

# King County Fire Protection District No. 27

## Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 was held on October 8, 2024, at Station 152 located at 4301-334th Place SE, Fall City, Washington, 98024. The meeting was also available remotely with online video and audio conferencing.

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

### **Present:**

Chairman Daniel Meredith  
Commissioner Lilly Hansen  
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield  
Chief Brian Culp  
Secretary Melinda Wall

### **In Attendance:**

Lt. Steve Bandy  
FF Kyle Patterson  
Dave Hart

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

**Public Comment** - None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the Minutes of the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

### **WARRANTS:**

Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment. It was noted that four additional SCBA harnesses were purchased, Office 365 is now being paid annually, and the District obtained some landscaping services.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the following expenses: Voucher No. 24876 - \$3,971.20; 24877-24907 totaling \$86,854.67 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$182,513.20. MOTION CARRIED.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

#### **2024 Budget and Bond Fund Report**

The 2024 Expense Budget and Bond Report were provided to the Board for review and discussion.

### **STATION USER AGREEMENTS:**

Cascade FC Soccer - Meeting - 10/7/24 (5:30 – 8:00 pm) Approved.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

#### **Alarms:**

For September 2024, the District responded to 48 aid calls, 15 medic calls, 13 fire calls, and 12 service calls, for 88 calls. The year-to-date total is 783, compared to 692 in 2023.

Turn-out times: September – The turn-out time standard was achieved on 65 of 88 calls, which was 73.9%. The 90 percentile turn-out time was 2:03.

- Redmond Fire went on one MIH call.
- Eastside Fire answered one Aid call for us while we were on another call
- Snoqualmie Fire answered one Aid call while we were on another call.
- In September 2024, we transported 18 patients to the hospital.



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### Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:

- The volunteers completed 109 hours of E-Shift duty for September.
- Firefighter David Geller has started replacing the Wi-Fi devices within the station.
- Volunteer program presentation:
  - Traditional Volunteer program
  - EMS Only program
  - Fire Corps-CERT program
  - Fire Explorer program
  - Cancel current program.

Chief Culp discussed the pros and cons of each Volunteer program and conveyed that he would lean towards the Fire Corp-CERT program and still allow our current Volunteers to remain in the existing program. After a lengthy discussion, Chief Culp stated that he will continue to explore the options and bring back some recommendations to the Board.

### Career Staff:

- On October 14<sup>th</sup>, Tyler Sittner will start with our department as our new probationary firefighter. He currently volunteers with South Whatcom County and works with one of the local ambulance services. We wish him good luck as he starts his firefighter career with our department.
- I want to thank the career staff for their monthly help on different projects. Their hard work benefits our station, equipment, and community.

### Training:

- Captain Fleming will be at the National Fire Academy next week to attend the Leadership in Supervision course.

### Station/Equipment Projects:

- EMS Transport Billing Update was provided to the Board.
- IT Update. We have purchased additional Microsoft licenses and placed everything on a one-year contract. This is a 20% savings a year compared to paying monthly. FF Geller has started installing some of the upgraded equipment for Wi-Fi and equipment within the server room. This month, we will increase our Comcast plan for faster internet within the station. I want to thank FF Geller for helping us with this process.
- We had a yard maintenance reset last month, bringing in a company to trim and prune the trees and yard. I want to thank Melinda for her help in seeing this project through.
- Engine 152 had to have its front tires replaced. The shops found damage to one of the tires, which posed a safety concern.
- Engines 152 and 252 will soon go to the Shoreline shops for needed repairs and service.
- The steps on Engine 152 have been replaced. I want to thank FF Lussier for leading that project.
- Lieutenant Springer is putting together what we need for hose replacement after the completion of annual hose testing.
- Four SCBA soft harness part kits were purchased so the crews could change them out after a fire to be cleaned.
- Annual pumping and inspection of the septic system. No significant comments were made about the system.
- On October 11<sup>th</sup> we will have all the ladders tested and certified.

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## New Engine discussion:

- Chief Culp stated that there have been on-going discussions on the next engine purchase. Currently manufacturing timelines with Pierce are 42-48 months out. He also discussed lease option financing and potential discounts which may be available by piggy backing on Eastside's purchase. Further discussion ensued on current manufacturers, interoperability with neighboring agencies, and continuing to earmark funds into the reserve account.

## Zone 1 / County-Wide Projects:

- The AMB Contract is finalized and will have final approval from the Z1 Fire Chiefs on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Community Projects/Events:

- Fire Prevention Week is happening, and the crews are presenting at Fall City Elementary School this week. Thank you, FF Lussier, for setting up with the Elementary School.
- Our Annual Halloween glow sticks and candy at the station will occur on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The district was at the Aroma Block Party and Apple Festival last month.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

### Interlocal Agreement for Ambulance Services

The draft ambulance agreement was provided to the Board for review. Chief Culp reported that he was not anticipating any further changes to the agreement. He also noted that the District would be preparing an ILA with Eastside Fire & Rescue for the IT and data collection services that they will provide. After discussion, Chairman Meredith stated that the Board will take final action after the agreement is approved by the Z1 Fire Chiefs.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### 2025 Draft Budget

The Preliminary Tax Levy Worksheet was provided to the Board for review. The preliminary tax levy was \$3,018,345, an increase of 3.8% percent and the new construction levy was \$14,524. With the addition of \$6,687 in refunds the total allowable levy was \$3,039,556. Secretary Wall reported that these numbers will change and the updated state assessed property values have not posted. Chief Culp discussed the projected transport revenues for year end, and applying for the GEMT program. Hiring a consultant to help with that process was discussed.

After discussion, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting on October 22, at 2:00 p.m. Agenda items will include the Ambulance Agreement and 2025 Draft Budget.

## OTHER:

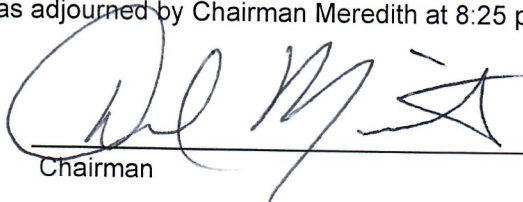
### Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 8:25 p.m.

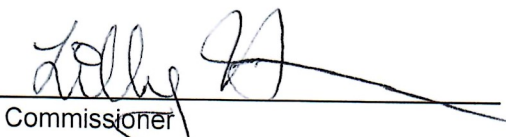
Attest:

Melinda Wall  
District Secretary

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Chairman

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner