

# 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 March 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 - via Teams  
Commissioner Kristopher Belfield  
Chief Brian Culp – via Teams  
Secretary Melinda Wall

### **In Attendance:**

DC Patrick LeDoux  
Lt. Joe Springer  
FF Noah Fleming  
FF Kyle Patterson  
FF Tanner Hillier

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

#### **Public Comment**

Lt. Springer presented Local 1762 Resolution - Supporting Contract for Services between King County Fire District 27 and Eastside Fire and Rescue to the Board. Chairman Meredith moved this item to new business.

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

At 7:05 the Board convened into a Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters meeting to discuss the 2023 Pension Participation Certification. The Board convened back into the regular meeting at 7:08 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

### **WARRANTS:**

Chief Culp briefed the Board on the warrants and EFT transactions presented for payment, highlighting the ESO, LN Curtis, and Training Consortium invoices.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield, the Board approved the following expenses: Vouchers No. 24647-24680 totaling \$96,588.25 and Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$173,358.68. MOTION CARRIED.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

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

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

### **STATION USER AGREEMENTS:**

NW Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Guild - Meeting – 3/16/24 (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)  
Dave Rispoli – Musician Gathering - 3/19/24 (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)  
Agreements Approved

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Public Disclosure Commission - The Annual F1 filing due April 15, 2024.  
Fall City Elementary PTSA - Birthday Party Request – Approved  
Chairman Meredith stated that he had completed his Open Public Meetings and Public Records Training for Commissioners.



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

For February 2024, the District responded to 35 aid calls, ten medic calls, 26 fire calls, and four service calls, for 75 calls. The year-to-date total is 167 compared to 121 in 2023.

Turn-out times: February - The turn-out time standard was achieved on 36 of 70 calls, which was 51.4%. The 90 percentile turn-out time was 2:06

- One call was an MIH call handled by Redmond Fire.
- Eastside Fire Rescue handled two calls because we were on other calls.

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

- The volunteers completed 139.75 hours of E-Shift duty for February.

### **Career Staff:**

- I want to thank A-Shift and Firefighter Greg Lussier for working on the outside lighting to ensure they all work correctly.
- B-Shift has done a great job adding PFF Walstrom to the shift and conducting a lot of training with him.
- C-Shift has done a great job completing different station projects.
- DC LeDoux continues to meet with the crews as often as possible to discuss ongoing events within the station and Zone-1.

### **Training:**

- Some crews had the opportunity to train at North Bend Outlet Mall, where they are tearing down one of the buildings. This is an excellent opportunity for the crews to practice skills.
- PFF Walstrom has been working hard with B-Shift on training.
- Lieutenants Springer, McKinnon, Firefighters Fleming, and Brookshear will attend the new Command Procedures course this year. This program is important to ensure our officers and actors know the adopted command procedures.
- Each shift continues to conduct extensive training. As we start our second year with the SKCFTC, we continue to excel in ensuring our department conducts quality training.
- It has been reported by the SKCFTC that Captain Fleming is doing an excellent job as a Training Officer for their current Recruit Academy.

### **Station/Equipment Projects:**

- We have received our evaluation from WSRB (Washington State Rating Bureau). We have maintained our Fire Protection Classification of a 4. Communities are assigned a Protection Class of 1 through 10, where 1 indicates exemplary fire protection capabilities, and 10 indicates the capabilities, if any, are insufficient for insurance rating credit. This PC4 rating will apply to dwelling and commercial properties within five road miles of a responding fire station and having a fire hydrant and water supply. Some dwellings within our fire district may not fall within this rating due to being outside the five-road miles of a fire station or not having a fire hydrant within 1000 feet of their property.
- Chief Culp discussed the various factors used in determining the fire protection rating. He stated that water flow, communications and investigations were all good. One area that the District fell short was fire inspections which are done by the King County Fire Marshall's office. He stated that some departments have an ILA with King County and facilitate their own inspections. This could be something to take under consideration.
- The cascade compressor should be delivered this week. After it is delivered, we will need to take an air sample to UW before it can be used.
- The Shoreline FD Shops will be here this week to assess our fleet. I hope to have the ILA between the two districts presented at next month's meeting.



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- Engine 252 went into the shop yesterday for additional repairs. After completing it, we will have Engine 152 go for its needed repairs.
- We have submitted for the FY23 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. There are three items on that grant request: replacement of all Flash Hoods to meet the new NFPA Standard that is coming out. This would be for 54 hoods at \$116.00 each, the purchase of 18 bailout systems at \$650.00 each, and a request for an all-in-one Fire Prop at \$48,000.00. The total grant is \$65,964.00 with a 5% cost share, which would be \$3,141.14.
- We should be able to start EMS Transport billing by the end of the month. We have signed everything with Medicare and await the final interface between ESO and the billing company.
- Within the next few weeks, we will close our Emergency Reporting Records Management System and have it moved to ESO Solutions. Emergency Reporting was purchased by ESO about two years ago, and they will be shutting down that platform soon. We will have an increase in costs of approximately \$1,500.00 annually since they bill for different sections different than Emergency Reporting. We also have an interface between ESO and the Jalota program (MIH Program), which will be reimbursed through King County EMS.

### **Zone 1 / County-Wide Projects:**

- I will be the new Chair of the NORCOM Governing Board starting April 2024.
- DC LeDoux continues to work with the Operations Chiefs on response plans throughout Zone 1.
- The Zone-1 OPS Chiefs are working on an RFP for ambulance services within the Zone.

### **Community Projects:**

- The union held its annual stair climb on 03/10/2024 in Seattle.
- I am sitting on the Fall City Day Committee that will be held on June 8th.

Discussion ensued on the training that has occurred in preparation for EMS Transport billing.

Commissioner Belfield asked about training outside of the training consortium and if those are included in the training report. He also asked about the training and education incentives in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Chief Culp discussed his training report and stated that all training is recorded in Vector. DC LeDoux discussed the tuition reimbursement in the contract and stated it does allow for other fire service related classes with prior approval from the Fire Chief if the classes are deemed beneficial to the district. Chief Culp stated that they would be developing a policy outlining approved training versus non-approved training. Discussion ensued.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Resolution 2024-1 Obsolete Equipment**

Resolution 2024-1 was provided to the Board for review and approval.

On the Motion of Chairman Meredith and a second by Commissioner Belfield the Board approved Resolution 2024-1 Obsolete Equipment. MOTION CARRIED.

##### **Local 1762 Resolution - Supporting Contract for Services between King County Fire District 27 and Eastside Fire and Rescue.**

Chairman Meredith discussed the recent levy vote and thought the District's revenues would remain fairly consistent. He stated as a proponent of the merger, the ability to share the costs with more people would be beneficial for a small organization. He would be interested in exploring, maybe some different ideas, and having better understanding and documentation of what the savings are or not.

Lt. Springer stated that with recent contracts that Eastside has done, the Board may have access to answers more readily. He also discussed benefits of consolidation.

Discussion ensued on the District's investment made in regard to training and the consortium partnership.



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Chief Culp discussed options that some agencies are currently exploring. He conveyed the importance of a strategic plan, having dialogue and determining what makes best business sense.

Commissioner Belfield commented on increasing costs, inflation, and declining revenues. He stated that in addition to the consideration for contracting or regionalization all options should be on the table as we did with the levy lid lift proposal. He discussed the importance of community input. Commissioner Hansen stated that this is something to explore for the community and department.

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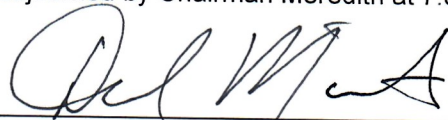
**Adjournment:**

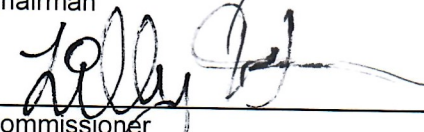
With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Meredith at 7:50 p.m.

Attest:

Melinda Wall  
District Secretary

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Chairman

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner