Connor discussed the (smoothing) cost adjustment from the City of Bellevue that was included in NORCOM's funding formula for the past six years. He further explained why this was written into the agreement and that the smoothing goes away in July of 2016. Chief Connor discussed some of the changes that have occurred to the funding model and how the cost of dispatch is assessed to the agencies. He further stated that NORCOM has hired a consulting agency to study the funding model and there is an expectation that the police agencies will pay a bit more of their fair share in the future.

Discussion ensued on the revenue loss from the 911 tax. Chief Connor reported that King County has cut 2.3 million dollars from the PSAP (Public Safety Answering Points) 2015 funding. NORCOM will lose \$294,000 in 2015 and we don't know what the County intends to do in the following years.

Chief Connor reported on the settlement with New World Systems. He also discussed the TriTech CAD system which will need some major upgrades in the future. The current MDT's are utilizing a later version of TriTech and a conversion to the newer technology will need to occur. Chief Connor stated that he would like to see the settlement funds earmarked for these future needs. Commissioner Meredith asked if NORCOM would implement a new system. Chief Connor replied that the fire agencies would most likely stay with TriTech. Chief Connor conveyed to the Board that the District should expect some increases to our dispatch costs going forward. The Board thanked Chief Connor for providing the update.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OTHER:**

**Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hollis at 4:47 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Evans  
Board Secretary

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