

# 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 April 11, 2022, 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 7:04 p.m.

### **Present:**

Chairman Daniel Meredith  
Commissioner Lilly Hansen – *via Teams*  
Chief Brian Culp  
Secretary Melinda Wall

### **In Attendance:**

DC Patrick LeDoux	FF Noah Fleming	Dave Hart
Lt Scott Fleming	FF Parker Dumas	Jay Blucher
FF Mike Larson	Rob Barr	
FF Rena Echols	Kristopher Belfield	

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

Chairman Meredith stated that Eric Hollis has provided his official resignation which was effective March 31, 2022. The Board will discuss the Commissioner vacancy later under new business.

**Public Comment Period** – Dave Hart stated that he was pleased to see the work that Chief Culp was doing in creating a community Firewise program. He asked about liability issues if the District is able to procure a wood chipper for use in the program. Chief Culp discussed the program and stated that it could be set up in a manner to alleviate any liabilities for the District.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the Minutes of the March 14, 2022, Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

### **WARRANTS:**

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses: Vouchers No. 23883-23919 totaling \$84,020.51; Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$137,443.76. MOTION CARRIED.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

#### **2022 Budgets**

The Board reviewed the monthly budgets and financial statements.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Public Disclosure Commission - F1 Statements Due 4/15/2022

### **STATION USER AGREEMENT:**

Atlantic Salmon Fly Guild – Group Meeting & Fly-Tying Demonstration  
4/30/2022 – 9:00 am – 5:00 pm - Approved

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

Alarms :

For March 2022, the District responded to 33 Aid calls, 14 Medic calls, 14 Fire Calls, and 10 Service calls for 71 total calls. The year-to-date total is 233 calls compared to 206 calls in 2021.

Turn-out Times: March 2022 – The turnout time standard was achieved on 37 of 63 calls which was 58.7%. The 90% turnout time was 2:37.

Volunteer Firefighters / E-Shift Program:

- The 2022 Recruits continue to do well in EMT School and should be done by June.
- Recruit Song is on E-Shift assigned to C-Shift and is only on the Aid-Car.
- Firefighter Jon McKinnon will be testing his IFSAC Firefighter I in June.

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- Several of our volunteers have also picked up extra shifts, and I would like to thank them for putting the extra time into the District.

### Career Staff:

- Probationary Firefighter Lussier will be graduating from the WTA on April 21, 2022. Graduation will be at the TPC Snoqualmie Ridge at 10:00 AM.
- Thank you, Lieutenant Bandy and Firefighter Brookshear, for being part of the MIH Program. One of the goals for the District is to be more involved in the MIH program to help our community members obtain help and the needed resources if they need it. The time that both Lieutenant Bandy and Firefighter Brookshear put into the program will be reimbursed through King County EMS - MIH Funding.
- Career Staff is conducting hydrant inspections this month, which will help clear any vegetation and make sure that the hydrant markers are there.

### Training:

- The District is exploring our training opportunities for the future. Snoqualmie and Eastside are leaving the Zone 3 Training Consortium. Eastside Fire and Kirkland Fire are joining together to form a new consortium that follows the Zone 3 program. Bothell Fire is also looking at joining them. We are meeting with Snoqualmie, Duvall, and Eastside to explore and look at options to consider what will provide the best opportunities for both our career and volunteer members.
- Wildland Training (RT-130) is being conducted today and tomorrow. Thank you, Captain Rob Barr, from the Valencia County Fire Department, for coming up here and teaching our members. This is Captain Barr's second time teaching our RT-130 refreshers.
- Both career and volunteer members will be going to the FTA on April 24 and May 1 for MCO flammable and LPG burns. This will be part of a requirement for the career staff for their IFSAC Firefighter II testing.
- Nine of the career staff will be testing for their IFSAC Firefighter II certifications in May. I want to thank all of the career staff for their continued vision and push to increase their knowledge and training.
- Firefighters Patterson and Conroy will be going through their Swiftwater Tech Training this month. Fall City and Snoqualmie Fire are hosting the Tech class and refreshers, including the King County Sheriff's Office and Bothell Fire.

### Station/Equipment Projects:

- Engine-152 is in the shop and being repaired for a head gasket leak. The estimated cost will be around \$9,000 to \$10,000 for the repair.
- The fence replacement project started on April 5.
- I want to thank the career staff for their hard work cleaning up the property and preparing for the fence project.
- DC Ledoux has integrated well with the other Operations Chiefs throughout Zone 1 and is one of the Zone 1 Coordinators. If the county activates the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), he would be able to work in the EOC under Emergency Support Function 4 (ESF-4). The ESF-4 position would help coordinate the fire department's resources throughout the county.
- NORCOM is moving to a single CAD in the next two months. DC LeDoux is working on the CAD migration and will be training the crews on the new CAD system.
- We are updating our MDCs on the units to increase having additional units to have CAD capabilities. The crews are in the backup engine without CAD, which puts them at a disadvantage of not having scene and unit updates. This will require additional computers and gateways to be purchased. Chief Culp stated that we have some funds available from King County EMS that will be used to procure some of the needed MDC's for our apparatus.

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### Grants

- A grant through DNR provides operational and PPE funded through House Bill 1168 that relates to long-term forest health and reducing wildland dangers. We submitted one for equipment for \$29,278.41 and another for PPE for \$19,567.24.

### Aid-Car

- We are waiting for the final specs and the contract for the new Aid-Car.

### COVID-19

- The District will be submitting for a FEMA Public Assistance Grant for the COVID-19 disaster. Melinda, DC LeDoux, and I are working on collecting the information to be submitted. The estimated cost of around \$50,000.00 will be associated with overtime of labor, equipment, and EMS supplies that could be reimbursed.

### Community Involvement

- A reminder that Fall City Days will be on June 11, 2022, and we will be involved in that event.
- We will be working with the King Conservation District to set up some community meetings on establishing Firewise Communities to lower our risk of wildfires within the Fall City area.
- A memorial service is being planned for Tommie Brice who was an Honorary Lifetime member of the department. The service will be held here on Saturday, June 25.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Purchase of two F-150 Command Vehicles**

Chief Culp discussed the purchase of two F-150 Trucks for Command Vehicles for \$86,943.30. The Units would be purchased under the Washington DES State price agreement. Chief Culp stated that he consulted with Attorney Snure about the state contract. The units would be delivered around August 2022. Chief Culp stated that the District is also looking into borrowing a slip-in unit with 120-gallon capacity from Bothell to put into the F350 Support truck which would provide additional fire suppression capabilities. He recommended retaining the 2010 Tahoe for pulling the boats.

Commissioner Hansen asked if the F350 could be dual purposed and continued to be used for pulling the boats. Chief Culp discussed the pros and cons of using the F350 and retaining the Tahoe. Discussion ensued.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second from Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the purchase of two F-150 Command Vehicles as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

##### **Commissioner Vacancy**

Chairman Meredith stated that in accordance with RCW 42.12.070 the Board has 90 days to appoint the new Commissioner. Chief Culp stated that in the past the District sent a request for interest to the Snoqualmie Valley Record for publication and posted it at the fire station, library, post office and store. In addition, we will post it on the District's website and Facebook page. Candidates need to live in the Fire District and be a registered voter.

After discussion, the Board decided that the letters of interest would need to be returned to the District by Friday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m. and a special meeting for Monday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m. was scheduled for candidate interviews.

### **OTHER:**

#### **Adjournment:**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 7:52 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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Minutes Approved - Pending Signature