

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 November 12, 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:

DC Patrick LeDoux
Cpt Scott Fleming - via Teams
Lt. Joe Springer - via Teams
Lt. Steve Bandy
FF Pete Montefusco
Dave Hart

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Public Comment - None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the Motion of Commissioner Hansen and a second by Chairman Meredith the Board approved the Minutes of the October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting and October 22, 2024 Special Meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.

WARRANTS:

Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the following expenses: Voucher No. 24908-24937 totaling \$44,931.99 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$191,047.56. 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:

Dave Rispoli - Musician Gathering - 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 (1:00 - 3:00 pm)
Cascade FC Soccer - Meeting - 11/11 (12:00 - 3:00 pm)
NW Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild - Fly Tying Meeting - 11/16, 12/14 (8:00 am - 4:00 pm)
Agreements Approved

CORRESPONDENCE:

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Alarms:

For October 2024, the District responded to 47 aid calls, 10 medic calls, 24 fire calls, and 3 service calls, for 84 calls. The year-to-date total is 867, compared to 759 in 2023.

Turn-out times: October – The turn-out time standard was achieved on 48 of 80 calls, which was 60.0%. The 90 percentile turn-out time was 2:14.

- Redmond Fire went on three MIH calls.
- Eastside Fire answered two aid calls, and two fire calls for us while we were on other calls
- In October 2024, we transported 17 patients to the hospital.



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Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:

- The volunteers completed 72 hours of E-Shift duty for October.
- Firefighter Pete Montefusco has a conditional offer with Boeing Fire Department. It is unknown when his final hire date is currently.
- Firefighter David Geller and I continue to work on the upgrades of our Wi-Fi and increased internet capability.
- I am currently putting together additional information on a Fire Corp or CERT Program for our department, looking at liability and program development.

Career Staff:

- The career staff are completing their vacation, Kelly Days and Paid leave opportunities for 2025. We will then place that into the Fire Trex Scheduler. I want to thank Lt. Springer for coordinating this yearly task.
- The vacation annual cashout was completed this month. I want to thank the crew for sending in their requests to us so that they can be processed.
- Both probationary firefighters are doing well and continue to learn and grow within the district.

Training:

- Captain Fleming attended the National Fire Academy last month and had a great experience attending the Leadership in Supervision course.
- DC Ledoux has applied for the Leadership in Supervision Course for January 2025. We are waiting for his acceptance on the course.
- I have applied for the Executive Fire Officer Program through the National Fire Academy. It will be a few months before finding out if I'm accepted.
- We will continue to offer the Officers the opportunity to also take the Leadership in Supervision course as the opportunities become available.
- The crews conducted SRT training this past month.
- C-Shift was able to conduct MCO burns in Kirkland last week. The other shifts will be scheduled as time allows.
- Firefighter Fleming and Noble will be going to the Command Procedures Course November 19-22.

Station/Equipment Projects:

- EMS Transport Billing Update – Chief Culp attended a class on transport billing – Medicare is known to do audits; briefed on some updates in the law.
- IT Update. We have increased our Comcast plan for faster internet and have an increase of \$100.00 per month. I want to thank FF Geller for helping us with this process. We will continue to make updates to our IT system within the next few months.
- The Rescue Cat went in for repair after swift water training after an accident that put a hole into it. The Boat will also go in after making a repair on the keel air chamber.
- Aid-152 went in for a tire rotation this past month.
- Engine 252 has returned from the Shoreline shops. The quality of work and the repairs to the engine were great and so far, we are happy with the Shoreline Shops.
- Engine 152 will be going to the Shoreline shops on November 13.
- On October 30th, we had all the ladders tested and certified. We had two 24' extension ladders fail. We are currently going to use one from Eastside Fire and have ordered two new ladders which will be here towards the end of January 2025. The cost will be around \$2,300.00 plus shipping.



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- In general, we have a lot of different projects occurring between the units and the station. I want to thank the crew for their continued help and support.

Community Projects/Events:

- Our Annual Halloween night at the station was once again a huge success and glow sticks and candy at the station were given out on the 31st. I want to thank FC Residents Jamie Rowse and Beth Beckmann who helped set up the table for the event. This is the second year that they have participated in decorating the table.
- We are in the planning phase for the annual River of Lights event for the holiday season.

New Engine discussion:

DC LeDoux updated the Board on the engine discussions highlighting the following:

- Preliminary specifications were provided to the Board which were close to completion.
- Cost estimates for Pierce about \$1,200,000 before any discounts or sales tax.
- Prices are expected to go up January 31, 2025.
- Interoperability with Zone 1 and neighboring agencies.
- Currently about a three-year build time.
- Financing options with WA State LOCAL, or PNC Equipment Finance.

Chief Culp stated that there are associated contracts available with Sourcewell if the Board would like to go in the direction of Pierce Manufacturing. He also discussed the lease option financing that is available with PNC Equipment Finance. Commissioner Hansen and Belfield conveyed that they liked and appreciated the value in having the interoperability aspect with neighboring departments. The apparatus replacement schedule was discussed.

Chairman Meredith inquired about the timeline to have a final proposal ready. DC LeDoux expected that the engine specifications could be completed and a proposal ready by the December meeting. Chairman Meredith also discussed financing and would like to see a cost analysis on the available financing options. After further discussion, the Board conveyed the importance of procuring the next fire engine.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2025 Draft Budget

An updated preliminary Tax Levy Worksheet was provided to the Board for review. A slight change in the allowable levy was noted, which was currently at \$3,039,529 including new construction and refunds. Secretary Wall reported on the line item changes to the draft budget, highlighting the Ambulance Contract revenue and corresponding data service fee that will be paid to Eastside Fire & Rescue. In addition she stated that the audit expense that was budgeted for this year will be rolled into next year.

After further discussion, Secretary Wall stated that an updated budget along with the tax levy resolutions and the Norcom resolution will be provided for review and approval at the special meeting and public hearing that was scheduled for November 19, at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

OTHER:

Chief Culp discussed the holiday festivities and mentioned the Christmas giving tree which will be set up at the Fall City Meat shop this year.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 7:47 p.m.



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Attest:

Melinda Wall
District Secretary

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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