

# 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 July 14, 2015 at Station No. 271 located at 4301 334th PL SE in Fall City, Washington.

Chairman Hollis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### Present:

Chairman Hollis  
Commissioner Hansen  
Commissioner Meredith - via phone  
Chief Connor  
Secretary Evans

### In Attendance:

Lt. LeDoux  
FF Krache  
FF Baker  
FF Brookshear  
FF Schreiber  
Nancy Moore

### BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

An inquiry concerning the District's alarms related to brush fires, fireworks, and the river was received from Nancy Moore. Chief Connor provided a brief overview of those types of calls and commented that there appeared to be fewer people lighting fireworks this year. Nancy also discussed the river task force which is currently in need of some new support.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a Motion made by Commissioner Meredith and a second provided by Chairman Hollis the Board approved the minutes of the June 9, 2015 regular meeting.  
Motion Carried.

At 7:10 the duty crew left for an alarm.

On a Motion made by Chairman Hollis and a second provided by Commissioner Hansen the Board approved the minutes of the June 10, 2015 special meeting.  
Motion Carried.

### WARRANTS:

The Board reviewed the various vouchers drawn on the expense fund.

On a Motion made by Chairman Hollis and a second provided by Commissioner Hansen, the Board approved the following expenses:

Voucher No. 20908 - 20950 totaling \$57,700.86  
Payroll and EFT transactions totaling \$108,706.37  
Motion Carried.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS:

The Board reviewed the monthly budgets and financial statements.

### STATION USER AGREEMENTS:

NW China Painters, Meeting; September 10, 2015, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Approved

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Local 2878 – Letter of Intent to Bargain dated 5/28/15 was provided to the Board.

### CHIEF'S REPORT:

#### **Alarms**

In June, the District responded to 50 BLS Aid calls, 17 ALS Aid calls, 16 Fire calls and 8 Service calls for a total of 91. The fiscal year to date total at the end of the month was 589 alarms, compared to 582 in the 2014 fiscal year. The calendar year to date total at the end of the month was 379 alarms compared to 378 in 2014. The District requested mutual aid on 10 alarms of which we cancelled 2 times. The District provided mutual aid on 35 alarms of which we were cancelled 13 times.

The 01:30 turnout time standard was achieved on 54 of 85 calls which is 63.5%. The 90% turnout time was 02:04. Alarm Charts for the month were provided for review.



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

The 2015 recruit class continues with four new recruits on Thursday evening and all day Saturday. They have finished live fire training and are working on completion of first aid, incident command, and hazardous materials training. They will also be preparing for the EMT pretest which is scheduled in late August.

### **NORCOM**

Chief Connor reported that the regular monthly Governing Board meeting was held last Friday morning. Work continues on refining the 2016 budget, which likely will increase by 3.3%. He reminded the Board that the District's dispatch costs will increase next year due to the smoothing adjustment that goes away in July, 2016.

### **Shared Staffing**

No update at this time.

### **Best Starts for Kids**

Chief Connor reported that this initiative proposed by the King County Executive will be submitted to the voters in November. King County has stated that they do not plan on an agreement to address pro-rationing. The levy rate increase over a six year period will equate to \$0.14/\$1,000 of AV, and will raise about \$58M each year. Chief Connor conveyed that changes at the legislative level may need to occur in order for fire districts to protect their levy rates from pro-rationing in the future. Commissioner Hansen asked if this would affect all fire districts in King County. Chief Connor replied that fire departments within a city and some districts that have fewer taxing agencies within their area, for example if they had no hospital district, then they may not be affected.

### **DNR Matching Grant**

Chief Connor reported that the District had received the equipment purchased through a Phase 1, 50% matching grant from DNR, in the amount of \$911.49.

### **Lake Alice RD SE Culvert Replacement**

Chief Connor reported that the road closure began at 7:00 a.m. on June 22, 2015. The box culvert installation is scheduled to be in place this week with backfill and utility restoration to follow. The high pressured PSE gas line restoration is taking longer than expected but the road is still scheduled to be open by 5:00 p.m. on August 28, 2015. Snoqualmie Fire and Rescue is providing first due coverage of calls to the Lake Alice area during the road closure.

### **ILA Concerning Pro-Rationing Resulting from PSERN Levy**

Chief Connor reported that he had been advised that an ILA which differs from the ILA authorized by the Board last month will be sent for consideration soon. The County Council has now suggested the ILA execution date be changed to a date later than August 31, 2015.

The duty crew returned at 7:28 p.m.

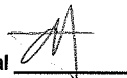
### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **Engine Procurement**

Chief Connor reported that a mid-inspection trip was scheduled to occur this week and was abruptly cancelled on Wednesday of last week. Spartan reports that the body and pump module are not likely to be painted until the end of next week. They are suggesting the end of the week of the 27<sup>th</sup> would be a more appropriate time for the visit. The contractual delivery date was June 16, 2015, after which a \$50 per day late delivery penalty applies. The estimated final inspection trip is anticipated about two to three weeks after the mid-inspection trip. After delivery, the vehicle will need to go to Hillsboro, OR for dealer prep and inverter installation.

#### **Collective Bargaining Agreement**

Chief Connor reported that a first negotiation meeting was held on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Additional meetings are scheduled on 7/20/15, 7/28/15, 8/4/15 & 8/6/15. He also recommended scheduling a special meeting to discuss the collective bargaining agreement and performance evaluations. The Board tentatively agreed to schedule the meeting on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 p.m.



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**Performance Evaluations**

Tabled to the special meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**OTHER:**

Chief Connor provided a brief update on the current DNR deployment. Further discussion ensued on the procedures of deployment and FF Krache provided details on the initial attack phase strategy, where the strike team can be engaged to respond to numerous events rather than to just one fire.

Lt. LeDoux addressed the Board and asked if there were any plans to inform the public about the reduction in the excess levy request this year and if there were any plans to hold an open house when the new engine arrives. He also suggested that a publication or newsletter to let the community know what's happening at the fire department would be good PR. The Board agreed that hosting an open house would be a good opportunity to engage the community and discussed further some ideas to disseminate information to the public.


**Adjournment:**

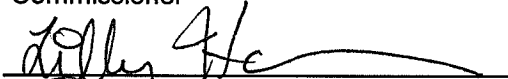
With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hollis at 7:55 p.m.

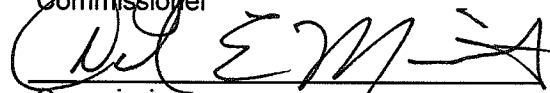
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Melinda Evans  
Board Secretary

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